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## JBSA Annual Awards Ceremony



Photos by Melissa Peterson

Rear Adm. William M. Roberts, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus commandant, was the featured guest speaker at the 2013 JBSA Annual Awards Banquet March 29. A prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action ceremony (bottom photos) was part of the event. For photos of the award recipients, see pages 10-11.

## Distracted driving

## 'I never thought it could happen to me'

By Senior Airman Alexis Siekert  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

We all think, "That'll never happen to me."

We've all read the statistics and heard the slogan, "Distracted driving is deadly driving" on the American Forces Network.

But be honest, are you always as attentive as you should be?

I'll admit it here, now, that I'm not.

Yes, I've taken my eyes off the road to change the radio station, check my hair in the mirror or rummage around my purse for my lip balm. And one of those very same everyday actions in the wrong moment changed my perspective on how I operate my vehicle.

On this particular morning, it all started with the simple act of locating my ID card.

Twenty seconds later, my car was on an entirely different road after flipping twice over a barrier.

The fact that I can type these words now is a miracle that is not lost on me. My car was totaled. The caved in roof was only part of the damage, yet I was able to walk away.

On the morning of my crash, I had plenty of time to get to work. I wasn't speeding, and my mind wasn't on anything other than the drive. As I got closer to the gate, I grabbed my



Photo by Senior Airman Alexis Siekert

The wreckage of one Airman's vehicle rests on the access road near the Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany Main Gate after a distracted driving accident Feb. 19. Leadership from the 52nd Fighter Wing are working to eliminate the large number of distracted driving incidents here.

wallet out of my pocket to get my ID. In the moment it took me to look down to make sure I had the right card, I veered off the road.

My tires screeched as I slammed on the breaks trying to correct my direction. I was traveling more than 40 MPH when I narrowly missed oncoming traffic, took out a deer-crossing sign and two road markers before falling into the ditch. I don't remember the first turn, but I knew I was upside down the second time when I could feel my weight being fully supported by my seat belt. You could hear the shattering of my windows and metal on concrete

just before I finally came to a stop.

I was very fortunate to walk away without a scratch, bump or bruise. I attribute most of this to German engineering, my seat belt and a lot of luck. But I'm very aware that those three factors didn't cancel out the fact that what I did was wrong. I could have killed myself or someone else.

Now a week later, I am still trying to wrap my head around those few seconds before my crash. But beyond the shattered glass and the sirens of the police and ambulatory services, I knew that I had to change the way I measured risks because I can't count on being this lucky a second time.

I owed it to myself after the crash to write this story – not as a public affairs Airman merely meeting a weekly quota or as a recent survivor of an accident such as this doing community service awareness – but as a simple word of advice to my fellow Airmen.

This isn't a preachy "Don't do this" message – just a hope that no one reading this ever has to go through what I went through.

So, to help arm as many people as I can with a few tips so they don't repeat my mistake, here is a list of suggestions to make your car ride a safer experience.

Have your needed ID card

or relevant papers out of your pocket and easily accessible before you start your vehicle. I've seen people struggle to fish out items from their back pocket while still operating a vehicle at top speeds. Some may even have to unbuckle their seat belt to get something, whereas mine saved my life.

Have a passenger change the radio or get the IDs from other passengers in the car. In my car, the guy riding shotgun is the navigator and copilot who deals with the GPS and changes the songs – so long as they agree to the stations I want to listen to.

I may not have been on the phone, but I think of how it only took one second of my eyes off the road to cause all this damage; accepting a phone call or reading a text could be just as dangerous.

If you forgot to do all of these things, at least wait until you are stopped before performing anything distracting. If you do get an important phone call or have to find something, just pull over.

Whatever it is, it is not worth your life. These tips seem very basic, but still I took a risk in skipping one or two, and part of my morning routine included a visit to a hospital.

Perhaps you're like me and hadn't fully thought about these potential risks, but I hope none of you repeat my mistake.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Compiled by Mike Joseph, JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

### FRIDAY

#### AARP SMART DRIVING COURSE

An AARP Smart Driver course is from 12:30-5 p.m. at Air Force Village 2. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

Participants will receive a certificate good for three years.

Contact 557-2173 for additional information and registration.

### APRIL 11

#### LISD BOARD OPENING

The Lackland Independent School District has an upcoming opening on its board of trustees to be filled by anyone living or employed at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Trustees must take an official oath of office and serve without compensation.

The resume submission deadline is April 11 and must be submitted electronically to the JBSA-Lackland School Liaison Office at Lackland.slo@us.af.mil.

For more information, call the JBSA-Lackland SLO at 671-3722.

### INFORMATIONAL

#### COMMANDER CALLS SCHEDULED

Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, is hosting three commander's calls: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Evans Theater; 2-3 p.m., Tuesday, JBSA-Lackland, Bob Hope Theater; and 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday, JBSA-Randolph, Fleenor Auditorium.

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE HOURS

The 802nd Force Support Squadron Career Development office is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Reenlistment briefs are held 9 a.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. Attendance is mandatory to start the reenlistment or extension process; no appointment is required.

To contact the Career Development office, call 671-9228 for assignments; 671-9225 for promotions; 671-9215 for reenlistments/extensions; or 671-9212 for retirements/separations.

#### EDUCATION APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

All education counseling appointments must now be scheduled through customer service by calling 671-8711/8712.

# 90th IOS member wins AFSPC award

24th Air Force Public Affairs

Capt. Juan Morales, 90th Information Operations Squadron, chief of cyber exercises, won the 2014 League of United Latin American Citizens Excellence in Service award at the Air Force Space Command level.

Morales currently serves as the assistant operations officer for the Air Force Mission, United States Military Group at the U.S. embassy in Bogotá, Colombia, which aims to build partner capacity between the two nations.

In this role, Morales directed multiple mobile training teams that supported seven Colombian Air Force bases. This resource greatly enhanced the Colombian Air Force's counter-drug and counter-

terrorism capabilities.

In addition, he worked to improve success of Columbia's remotely piloted aircraft program by aiding in the opening of the first Colombian RPA School for more than 90 pilots, increasing overall hours flown and improving mission success rate.

Morales was able to create an atmosphere of cooperation between more than 50 Colombian and U.S. personnel and the two countries in general, according to his award narrative. The document states "Capt. Morales is a phenomenal leader and human being. He honed every aspect of the Air Force Mission in Colombia and is pivotal for the U.S.-Colombia Cooperation program."

Morales credits his knowl-

edge of the Spanish language and culture for enabling him to build rapport with the Colombian military.

"I was better able to understand their needs and help in any way we could," Morales said.

In the 90th IOS, Morales serves as the Cyber Modeling and Simulation deputy flight commander. In this role, he fields and integrates advanced cyber technology into Air Force cyber units while managing a staff of more than 40 individuals to integrate full-spectrum cyber capabilities for Air Force, joint and national networks.

In addition, he manages a \$3 million Air Force Cyber Simulation Center, which enables experimentation, development, fielding and exercising of thousands of cyber

capabilities.

Morales earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, which he says is his greatest accomplishment in the Air Force.

In his free time, Morales enjoys playing sports, especially volleyball and basketball, as well as coaching a youth soccer team at JBSA-Lackland.

"I want to thank my leadership at the 90th IOS, 318th Cyberspace Operations Group, 688th Cyberspace Wing, 24th Air Force and Air Force Space Command for their support and for recognizing my work. It feels great to be recognized and makes my family and friends proud," said Morales. "I would also like to thank my peers for their great service. Thank you!"

## Air Force begins BAH recertification process

By Mike Joseph

JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The Air Force began a service-wide recertification of basic allowance for housing entitlements mandating that every Airman provide their finance office with documentation for all dependents by Dec. 31.

The recertification is part of Air Force audit readiness for 2015 as required by the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. The one-time process allows the Air Force to validate the \$5.4 billion spent annually on basic allowance for housing entitlements and also ensures the money spent on BAH is fully auditable.

"When we say the Air Force is not audit compliant, that doesn't mean that money is missing or being misspent," said Doug Bennett, the dep-

uty assistant secretary of the Air Force for Financial Operations, in a recent Air Force News Service story.

"Generally, it means that we lack the required documentation for our spending to be considered auditable. In the case of BAH, we need Airmen's marriage certificates, birth certificates for children and divorce decrees that require child support properly documented by our finance offices to ensure we can audit \$5.4 billion in Air Force spending."

Airmen will be required to provide mandated documents to their finance office or their housing allowance status will be reduced to single-rate. Deployed Airmen and those on extended leave or temporary duty will be given special consideration.

"The Joint Base San Antonio Financial Services Office

will be contacting members every month if they are on the list for the required recertification," said 2nd Lt. Leonard Belo, 502nd Comptroller Squadron, Financial Services Flight deputy commander.

"If a member has not been contacted in the assigned month, they are still highly encouraged to proceed with the process at the finance office on their assigned location," he added.

Belo said JBSA has implemented the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office monthly schedule that uses the terminal digit (the last two digits) of Social Security numbers to determine when individuals need to provide documentation.

The first JBSA recertification process began March 1 and ended March 25 for Social Security numbers ending in 00-09. SSNs ending with

10-29 are due April 24 followed by 30-39, May 22; 40-49, June 24; 50-59, July 24; 60-69, Aug. 25; 70-79, Sept. 24; 80-89, Oct. 24; and 90-99, Nov. 19.

Members should bring all original documentation (marriage certificates, divorce decrees, birth certificates, or Defense Finance and Account Service dependency determinations) to their local finance office to complete Air Force Form 594. The form will be reviewed and signed by an authorized certifier.

Airmen are not required to make appointments and there is a walk-in JBSA finance office on each location.

Members deployed, on extended leave or on temporary duty assignments are not required to complete the process until 30 days after returning to home station.

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More than 75 Air Force Reserve squadron commanders, first sergeants, training managers and senior Air Reserve Technicians attend a two-day 4th Air Force sponsored regional workshop March 21-22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The workshop was hosted by the 74th and 26th Aerial Port Squadrons at the 433rd Airlift Wing.

## Reserve commanders, others attend aerial port workshop

By Tech Sgt. Carlos J. Trevino  
433rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

More than 75 Air Force Reserve squadron commanders, first sergeants, training managers and senior air reserve technicians, attended a two-day, 4th Air Force sponsored, regional workshop on March 21-22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The workshop was hosted by the 74th and 26th Aerial Port Squadrons at the 433rd Airlift Wing.

The workshop addressed the new

Air Force Inspection Systems, Management Internal Control Toolset Issues, and other important topics in the Logistics Readiness Squadron and the Aerial Port community.

“We provide them with the information to be successful in those areas. This workshop will provide information to enable the Reservist to meet qualifications for mission readiness worldwide,” said 4th Air Force Col. Mark Pantone, director of Logistics Instruction and Mission Support, who coordinated the workshop.

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“Deployed or TDY members should notify the finance office in order for us to update our listing and provide follow up service,” Belo said. “Members in geographically separated units are not required to return to a JBSA office; they should use the nearest finance office to process recertification.

If special circumstances arise, members should contact JBSA Financial Services for further guidance.”

The push for revalidation of dependent documentation comes as the Air Force prepares to meet financial improvement and audit readiness requirements laid out in the National Defense Authorization Act.

The Air Force currently retains dependent documentation for six years, which is insufficient to meet audit readiness requirements. This one-time revalidation will ensure Air Force compliance

with audit requirements, according to Air Force officials.

“We understand this is a huge undertaking and may require research on a member’s part to retrieve the required documents,” Belo said. “We ask members to act as swiftly as possible to gather the necessary documents. Airmen are also allowed to complete the process earlier than their assigned time period.”

For more information, call 652-1851, email [finance.callcenter@us.af.mil](mailto:finance.callcenter@us.af.mil) or visit a local AF finance office. The finance office at JBSA-Lackland is located in building 5616, Suite 1; on JBSA-Randolph, the finance office is in building 399, Suite 2; and on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the finance office is in building 4196.

The finance offices are open to customers Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**BMT HONORS**

Congratulations to the following 65 Airmen for being honor graduates among the 659 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated today:

**320th Training Squadron***-Flight 219*

Zachary Adams  
Dillon Belknap  
Jose Delgado  
Adam Rodes  
Emilio Solis  
*-Flight 220*  
Veronica Butterfield  
Penny Cornell  
Jasmine Curran  
Cristina Eck  
Rachel Jung  
Dana Olsen  
Kathryn Szczygiel

**321st Training Squadron***-Flight 225*

Christopher Corbett  
John Marr Jr.  
Kyle Norman  
John Pierson  
*-Flight 226*  
Emilie Holmstock  
Leah Huber

**322nd Training Squadron***-Flight 221*

Joseph Egitto  
Duncan Sikaddour  
Justin Thomas  
*-Flight 222*  
John Avolio  
Zachary Baird  
Anthony Coleman  
Samuel Coleman  
Jesse Rolle  
Steven Tucker  
**323rd Training Squadron**  
*-Flight 223*  
Matthew Brizzi

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*-Flight 224*

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Robert Luster  
Nicholas Rodriguez  
Anthony Rolon  
*-Flight 227*

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Thomas Johnson

Matthew Kaltenberg

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*-Flight 228*

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Kyan Linstedt

Michael Orozco

Nathan Wagner

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Slade Grund

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Andrew Magnuson

Brandon Reynolds

Paul Rumbles

Eric Shirey

Corey Timmons

*-Flight 232*

Jordyn Carroll

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Samantha Dibert

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Brittnie Marcil

Lindsi Rohland

Emilee Schuster

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*-Flight 230*

Jared Hoey

John Rains

**Top BMT Airman**

Eric Goetz

323rd TRS, Flight 227

**Most Physically Fit***-Male Airman*

Blanton Joshua

320th TRS, Flight 219

Emilio Solis

320th TRS, Flight 219

Zachary Adams

320th TRS, Flight 219

Daniel Cekinovich III

320th TRS, Flight 219

*-Female Airmen*

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320th TRS, Flight 220

Melyssa Harwell

321st TRS, Flight 226

Abigail Powell

320th TRS, Flight 220

Megan Huls

321st TRS, Flight 226

*-Male Flights*

320th TRS, Flight 219

322nd TRS, Flight 222

331st TRS, Flight 229

323rd TRS, Flight 224

322nd TRS, Flight 221

323rd TRS, Flight 228

*-Female Flights*

320th TRS, Flight 220

321st TRS, Flight 226

326th TRS, Flight 232

**Top Academic Flights**

323rd TRS, Flight 227

321st TRS, Flight 225

322nd TRS, Flight 222

326th TRS, Flight 231

323rd TRS, Flight 224

321st TRS, Flight 226

322nd TRS, Flight 221

320th TRS, Flight 219

323rd TRS, Flight 228

331st TRS, Flight 229

323rd TRS, Flight 223

326th TRS, Flight 232

331st TRS, Flight 230

320th TRS, Flight 220

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# DIAMOND SHARP



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**Airman 1st Class Diona Morgan**  
**Unit:** 743rd Intelligence Support Squadron  
**Duty title:** Client Systems Technician  
**Time in service:** 11 months  
**Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio



"Airman 1st Class Diona Morgan leads by example through airmanship and professionalism in all she does. Morgan skillfully resolved 121 trouble tickets, making her instrumental in directly supporting the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance mission. She also developed three work center training resources, providing training standards for 11 personnel and improving documentation for five local tasks. In addition, she facilitated an intelligence oversight exam to 135 squadron personnel, verifying the unit was 100 percent compliant with federal law. Morgan also selflessly devoted eight hours to the Meals on Wheels program, delivering 96 meals to 14 families to improve the quality of life for senior members of the San Antonio community. Morgan is a significant asset to the 743rd Intelligence Support Squadron and holds a promising career in the Air Force."

**-Master Sgt. James Harris Jr.**  
*First Sergeant, 743rd ISS*

**Tech. Sgt. Jason Clark**  
**Unit:** Headquarters, Air Force Security Forces Center  
**Duty title:** Action Officer of the Integrated Base Defense Security Systems  
**Time in service:** 12 years  
**Hometown:** Del Rio, Texas



"Tech. Sgt. Jason Clark routinely exceeds all expectations and sets the example for his peers and superiors. As the Headquarters Air Force Security Forces Center subject matter expert for Integrated Base Defense Security Systems, Clark expertly led the design reviews for the \$3.5 million intrusion detection system upgrade at New Boston Air Force Station, N.H. He also identified and corrected 17 discrepancies, which ensured the security of a \$2 billion satellite tracking system that provides U.S. Strategic Command with critical command and control capability to more than 170 Department of Defense satellites. Additionally, Clark planned, organized and conducted operational testing of four new non-lethal weapons systems, leading nine operators from four federal agencies firing more than 3,200 rounds. The test data he collected will be used by the DOD, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security when making non-lethal weapon fielding decisions. These outstanding accomplishments led to Clark's selection as the HQ AFSFC NCO of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2014."

**-Master Sgt. Sheritta Washington**  
*First Sergeant, HQ AFSFC*

**Staff Sgt. Anthony Richardson**  
**Unit:** 3rd Combat Camera  
**Duty title:** Client Systems Technician  
**Time in service:** Eight years, seven months  
**Hometown:** Cache, Okla.



"Staff Sgt. Anthony Richardson is a highly skilled, multi-talented professional. Although his primary duty in the 3rd Combat Camera Squadron is as a client support technician, he is always willing to fill any role needed to support the unit and mission. As unit security manager, he processed reinvestigations, deployment requirements and in-processed new personnel into the unit. He coordinated with base agencies to quickly provide connectivity to the commander's mobile workstation, streamlining and increasing his capability. Richardson expertly led the setup for an online training seminar that was viewed by 256 public affairs personnel worldwide, expanding their knowledge on low-light photojournalism techniques. Additionally, Richardson's push to train unit Airmen on overseas leave and travel requirements has been instrumental in advancing the unit safety awareness environment. He is truly a shining example of an NCO and a vital part to the success of the 3rd CTCS's mission."

**-Master Sgt. Antonio D. Propst**  
*First Sergeant, 3rd CTCS*

**Tech. Sgt. Douglas Greene Jr.**  
**Unit:** Robert Gaylor NCO Academy  
**Duty title:** Professional Military Education Instructor  
**Time in service:** 14 years, seven months  
**Hometown:** Manassas, Va.



"Tech. Sgt. Douglas Greene Jr. has continued to distinguish himself among his peers day in and day out. He amassed 1,000 teaching hours and earned the Community College of the Air Force Level 1 Instructor Certification. Greene was handpicked to be an instructor trainer, dedicating countless hours to instructor qualification training. He has consistently been selected to lead in-service training for the staff to aid in lesson facilitation. His role as an alternate test control officer, where he safeguards 833 controlled items, was instrumental in the unit's Program Management Review inspection result of Good Standing. Greene created a unit Facebook page to help tell the Air Force story to past and present students of the Gaylor Non Commissioned Officer Academy. Determined to shape the future, he served as an Airman Leadership School class mentor. Respected by his peers, he was elected as the booster club vice president. Equally active in the local community, Greene coached a youth flag football team leading them to win the championship game. His efforts led to him being coined by the current chief master sergeant of the Air Force."

**-Master Sgt. Clifton Staples**  
*Additional Duty First Sergeant and RGNCOA Director of Resources*

**Tech. Sgt. Kuturah Williams**  
**Unit:** 59th Medical Wing Executive Support Staff  
**Duty title:** NCO in Charge of Commander's Action Group  
**Time in service:** 11 years  
**Hometown:** Columbus, Ga.



"Tech. Sgt. Kuturah Williams flawlessly directs the daily operations of the 59th Medical Wing executive support staff. She is responsible for providing and coordinating exceptional administrative support to the wing commander, vice commander, command chief master sergeant and director of protocol. Additionally, she seamlessly facilitates leadership decisions affecting the Air Force's largest ambulatory surgical center and the Department of Defense's only level I trauma center in the U.S. Finally, Williams consistently epitomizes military professionalism through her stellar communication and extraordinary management skills. She is a true example of a servant leader and a model for all Airmen to follow."

**-Master Sgt. Amanda M. Fitzpatrick**  
*First Sergeant, 59th Clinical Support Group*

**Senior Airman Derrean Stallings**  
**Unit:** Defense Language Institute English Language Center  
**Duty title:** Knowledge Operations Manager  
**Time in service:** Four years, eight months  
**Hometown:** Hampton, Va.



"Senior Airman Derrean Stallings is deserving of recognition because he has significantly improved his work performance. Due to manning shortfalls, he is single-handedly responsible for all evaluations and decorations for Defense Language Institute English Language Center's Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors. In addition he also tracks and reviews correspondence from a 525-member staff. His efforts directly impacts the student population of 1,227 foreign military students from more than 74 countries."

**-Master Sgt. James L. Sparks**  
*First Sergeant, DLIELC*

**Senior Airman Matthew Langlois**  
**Unit:** 453rd Electronic Warfare Squadron  
**Duty title:** Senior Analyst  
**Time in service:** Three years  
**Hometown:** Methuen, Mass.



"I have had the pleasure of supervising and guiding Senior Airman Matthew Langlois through his first two years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force and he has consistently exceeded my expectations. Once described as the "lynchpin" of our section, he has proven himself to be an invaluable member of our team by not only being reliable, but by excelling in his job duties. Langlois has willingly taken on responsibility above his pay grade and does so with a maturity beyond his years. He not only carries out his own duties with efficiency and effectiveness, but trains others to do so as well. It is my firm belief that Langlois deserves recognition for his work performance and professionalism."

**-Master Sgt. Jonathan D'Arrigo**  
*First Sergeant, 453rd EWS*

# DIAMOND SHARP



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**Airman 1st Class Travis Hentzy**

**Unit:** 502nd Contracting Squadron

**Duty title:** Contract Administrator

**Time in service:** Two years

**Hometown:** Sacramento, Calif.



“An epitome of professionalism, Airman 1st Class Travis Hentzy has proven himself as a top junior enlisted contract administrator by piloting eight contract awards totaling \$246,000. He brokered two mission-critical bone marrow contracts which enabled 32 successful medical procedures throughout San Antonio Military Medical Center and Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. Hentzy is devoted to mentorship and development. He has dedicated numerous hours to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas Program and is an active tutor at local elementary schools. Hentzy sets the standards for others with unparalleled commitment to mission and excellence. He is our Diamond Sharp.”

**-Master Sgt. Reginald Williams II**

*First Sergeant, 502nd CONS*

**Staff Sgt. Anthony Particini**

**Unit:** 33rd Network Warfare Squadron

**Duty title:** Cyberspace Operation Controller

**Time in service:** Eight years

**Hometown:** Sarasota, Fla.



“Staff Sgt. Anthony Particini has been working with the Cyber Patriot youth program for the last eight months and has dedicated more than 130 hours of off-duty time to teaching local high school students the basics of computers and network defensive strategies. He coordinated with Rackspace Inc. to train 120 students, along with 15 other volunteers, for the Cyber Patriot National Competition in Washington D.C. Additionally, Particini created four workshops for the Information Technology Security Academy, the highest ranking high school Cyber Patriot team in the country, to prepare them for the national competition. When he’s not teaching, Particini heads a pushup competition to raise donations for the Cyber Patriot’s summer training event, benefiting all San Antonio teams. Particini not only excels on duty, but allows his knowledge and professionalism to grow the cyber operators of tomorrow.”

**-Master Sgt. Jason Nipp**

*First Sergeant, 26th Cyber Operations Group*

**Airman 1st Class Sasha Flores**  
**Unit:** 59th Dental Support Squadron  
**Duty title:** Dental Laboratory Technician  
**Time in service:** One year, six months  
**Hometown:** New Orleans, La.



“Airman 1st Class Sasha Flores is a model Airman in the section. She is always going above and beyond to aid her fellow Airmen and improving her personal and professional skills. Flores was selected by the lab officer in charge to fabricate 75 gold copings to aid in continuing education courses for both her fellow lab technicians and residents. She did this flawlessly, earning 300 composite lab values worth more than \$2,000. Her efforts supported 15 lab technicians and 12 residents to gain 216 continued education units and ensured all training requirements were met. Flores completed 52 of 62 core tasks, meeting 86 percent of her training objectives in just 6 months. Additionally, she recently scored an 89 percent on her career development course final exam, exceeding the 4YOX2 average by 10 percent. Flores is also dedicated to her education; she aced a college level examination program test on principles of supervision and met all of her Community College of the Air Force degree requirements. She is now working towards her bachelor’s degree in finance and hopes to earn a commission in the future. In addition, Flores spends her free time aiding many different volunteer organizations such as Haven for Hope, African-American Heritage Committee, Habitat for Humanity and the Animal Defense League. Flores is the epitome of professionalism and leadership. She is a great example of what all Airmen should emulate.”

**-Master Sgt. Jason M. Fitts**

*First Sergeant, 59th Dental Group*

# Sesame Street Friends help military children move



National Center for Telehealth and Technology

Moving can be challenging, especially for preschool children. Military families move often. The average child moves six to nine times between kindergarten and high school.

The Big Moving Adventure mobile application, developed for the Department of Defense in partnership with Sesame Workshop, the non-profit educational organization behind Sesame Street, lets kids create a muppet friend to help through the moving process.

“Moving can be stressful, and kids need to express feelings and say goodbye to people and things,” said Dr. Kelly Blasko, psychologist at the National Center for Telehealth and Technology. “The muppet characters in this app help make the move a fun experience.”

Children can use the app to help their muppet friend make decisions on a variety of move-related issues like which toys to pack in a box and which to take along in their backpack.

Children watch the muppet say goodbye to their house, military base, classroom and playground friends. Finally, at the new house, children help their muppet unpack, settle into the home and make new friends.

“Sesame Workshop has always been at the forefront of creating resources for families with young children to help address some of life’s most difficult issues,” said Dr. Jeanette Betancourt, senior vice president for Community and Family Engagement at Sesame Workshop. “The Big Moving Adventure is part of Sesame Workshop’s contribution to military families who face the challenge of helping a child cope with this major transition and help our kids reach their highest potential.”

Military parents face unique challenges during a move, and the app helps their young children through the experience. A separate parents section contains additional move-related topics and tips.

The Big Moving Adventure mobile app is the newest addition to a portfolio of multi-media resources developed by Sesame Workshop, in collaboration with the DOD, to help military families with deployments and life transitions. While developed specifically for military families with children 3-5 years-old, it is useful for all families with young children experiencing a move.

The mobile app is available for download from the App Store, Google Play and Amazon for Kindle Fire. Users have downloaded the free app more than 130,000 times since its release in December.

# Joint Base San Antonio recognizes 2013 Annual Award winners

## Junior Enlisted Member



**MARINE CORPS**  
Cpl. Taylor Decicco  
Marine Det. JBSA-Lackland

**NAVY**  
Petty Officer 3rd Class  
Jacky Floyd  
Navy Medicine Training and Support Center

**AIR FORCE**  
Staff Sgt. Steven Koster  
37th Training Wing

## Senior Enlisted Member



**MARINE CORPS**  
Gunnery Sgt. Antonio Lopez  
Marine Det. JBSA-Lackland

**NAVY**  
MAC Paul Thompson  
CENSECFOR Lackland/  
NMPLCPO

**AIR FORCE**  
Master Sgt. Lamond Barnes  
59th Medical Wing

## Noncommissioned Officer



**MARINE CORPS**  
SSgt. Michael Armendariz  
4th Reconnaissance Battalion

**NAVY**  
Petty Officer 1st Class  
Scott Lyons  
NMTSC/EMT Instructor

**AIR FORCE**  
Staff Sgt. Regina Schuster  
67th Cyber Wing

**COAST GUARD**  
Petty Officer 1st Class  
Joseph Gribbins  
Recruiting Office San Antonio

## Company Grade Officer



**MARINE CORPS**  
Maj. Andrew Terrel  
4th Reconnaissance Battalion

**NAVY**  
Lt. Timothy Gautier  
Recruiting Office San Antonio

**AIR FORCE**  
Capt. Casey Osborne  
502nd Air Base Wing

**COAST GUARD**  
Lt. Steven Welch  
USCG Crypto logic Unit

## First Sergeant



**NAVY (Small Unit)**  
Chief Petty Officer  
Delilah Clymer  
NTTC Lackland

**NAVY (Large Unit)**  
Chief Petty Officer  
Emilia Guerrero  
CENSECFOR

**AIR FORCE**  
Senior Master Sgt.  
Jason Hodges  
37th Training Wing

## Civilian Non-supervisory Category II



**ARMY**  
Johnny Gray  
Army Support Activity Center

**NAVY**  
Jonathan Davis  
Navy Medicine Training Support Center

**AIR FORCE**  
Jacquelyn Christilles  
502nd Air Base Wing

## Civilian Non-supervisory Category I



**NAVY**  
Betsey Griffis  
Navy Operational Support Center

## Civilian Supervisory Category I



**AIR FORCE**  
Jerry Britt  
37th Training Wing

## Civilian Supervisory Category II



**NAVY**  
Tony Cloud  
Navy Technical Training Center

## Award winners not pictured:

### Junior Enlisted Member

**ARMY**  
Cpl. Hilary Schultz  
470th Military Intelligence Brigade

**COAST GUARD**  
IS3 Whitney Grimes  
Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit

### Senior Enlisted Member

**COAST GUARD**  
Petty Officer 1st Class Noah Rael  
Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit

### Civilian Non-supervisory Cat. I

**AIR FORCE**  
Ursula Schreiber  
37th Training Wing

### Civilian Supervisory Cat. II

**AIR FORCE**  
Rolton Lovett III  
59th Medical Wing



## JBSA SAAM EVENTS

### **Proclamation Ceremony – Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Friday, 3 p.m., Evans Theater, building 1396, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Senior leaders from each service branch will come together to mark April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month for the JBSA community. The event includes guest speakers, recognitions and official signing of the proclamation. Call 808-6316.

### **“Step Up against Sexual Assault” Run/Walk Events**

During the month of April at various JBSA locations, there will be a run or march to show support to survivors of sexual assault and spread the message that sexual violence is not tolerated in the JBSA community.

For times, locations and dates, contact 808-6316 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 652-4386 at JBSA-Randolph or 671-7273 at JBSA-Lackland.

### **“Take Back the Night” at San Antonio Rape Crisis Center**

Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7500 US Hwy. 90 West. The JBSA community is supporting the San Antonio Rape Crisis Center’s “Take Back the Night” event. Live music, guest speakers, food trucks and booths will be on sight to promote safety and community. Call 521-7273 or visit the The Rape Crisis Center on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheRapeCrisisCenter>.

To represent JBSA and volunteer, call 808-6316.

### **“Drive OUT Sexual Violence” Golf Tournament**

April 24, 12:30 p.m. tee time, Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Join the JBSA community in “Driving out Sexual Assault” during this year’s SAAM golf tourney. Show support for those affected by sexual assault while raising awareness on the course. Tickets

are \$50 per person, which will include a T-shirt and goodie bag. Call 671-7273.

### **“Choose Respect” Teen Dance**

April 25, 8-11 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Youth Center, building 584 and 585. Teens, ages 13-18, are invited a dance and lock-in. Emphasis will be on self worth, respect and healthy relationships. Free refreshments, door prizes and games. Requires parent permission slips. Slips available at JBSA Youth Centers. Call 652-4386.

### **Healing Hands Art Project**

Throughout April. Several art pieces created by survivors of sexual assault will be displayed at various locations and SAAM events. Each healing hands artwork is unique to the survivor who created it. Artwork represents the experiences including the trauma, recovery and ultimate healing of those

who suffered through sexual violence. For information, call 808-6316.

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Information Tables**

Sexual assault awareness information will be distributed at various JBSA locations throughout April. Staff will share information about sexual assault realities, victim services and prevention tips.

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Ribbon Displays**

Teal is the color representing Sexual Assault Awareness Month. All JBSA locations will have teal ribbons or special teal lighting to demonstrate support to those JBSA survivors recovering from sexual assault or abuse.

# BAMC offers patient transfer service

By Elaine Sanchez

Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

With a single phone call providers can arrange for military beneficiaries to be transferred from a civilian medical facility to the San Antonio Military Medical Center for care.

Brooke Army Medical Center's Patient Transfer Service offers patients free door-to-door ambulance service with a streamlined admissions process, explained Capt. Austin Willis, chief of patient accountability. The service supports all local hospitals and urgent care centers in the greater San Antonio area.

"Our aim is to connect beneficiaries of all ages back into the military support network so we can provide the best quality and continuity of care," Willis said.

Coordination starts with a civilian or military provider's call to the Patient Transfer Service at 539-2222. During the call, the Patient Administration Division Admissions and Dispositions

office will provide information, determine patient eligibility and ensure the hospital has available space and services to conduct the transfer.

They're able to coordinate timely door-to-door ambulance transfers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Willis noted.

"Once a link is established to accept and transfer patients, a smooth transfer can be expedited," he said. "Most transfers are executed within 60 minutes of initial contact."

PAD is currently averaging about 40 patient transfers a month with the majority being from emergency rooms and urgent care centers, Willis said.

Providers and patients both have requested transfers to BAMC, he noted, "which speaks volumes to our excellence in healthcare."

"They get to be here with their provider, their team and be a part of military environment that gives them a sense of community, security and peace of mind he added."

## Fire Safety is Everyone's Business

Joint Base San Antonio Fire and Emergency Services wants everyone to take the time to spring clean this year. Reducing clutter can greatly increase fire safety both inside and outside the home.

- Clutter does not start a fire but will increase fuel load.
- Clutter can also make escaping a fire challenging.
- Take the time to discuss and develop a home fire drill with all family members.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the garage, kitchen and outdoor grill area.



**Be Responsible!  
Seat Belts Save Lives!  
Buckle Up And  
Wear Yours!**

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Compiled by Mike Joseph, JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

### APRIL 11

#### BI-ANNUAL SPEED MENTORING

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland bi-annual speed mentoring for Airmen will be April 11 at Arnold Hall Community Center.

Breakfast is from 8:30-9 a.m. and the mentoring session runs from 9-10:45 a.m. Airmen will be mentored for 10 minutes per topic. Topics include feedbacks and communication, enlisted performance reports, whole person concept, off duty education, Community College of the Air Force, tuition assistance, promotion testing, cross training, special duty assignments, deployments, and leadership.

For details, call 395-0325.

### APRIL 12

#### LACKLAND THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Lackland Thrift Shop's \$5 bag sale is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12.

The thrift shop is also accepting applications for a bookkeeper until Tuesday. Applications are available during regular shop hours or at <http://www.lacklandosc.org> under

the thrift shop tab.

For details, call 671-3608.

### APRIL 14

#### 5K RUN/WALK SCHEDULED

A 5K run/walk in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month is scheduled for 8 a.m. April 14 at Stapleton Park on Security Hill. Participants are encouraged to wear a blue shirt or top.

For more information, contact Family Advocacy 292-5967.

In conjunction with Child Abuse Awareness Month, the JBSA-Lackland Youth Center will hold its annual Family Day fair at the Youth Center. Activities begin at 10 a.m.

For details about the Family Day fair, call the Youth Center at 671-2388.

### APRIL 15

#### PURPLE UP FOR MILITARY KIDS

"Purple Up" Day for military children is April 15 in recognition of April as the Month for the Military Child.

Wearing purple, a color that symbolizes all branches of the military, will show visible support of military youth for their sacrifices and challenges of being a military child.

#### WHASC TRANSITION WORKSHOP

The Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center chapel will conduct a workshop on transitioning from military to civilian life from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 15. The registration deadline is Thursday.

The workshop will help participants become familiar with new Veterans Administration programs designed for their assistance.

For information, call 292-7373.

### APRIL 23

#### ENLISTED ASSOCIATION MEETING

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

#### INFORMATIONAL

##### LANCE P. SIJAN AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Air Force Personnel Center will accept nominations for the 2014 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award will be accepted through Aug. 29.

The Sijan award recognizes the accomplishments of officers and enlisted members who have demonstrated the highest quality of leadership in the performance of

their duties and their personal lives. Nominees will be rated on their scope of responsibility, professional leadership, leadership image and community involvement between July 1, 2013 and June 30.

The award categories are senior officer, junior officer, senior enlisted and junior enlisted. Individuals will compete in the category that corresponds to the grade held for the majority of the award period.

Each major command, forward operating agency or direct reporting unit may submit one nomination in each of the four award categories. Completed nomination packages are due to the Air Force Personnel Center by Aug. 29.

For more information about the Sijan award and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

#### NEW EXCHANGE LOTTERY SYSTEM

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Main Exchange has implemented a lottery system for new releases such as Jordan shoes and gaming systems. The lotteries will be held the morning of the release date.

Tickets will be handed out during the first 30 minutes the store opens.

All customers who come for the release will be handed a ticket and if your ticket is called you will be able to purchase the hot ticket item. For shoe releases, sizes are subject to availability.

The lotteries are only for eligible Department of Defense card holders.

#### INTUITIVE EATING RESEARCH STUDY

Participants are needed for a 10-week intuitive eating research study in person or as an online program.

The study will focus on Intuitive Eating: A new way of looking at weight, health, and why we eat. Participants will receive nutrition advice and education, a free nutrition assessment and use an innovative activity monitor to improve fitness.

To participate, candidates must be enrolled in TRICARE, be 18 years of age or older, have a Body Mass Index of 25 or greater, Internet access, a text-capable phone, and plan to be in the San Antonio area for nine months.

Call 221-7780 or 253-968-1148.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### —PROTESTANT

- Freedom Chapel – building 1528  
Contemporary Service Sun. 9:30 a.m.  
Religious Education Sun. 11 a.m.  
Gospel Service Sun. 12:30 p.m.  
Spanish Service Sun. 3 p.m.  
AWANA Wed. 6 p.m.
- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
Liturgical Service Sun. 11 a.m.

### —DENOMINATIONAL

- BMT Reception Center – building 7246  
Church of Christ Sun. 7:30 a.m.
- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
Seventh-day Adventist Sat. 12:30 p.m.
- Education Classroom – building 5200  
Room 108  
Christian Science Sun. 7:30 a.m.

### —PENTECOSTAL RE

- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
Pentecostal RE Sun. 2:30 p.m.

### —ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
Divine Liturgy Sun. 8 a.m.

### —WICCA

- BMT Reception Center – building 7246  
Military Open Circle Sun. 12:30 p.m.
- Freedom Chapel – building 1528  
Military Open Circle First Tues. 6 p.m.

### —REFUGE STUDENT CENTER

- building 9122 (Tech Training & TDY Students)  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday 6 – 8 p.m.  
Friday 6 – 11 p.m.  
Saturday Noon to 9 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### —THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
Religious Education Tues. 6:30 p.m.  
LDS Institute Thurs. 6:30 p.m.  
LDS Service Sun. 1 p.m.

### —JEWISH

- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
Sabbath & Kiddush Fri. 4:30 p.m.  
Religious Education Sun. 1:30 p.m.

### —ROMAN CATHOLIC

- Freedom Chapel – building 1528  
Religious Education Sun. 9 a.m.  
Reconciliation Sun. 10 a.m.  
Mass Sun. 11 a.m.  
Sun. 5 p.m.  
Reconciliation Sun. 4:15 p.m.
- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
Daily Mass Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 11:30 a.m.

Note: Reconciliation(s) may be scheduled by appointment

### —ISLAMIC

- Global Ministry Center – building 7452  
Jummah Prayer Fri. 12:45 – 1:15 p.m.  
Religious Education Sun. 9 a.m.

### OTHER FAITH GROUPS

- BMT Reception Center – building 7246  
—Buddhist Sun. 10 a.m.
- Gateway Chapel – building 6300  
—Eckankar  
First, third and fifth Saturdays 12:30 p.m.
- Baha'i  
First, third and fifth Saturdays 11 a.m.

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

## JBSA-LACKLAND

### KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

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

Enlisted Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandesc.org">http://www.lacklandesc.org</a>
Force Support Squadron	<a href="http://www.lacklandfss.com">http://www.lacklandfss.com</a>
Lackland ISD	<a href="http://www.lacklandisd.net">http://www.lacklandisd.net</a>
Officers' Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandosc.org">http://www.lacklandosc.org</a>
JBSA Public website	<a href="http://www.jbsa.af.mil">http://www.jbsa.af.mil</a>
My Air Force Life	<a href="http://www.MyAirForcelife.com">http://www.MyAirForcelife.com</a>

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Family Support Events

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

### FRIDAY

- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. Call 773-354-6131.

### MONDAY

- ▶ Five-day Transition Assistance Program, mandatory pre-separation briefing and Form 2648 are required prerequisites, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.
- ▶ Post-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 2:30-3:30 p.m., building 5160.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

### TUESDAY

- ▶ Transition Assistance Program,

7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ▶ Pre-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen preparing to deploy, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 9-9:30 a.m., building 5160.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Newcomer's orientation briefing, mandatory for personnel new to JBASA-Lackland, Gateway Club, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Awana Clubs, 6-8 p.m., Freedom Chapel.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

### THURSDAY

- ▶ Transition Assistance Program,

7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents seminar, BMT Reception Center, 1 p.m., building 7248. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For more information, call 773-354-6131.

### APRIL 11

- ▶ Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Thrift savings plan, 1-2:30 p.m.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For more information, call 773-354-6131.

### APRIL 14

- ▶ Five-day Transition Assistance Program, mandatory pre-separation briefing and Form 2648 are required prerequisites, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than

30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.

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

### APRIL 15

- ▶ Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Pre-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen preparing to deploy, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 9-9:30 a.m., building 5160.
- ▶ Pre-separation briefing, mandatory for all members retiring, pre-registration required, 9 a.m. to noon.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

## Monthly Meetings

### ENLISTED SPOUSES CLUB

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

### OFFICERS SPOUSES CLUB

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

### MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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

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<http://www.lacklandfss.com>

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# Air Force's secure healthcare messaging, MiCare, now fully implemented

By Jonathan Stock

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

The Air Force has recently completed implementation of its secure healthcare-messaging system, MiCare, to all 76 of its medical treatment facilities worldwide.

As of March 1, more than 360,000 Air Force healthcare beneficiaries and 2,300 providers have signed up for this service, which allows the patient and provider to communicate on a secure network regarding non-urgent healthcare concerns.

The MiCare network also allows beneficiaries to view their healthcare record, make appointments, fill prescriptions, as well as allowing providers to push important preventative care updates to the members.

Overall, Airmen, their families and beneficiaries using MiCare can expect a decrease in trips to the MTF and more personal communication with their healthcare team.

What's happening with MiCare at the MTFs?

"At the beginning of MiCare's deployment, MTFs were instructed to have 25 percent of beneficiaries empaneled by three months and 50 percent within a year," said Maria Faison, Nurse Informatics, MiCare

Project Manager, Air Force Medical Operations Agency. "However, we have had many MTFs surpass this goal within a couple months because the portal's processes are now updated to allow users to E-register and be transferred more easily between MTFs during PCS season."

Many MTFs have been using creative marketing ideas to inform their beneficiaries about MiCare and the many reasons why they should be using it. Clinics have been placing posters at facilities, updating their waiting room videos to include MiCare information, and some are even creating clever videos to place on YouTube.

Although many MTF's MiCare programs have not been up and running until recently, a few bases currently leading in participation are Dyess Air Force Base with 63 percent of patients, followed closely by Hurlburt Field, Robins and Maxwell AFBs. The Pentagon has just crossed more than 50 percent participation in the program.

"These bases have had the support of leadership and are utilizing high performance teams from within to constantly monitor their progress and improve local practices to make MiCare a more effective system," said



Graphic by Steve Thompson

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How does MiCare compare with others?

Although they use a different name for their secure messaging system, both the Army and Navy have made considerable progress signing up users. Both sister Services have roughly 523,000 users now enrolled combined, as of Feb. 28, 2014. This joint venture has more than 850,000 combined users through all services, as well as 7,600 providers and more than 17,500 primary care team members using the system.

The civilian sector is also moving

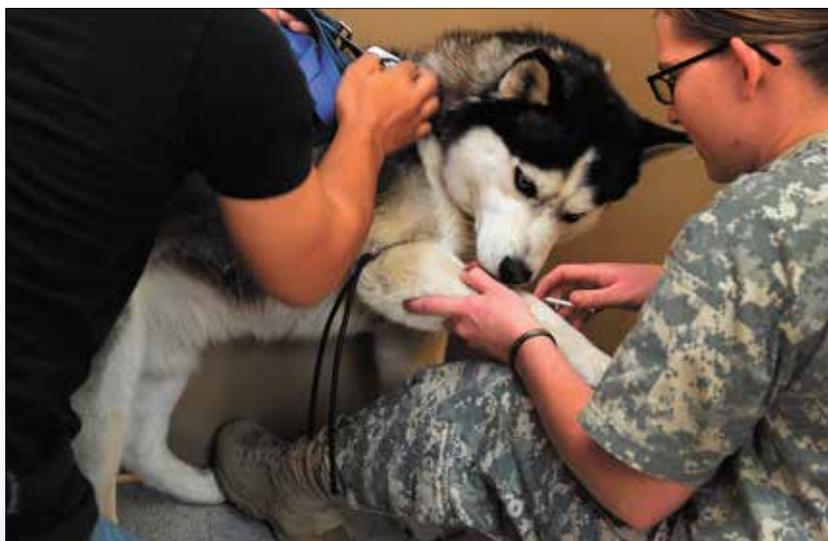
towards offering more patient portals since this service will assist their beneficiaries to make smart non-urgent care decisions rather than sitting in a waiting room or going to an urgent care facility.

"So far everyone is hitting the same roadblocks on trying to increase participation further where there is reluctance to trust new technology," said Col. Gwendolyn Johnson, Deputy for Clinical and Business Analysis Division, MiCare Project Lead, Air Force Medical Operations Agency. "The best tools to breaking the barrier are through education and internal marketing. If the staff can realize how MiCare can empower and engage our patients, then their enthusiasm will show and increase more patient enrollment."

A recent secure messaging satisfaction survey demonstrated that 97 percent of over 13,000 survey respondents were satisfied with their secure messaging transaction and more than 86 percent agreed it helped them avoid a trip to an emergency room or an MTF for a medical problem.

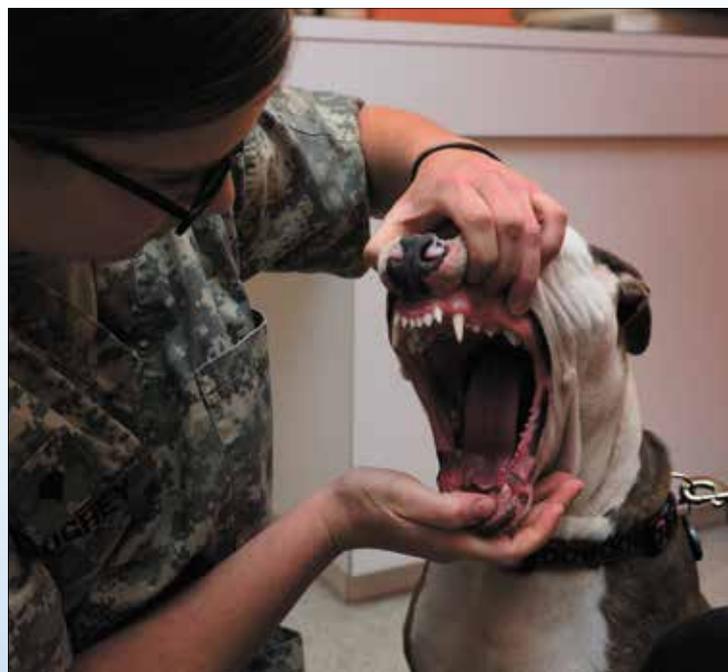
To find out more about MiCare please visit [www.afms.af.mil/MiCare](http://www.afms.af.mil/MiCare) or ask your healthcare team during your next visit.

## JBSA-LACKLAND KEEPS FURRY FRIENDS HEALTHY



Photos by Airman 1st Class Krystal Ardrey

U.S. Army Spc. Brittany Hughey, U.S. Army Public Health Command animal care specialist, draws Zeke's blood while his owner Terry II Brunson holds him on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland March 24. The veterinary clinic serves both cats and dogs for routine care such as vaccinations and heartworm tests.



U.S. Army Spc. Brittany Hughey, Public Health Command animal care specialist, checks a dog's teeth during a follow up appointment on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland March 24. The veterinary treatment facility on JBSA-Lackland currently sees up to 20 different animals a day for routine care.

## UPCOMING

## 5K WALK AND RUN

April is the month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Awareness Month. In recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, there will be a 5K run/walk at 8 a.m. Saturday at Stapleton Park located on Security Hill. The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Youth Center will also hold their annual Family Day Fair at 10 a.m.

For more information concerning the Family Day Fair, call the Youth Center 671-2388 and, for additional details on the walk/run, contact Family Advocacy at 292-5967.

## CHAPARRAL BASKETBALL COURT CLOSURE

A heating, ventilating, and air conditioning project at the Chaparral Fitness Center begins April 14. The entire basketball court will be closed until mid to late August. The racquetball courts, boxing room, Judo room and spin room will remain open and can be accessed through the emergency exit.

## INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL SEASON

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland intramural softball season starts May 5. Contact your unit sports representative or the base sports information office at 671-2725/2632.

## VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Volunteer coaches are needed in support of the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Youth Baseball program in the 5-6 and 7-8-year-old divisions. Practices begin Monday. The season starts April 26 and ends in early June. Call 671-2388 for additional information

## SPURS MILITARY TICKETS

Spurs military discount tickets are available for the second half of the season at 20 percent off plus no service fees. For more information, call 671-3059 for more details.

# 324th Training Squadron Military Instructor makes national wrestling television debut

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As neon lights illuminate a World Wrestling Entertainment ring March 17, two rivals display their animosity toward each other in front of a deafening crowd of 12,000 fans at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, engaging them in a story that will culminate during the company's biggest pay-per-view of the year, Wrestlemania, April 6.

Cheers turn into boos when the villain's wife, who happens to be the company owner's daughter, walks onto the stage and demands that the hero be arrested for defying her and her husband the week before. Six police officers march into the ring and, with excessive force, pin down the hero in the ring, handcuffing the beloved Bryan who attempts to resist arrest but is ultimately overwhelmed.

The devious character Triple H calls off the cops, giving the appearance that he has remorse for his rival Bryan, before revealing that they weren't real cops, generating a gasp from the crowd and bewilderment from the announcers calling the action. The cops were in fact hired henchmen and, as they walk out of the ring, the antagonist takes great pleasure in beating up the fan favorite.

One of those hired goons was Air Force Staff Sgt. Gregory Gauntt, 324th Training Squadron military training instructor. However, on the independent wrestling scene where aspiring wrestlers hone their craft in front of small crowds, he wrestles under the name Ryan Oshun.

For the 6-foot-4-inch wrestler, having the opportunity to be in a WWE ring has been his dream since he was 5 years old.

"It was something I always wanted to do," said Gauntt, who is also his squadron's NCO in charge of physical training supply.

The WWE opportunities were the climax to a successful month for the MTI. Gauntt won his first championship in River City Wrestling, a San Antonio-based promotion that he competes in. In addition, he debuted Reality Of Wrestling, an organization run by pro wrestling legend Booker T. in Houston.

The WWE called Gauntt in early March to ask if he would be able to make it to

"Monday Night Raw" March 17 and "WWE Friday Night Smackdown" March 18 in Houston to work the shows.

After confirming his appearance, all that was left for him to do was make a good impression on company officials.

The MTI arrived to "Monday Night Raw" where he and the other local wrestlers met with William Regal, a part-time WWE wrestler who is in charge of tryouts. They were offered a shot to play an integral part in the program: the henchmen of Triple H, WWE's chief operating officer.

"It triggered in my mind that I am going to get to come out on Monday Night Raw and get in the ring with the No. 1 good guy: Daniel Bryan," Gauntt said. "To close out Monday Night Raw was pretty cool."

Playing a henchman on television was not the only chance for Gauntt to impress WWE officials. He traveled to Houston the next day for the tryouts, but he could not elaborate on how it went.

The two-day experience was also an opportunity for the 250-pound athlete, who has been wrestling for only a year and a half, to find out where he needed to improve.

"Regal said he wanted me to take boxing lessons to work on my footwork," Gauntt explained. "I've already contacted someone from boxing (since then) because I take wrestling seriously."

He credits RCW and the trainers at its school for helping him prepare for the opportunities he has received.

"Brandon Oliver, (RCW owner), will always answer any questions that I have if I am looking to compete in another promotion," Gauntt said. "They always have information that I need. The trainers at the school support me if I want to try new things in my wrestling repertoire."

"The goal at the RCW gym is for all of us to succeed. The promotion wants to see all of us thrive. They know my goal is to wrestle in WWE and they are completely supportive of it."

His success is also RCW's success, according to Oliver.

"After seeing him start from scratch and helping train him, it is awesome to see him get a WWE tryout," the RCW owner elaborated. "It is reflective of our training, and his dedication and commitment to wrestling."



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Staff Sgt. Gregory Gauntt poses with the River City Wrestling Tag Team Championship belt at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland parade grounds.

Besides his wrestling brethren, Gauntt also thanked the 324th TRS leadership for allowing him to chase his goals.

"They are probably the most supportive people other than my wife," Gauntt said. "Anytime that I needed to take time off to wrestle, they have been understanding. They know what my goals are. I do my job well, volunteer and take two college classes. I do everything that they ask of me and, in turn, they are extremely encouraging."

Maj. Thomas Wegner, 324th TRS director of operations, said he is proud of Gauntt for accomplishing his goals.

"To have personal goals outside of military life is important for everyone," he explained. "His goals are unique in that he likes wrestling and participates in it."

Gauntt revealed he will move to a new duty station in a few months and plans to continue wrestling there in hopes of making it to WWE full time. He did not reveal when and where he is going because he wants to incorporate his departure into a wrestling storyline.