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Serving up a holiday feast at Fisher House

Photo by Senior Airman Krystal Jeffers

Master Sgt. Patrick Garrett, 688th Cyberspace Wing, 318th Cyberspace Operations Group superintendent of quality assurance, prepares a bowl of gumbo-laya stew during a lunch at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Fisher House, Dec. 15. Volunteers from the 688th CW cooked a variety of dishes for residents at the Fisher House, which is the unit's quarterly tradition.

37th Training Wing commander and command chief send holiday message



By Col. Trent H. Edwards
37th Training Wing commander and
Chief Master Sgt. Louis Orrie
37th Training Wing command chief

The holiday season means different things to different people. It means celebrating with family and friends, often traveling to do so. It also means being thankful.

We are thankful to be on your team and we are thankful for the hard work of everyone who is a part of our 37th Training Wing team. Your dedication has brought to close another successful year in 2014. Together, we have focused on training and developing joint force leaders and sustaining global partnerships around the world. We have lived up to our name as the Gateway to the Air Force as well as the Gateway to the Americas.

A successful 2015 begins by ending 2014 on a safe note. As we enjoy time off during the holidays, keep in mind the Air Force's mishap prevention theme "Quest for Zero" also

applies. For the past 10 years, the Gateway Wing has joined Air Education and Training Command in striving for a fatality-free holiday season. During that same period, AETC sustained one fatality, which was pretty remarkable, but more importantly, the goal of zero was achieved nine of those 10 years – a performance definitely worthy repeating.

A track record like that isn't built without commitment, commitment that starts with leadership involvement and filters throughout our entire organization. Besides applying smart risk management in our activities and using common sense in our travels, continuing to foster a culture of wingmanship is key to taking care of all our Airmen, whether they be military member or civilian.

During our wingman days this year, we emphasized that we are all members of a team, working together, taking care of each other and accomplishing our mission. There is perhaps no more important time of year than the holiday season to underscore that point. Although the holidays are a time of celebration, the season can be a difficult time for some. That's why it's so important for commanders, first sergeants, supervisors and fellow Airmen to communicate and stay connected with our Airmen.

For those who might be having a difficult time during the holidays, we urge you to reach out to a friend or a co-worker who you can trust. Helping agencies like mental health, the military family life consultant and the chaplain are confidential and trusted resources available 24/7. There are people here to support you; people who will listen to you and not judge you; people who can help you if you need them.

Throughout the holidays, we ask you to keep in mind all of our deployed service members and their families. Being apart for the holidays can be especially difficult on our spouses and children. Just remember that even the smallest gesture of support can mean a lot to our deployed members and their families. We encourage each of you to contact the families of your deployed members and make sure they are doing all right.

To all of our Airmen, we appreciate the sacrifices you and your family make every day in serving our nation. Congratulations on a great 2014 and we look forward to a successful 2015. Happy holidays and seasons greetings to all.

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With the holiday season here, that means weekend trips and holidays for the military family. If you and your family have a medical problem while traveling, you can call the Nurse Advice Line while on the road for all of your health concerns and needs.

The NAL is the Military Health System's new initiative to improve ready access to safe, high quality care. Calling the NAL gives you access to the advice you need at the right time. Call 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), Option 1 to talk to a registered nurse who can answer your urgent care questions, give you health care advice, help you find a doctor or schedule a next-day appointment at a military hospital or clinic.

If you or a member of your family gets ill while you are traveling, calling the NAL can help you figure out what steps to take. The nurse will ask you questions about the symptoms that you or your family member are experiencing and provide advice on whether you need to seek care and when.

When you are traveling, the NAL nurse will help you find a safe, high-quality health care facility in the TRICARE network. If you are a military hospital or clinic enrollee, the NAL will send a follow-up note to your primary care manager and medical team back home so they know how you are doing.

You can safely travel with TRICARE and the NAL. The NAL is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information on accessing the NAL while on the go, visit <http://www.TRICARE.mil/NAL>.

JBSA COMMUTER SURVEYS

The Texas Department of Transportation and the 502nd ABW have partnered on a study of employee commute preferences to better understand regional congestion patterns. The Active Travel Demand Management Travel Options Study is sponsored by TxDOT and the purpose of the study is to promote travel option programs to employers, employees and other stakeholders along the most congested corridors in the San Antonio area.

The goal is to describe the benefits, both for employers and employees, of alternative scheduling such as telecommuting, flex-time, compressed work week, and ridesharing options such as carpooling, vanpooling, and using public transportation. The project team will document strategies already in

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Holiday messages from Joint Base San Antonio mission partners

“Once again the holiday season is here and I am absolutely thrilled to be sharing it with the cyber warriors of 24th Air Force. It's been a year of many changes and challenges, all of which have kept us sharp and operationally focused on the defense of the nation. As you enjoy the holiday season, remember to keep in your thoughts our brothers and sisters-in-arms who are deployed or otherwise away from friends and family, and cherish the moments you share with loved ones. We're truly proud and blessed to be serving with each and every one of you. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.”

Maj. Gen. B. Edwin Wilson
24th Air Force Commander



It's hard to believe 2014 is rapidly winding down. It seems like only yesterday we were planning our objectives for this year. Now we can look back with pride on how well we carried out each one to accomplish our vital mission.

That, coupled with our historic re-designation in September from the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency to 25th Air Force under Air Combat Command, has set the stage for what promises to be a benchmark new year for our storied organization.

It is all too easy to get bogged down in our daily battle rhythm. That's why it's important for all of us to take the time at year's end not only to reflect, but re-focus our efforts toward our professional mindset AND our total well-being.

During this holiday period there will be stories of hope and joy. They may not make headlines, but they're just as important as the ones that do. They remind us why we're here, and what we're fighting for. This is the season of giving and you have given as much as any.

To echo our Air Force leadership, I cannot over-emphasize the importance of keeping safety at the forefront of your Christmas and New Year's activities. It's up to each of us to ramp up our situational awareness, whatever our plans may be during this festive time of year. Remember, everyone is someone's Wingman, not just in spirit but in practice. I urge you to use your common sense, think before you act and focus on risk management to help our Numbered Air Force enjoy a mishap-free holiday season.

Your silent warrior ethos enabled 25th Air Force to enjoy another banner year in 2014 providing preeminent operational support to combatant commanders and our nation while maintaining our people focus. As we begin 2015, we have a 66-year legacy of success to build on and thanks to

your total team effort I'm confident the best is yet to come.

So, from me and the entire 25th Air Force Headquarters family to you and yours, have a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year and return to duty safe and sound, ready to make 2015 one of our best ever!

Thanks for all you bring to the fight!

Brig Gen. Peter J. Lambert
USAF, 28th Air Force Vice Commander



During this holiday season we should all take time to rejoice on the many blessings that we appreciate in our country and enjoy the most valuable people in our lives – our family and friends! These loved ones deepen our relationships by providing the right balance in our lives. Our family and friends support us with unwavering sacrifices that enable us to serve and operate in the world's greatest Air Force.

We should keep in our hearts the Airmen and other service members that will be engaged in operations around the world this holiday season and pray for their safe return. Reach out to their family members and invite them to celebrate the holidays with your family and friends.

For those traveling home to be with loved ones, enjoy your family time and thank them for their unwavering support. Tell them that you appreciate them for all their sacrifices that they have endured on your behalf.

Finally, take extra time to consider safety this holiday season. Ensure to surround yourselves with the most important people in your lives and remember that many of our service members will be far from their loved ones or on duty somewhere around the world. So make sure you do not forget to watch out for and take care of your Wingmen.

It is an honor to serve with each and every one of you. I give you my deepest thanks for the sacrifices you all make each and every day. On behalf of the 149th Fighter Wing, Col. Kane and I wish you a very safe and happy holiday Season!

Chief Master Sgt. George B. Longoria
149th Fighter Wing, Command Chief



Air Force Fitness Management System slated for upgrade

By Debbie Gildea
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard officers and enlisted members who want to maintain copies of their pre-July 2010 fitness records need to access the Air Force Fitness Management System (AFFMS) and save or print their records by Dec. 30, Air Force Personnel Center officials said Dec. 9.

AFFMS will be offline from Dec. 31 - Jan. 11 to enable AFPC teams to transition content to the improved Air Force Fitness Management System II, said 1st Lt. Nathan Strickland, the AFPC Special Programs branch chief. When the new system comes back online, it will not include fitness information older than July 2010.

The new system, AFFMS II, will improve accessibility and fitness pro-



Courtesy photo

gram managers' ability to manage fitness program records. In addition, it will feature more stringent security controls to protect members' information from unauthorized changes or updates.

"This system will provide Total Force Airmen with a more up-to-date, user-friendly fitness management system that will better support the

overall Air Force Fitness program," Strickland said. "Before the system goes down, we want to make sure that Airmen are aware of the pending change and have time to go into the system to save their older records."

While there is no requirement for Airmen to maintain fitness records, Strickland advises Airmen who would like to maintain a copy of their fitness history prior to July 2010 to go to the current AFFMS site by Dec. 30 and download or print their pre-July 2010 information. Records can be printed or saved as PDFs, he said.

"In the interim, base fitness assessment centers and unit fitness program managers will maintain hard copies of fitness score sheets for Airmen who test while the system is down and will update those records once AFFMS II is up and running," Strickland said.

To save copies of pre-July 2010 records, go to the Air Force Portal, hover the cursor over the "Life & Fitness" menu and select "AF Fitness Management System" from the drop down menu. For more information about the fitness management system and other personnel issues, go to myPers.

Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association lauds innovative 25th Air Force duo

By Wayne Amann
25th Air Force Public Affairs

Innovation is more than a buzzword in the Air Force - it's how Airmen bring better ways of doing things to the fight.

Two 25th Air Force headquarters achievers created a buzz of sorts when they were honored for their innovative efforts.

Master Sgt. Kelly Bales and 2nd Lt. Joshua Chambliss each won the inaugural Alamo Young Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association Technical Innovation Award during the organization's Mentor-Protégé Night at the Double Tree Hotel in San Antonio Dec. 3.

The award is given to AFCEA members, 40 and younger, considered to be rising stars by their peers, colleagues and supervisors. It recognizes significant information technology accomplishments, through innovation or applications, that advance the agency, department, and/or organization mission or benefit the general public.

As officer in charge, Chambliss launched 25th Air Force's first headquarters-level knowledge management center, where he aligned six IT initiatives, directly impacting 116 diverse operational units and more than 15,000 personnel.

His office provides daily customer support and management of Enterprise Information Access programs (base records management, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act) and Services programs (AF Portal, 25 AF website, SharePoint, Evaluation Management System, Office Communicator Server and Task Management Tool).

In true team-player fashion, Chambliss spread the recognition around.

"This accomplishment had nothing to do with me personally, but was more about the people in my section making things happen every day," he said. "Members of the KMC, the publications and forms managers and the mail operations team met challenges head on and were eager to offer recommendations and solutions that

generated initiatives for integration into the 25th Air Force."

As action officer for foreign language integration, Bales develops strategies to incorporate nine languages into more than 24 mobile applications, mixing complex theories (radio wave, telecom, critical thinking, cellular theory and more) with language study through interactive multimedia instruction. He spent more than 16 hours translating high-level technical apps into Spanish, a feat best accomplished by experienced linguists.

He's also the lead for developing requirements for an Apple Developer Site License, Mobile Device Management and Mobile Application Store for the 25th Air Force National Intelligence Coordination Cell.

Like Chambliss, Bales was humbled by the AFCEA accolade and also pointed to a team effort.

"Many individuals I work with have supported these projects. Without their contributions, I would not be receiving this award," he said. "I'm proud to represent the NICC, 25th Air Force and the United States Air Force."

The award winners must demonstrate a commitment to AFCEA's mission, values and activities, which include professional development opportunities in the IT, communications, intelligence and cyber arenas.

"I've been extended opportunities many only read about," Bales said, "from enjoying lunch with the Air Force chief of staff to speaking one-on-one with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and director of the National Security Agency to going behind the scenes at several well-known technology corporations."

Another benefit that accompanied the innovation award is \$1,200 in continuing education funds.

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37th Training Wing honors World War II veteran

By Sheldon Baker
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Former U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Arnold V. Hanson didn't have a graduation ceremony when he completed basic military training in 1942. Instead, he was deployed to the Pacific Theater to fight in World War II.

On Dec. 5, the 37th Training Wing, at Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland, honored Hanson as a special guest at the basic military training graduation for his service during WWII.

"It's a real honor," Hanson said. "I feel humbled by this."

"This is all new to me," Hanson said. "We didn't have a graduation. Ours was informal and we were shipped off to Okinawa the following day."

"I'm extremely proud to have an uncle like this," said Corey Matranga, his niece and caretaker. "It makes me extremely proud the Air Force is doing this for him."

While on deployment in Okinawa, Japan, Hanson volunteered to repair a damaged communication line to Kadena Air Base, Japan – an act that potentially saved the lives of thousands of Soldiers – while it was under heavy enemy fire because he felt it was his "duty" to do so as the staff sergeant.

For his heroic act, the Army awarded him the Bronze Star medal, the fourth highest medal awarded to Soldiers.

"I am extremely proud of his contributions to the men he served with," Matranga said. "Honored that he would risk his life for others (to get the job done)"

Three weeks later, however, Hanson was shot in combat. This time, he was awarded the Purple Heart, an honor he's more proud of because "he could've lost his life and it showed his courage," Matranga said.

A middle child of five brothers and one sister, "Army," as he likes to be called, grew up in Inwood, a small town in the northwest sector of Iowa, boasting a population of 800. It was here that he learned and developed a strong work ethic, helping to provide a "decent life" for his family by working in his father's garage and for the town's newspaper as the paperboy.

"I was making about a dollar a day," Hanson said. "That was good money in those days."

After graduating high school in 1932, Hanson moved to California with his two older brothers to find work and to leave behind the devastating effects of the Great Depression.

"My father could only absorb so much, but my father ended up losing his garage and car agency," remembers Hanson.

Hanson found work in the automotive body shop helping car painters prep cars for the final stage of painting. He eventually found a job as a communication linesman setting telephone lines for phone companies up and down the California coast line. But in 1942 at the age of 28, he decided to join the Army out of a sense of duty and service.

His Army service ended in 1946 and he returned to the automotive industry, a career that spanned 50 years.

Hanson, who turned 100 years old Dec. 18, will celebrate another milestone when he and Geraldine, his wife of more than 70 years, celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary on New Year's day.

"On January 1, the whole world will celebrate with us," Hanson said.

As for the Dec. 5 graduating class, Hanson advises them to "Be proud of your service and do your best."



Photo by Airlman 1st Class
Justine Rho

The 37th Training Wing honored World War II veteran U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Arnold "Army" Hanson and his wife, Dec. 5 during a U.S. Air Force basic military training graduation at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. During his service, Hanson was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He turned 100 years old Dec. 18.

**Holiday greetings
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		Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	Dec. 25 Christmas	Dec. 26	Dec. 31 New Years Eve	Jan.1 New Years Day
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	Lonestar	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Dining	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Barbershop	8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	CLOSED	8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	CLOSED
Skylark Bowling Center		CLOSED	CLOSED	11 a.m. to midnight	5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Fitness Centers	Chaparral	4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	CLOSED	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
	Medina	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	CLOSED	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
	Gateway	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Kelly	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Gillum	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Warhawk	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
INFORMATION TRAVEL & TICKETS		CLOSED	CLOSED	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	CLOSED

JBSA-Lackland Exchange holiday hours

	Main Exchange	24 Hour Express	BMT Mini Mall	Military Clothing
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Close at 10 p.m. Dec. 24 Dec. 25 Closed Dec. 26 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 31 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 1 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25 Christmas	CLOSED		CLOSED	CLOSED
Dec. 26	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.		9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	CLOSED
Dec. 31	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.		Ask at store for Dec. 31 and Jan 1 Hours	8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 1 New Years Day	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.			CLOSED

JBSA-Lackland Commissary holiday hours

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 25 Christmas	CLOSED
Dec. 31 Christmas	REGULAR HOURS
Jan. 1 New Years Day	CLOSED

AETC COMMAND CHIEFS TOUR BMT AT JBSA-LACKLAND



Photo by Senior Airman Krystal Jeffers

Col. Trent Edwards, 37th Training Wing commander; Master Sgt. Richard Sutherland, 737th Training Group superintendent; Col. Michele Edmondson, 737th TRG commander; and Command Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, speak to chief master sergeants and command chief master sergeants from across the Air Force during a tour of Basic Military Training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Dec. 12. A few of the topics covered included the selection process and criteria of military training instructors and the BMT's change from 8.5 weeks to 7.5 weeks.

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place, and provide recommendations and a framework for the travel options that will work best for employees.

The commuter survey portion of this study is a means of understanding individual commute patterns - how long it takes and how individuals go about meeting their travel needs on a daily basis. As congestion increases in the San Antonio metro area, the 502nd ABW and TxDOT are interested in learning about what other options you might be interested in. Your input is the foundation of the study and will also let us know how we can better support our employees. The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to provide valuable feedback.

The survey link is <http://tinyurl.com/JBSAcommute>. The data collection phase will extend from December through mid-January. We appreciate your participation in this important regional study.

To find out

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37th TRW hosts Cookie Caper

*Military members team up to
package holiday goodies*

Photos by Airman 1st Class Justine Rho

37th Training Wing members at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland teamed with the military spouses club to host this year's holiday Cookie Caper. Volunteers hustle to package donated cookies Dec. 15 at the JBSA-Lackland Freedom Chapel. Volunteers from across JBSA-Lackland coordinated to collect, package and distribute thousands of bags of cookies to service members of all services.



Airmen and family members from across Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland package thousands of cookies for servicemembers Dec. 15 during the Holiday Cookie Caper. These donated and hand packaged cookies will be delivered to all servicemembers: including Air Force basic military training trainees and technical training students at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.



Schools across San Antonio decorated cookie bags with colorful holiday messages. These cookies will be distributed to servicemembers all across Joint Base San Antonio.



Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

January

Arts and Crafts

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Need artwork, memorabilia or photographs framed? The JBSA-Lackland Frame Shop professionals are available to assist patrons in making the best selection to frame personal items. For more information, call 671-5009.

The JBSA-Randolph frame shop has experts ready to help select a custom frame for any special occasion such as sports awards, special achievements, graduations, artwork or memorable photographs to ensure they last forever. In addition, the shop matches off-base prices on comparable custom framing jobs and there is no sales tax. For more information, call 652-5142.

Bowling

Start the year off with a roll

Spend New Year's Day at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Jan. 1, 1-8 p.m., and enjoy the special rate of \$2.50 per game, per person with \$2.50 shoe rental. For more information, call 652-6271.

Everything is better with strawberry ice cream

In celebration of National Strawberry Ice Cream Day, the first 50 customers at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Snack Bar Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. receive one free cup of strawberry ice cream with a purchase. For more information, call 221-3683.

Bowl for less over the holiday weekend

Celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Jan. 17-19 and bowl for \$2.50 per game, per person with \$2.50 shoe rental. Offer excludes Cosmic Bowling. For more information, call 652-6271.

Save on bowling while leagues go west

Bowlers are invited to the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Jan. 20-22, 5-8 p.m., for penny-a-pin bowling while leagues are in Las Vegas. For more information, call 652-6271.

Patrons enjoy \$1 bowling games

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center offers \$1 games and shoe rentals Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 221-3683.

The gang's all here

Families and military student groups of 2-6 people can bowl for one hour, get a large one-topping pizza, sodas and bowling shoes for \$50 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. For more information, call 221-3683.

Savings continue at bowling center

Saving on entertainment budgets at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center continues through February. Bowlers that purchase \$7 or more at the snack bar can show the receipt at the front counter to receive two free games and shoe rentals Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 p.m. until closing. For more information, call 221-3683.

Rock-n-roll into the New Year

During January patrons are invited to sing favorite karaoke songs along with OMG sounds every Thursday, 6-10 p.m., in JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center's Primo's Lounge while enjoying bowling and beverages. For more information, call 671-1234.

Saturday nights rock at Skylark

Bowlers are encouraged to make the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center their destination on Saturdays during January from 7-11 p.m. Rent a lane for \$20 for up to seven people per lane. Enjoy the state-of-the-art cosmic light show and music favorites throughout the night. For more information, call 671-1234.

Community Programs

Tops in Blue looks for top talent

Tops in Blue hosts a talent contest at the Bob Hope Performing Arts Theater at JBSA-Lackland Jan. 9 and 10, 7 p.m., and Jan. 11, 6 p.m. Contestants compete for a place on the 2015 Tops in Blue team in this search for the best talent in the Air Force. No tickets are required to cheer on the contestants at this free show. For more information, call 671-2619.

Bargain hunters find good buys at warehouse sale

The JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall hosts a Bargain Warehouse Jan. 14 in building 1139. E1-E6 airmen only may shop from 8-9 a.m. and all other patrons may shop 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Only checks and cash are accepted as payment, and a limited number of people are allowed in the building at one time so please come prepared to stand in line. Shoppers may want to bring an umbrella, a coat and some water to ensure comfort. Please call 652-5142, option 2 for more information.

"The Murder Room" takes place at Harlequin Theater

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "The Murder Room" Jan. 15 to Feb. 28. The fast-paced comic delight has a kooky plot that's full of ups and downs, mistaken identities, hysterical characters, fast paced action and witty, clever dialogue. Sponsored by The Gunn Automotive Group. No federal endorsement intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

Patrons learn the who, what, when and where

Department of Defense ID cardholders are welcome to visit with representatives from post agencies and local businesses to learn more about Joint Base San Antonio and the San Antonio area at the Community Extravaganza Fair takes place at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club Jan. 27, 9-11 a.m. For more information, call 221-2606.

Gamblers invited to play at Monte Carlo Night

Roll the dice at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club Jan. 30, 6:30-11 p.m., for a night of gaming, food and the chance to win lots of great prizes. The prizes include a large flat screen television, iPad or tablet, spa gift certificate, Kindle Fire and much more. The cost is \$20. There is limited space so reservations are required. Reservations are accepted starting Jan. 5. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. To make reservations, call 222-9386.

2015 brings opportunities for more casino adventure

Travel to the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder, La., with JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel. Trips include round-trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, a \$23 voucher from the casino and friendly service from the bus driver and tour guide. The bus departs at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m. the next day. Cost is \$65 for double occupancy or \$130 for single occupancy. The 2015 trips are Jan. 13-14, March 17-18, May 12-13, July 14-15, Sept. 15-16 and Nov. 17-18. Choose one or choose them all. For more information, call 652-5142.

Clubs

Playoff games are best viewed at the club

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club is the best place to view the NFC/AFC playoff games Jan. 3-18. Enjoy a jumbo pretzel with cheese sauce for \$4.95, a 16 inch two-topping pizza for \$11.95 or a quarter pound cheeseburger and fries for \$4.95. Drink specials include a bucket of Bud or Bud Light for \$10 or a Bud Light Pitcher for \$5. Club members can also use their coupons. For more information, call 652-3056.

Take a chance to be extravagant

Take a chance to win up to \$15,000 Jan. 5 and 19 at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club during Bingo Extravaganza. A complimentary buffet is served at 5:30 p.m. and early bird bingo starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call 652-3056.

JBSA FSS

Celebrate birthdays at bingo

JBSA-Randolph club members celebrating January birthdays get one free bingo machine, cake and champagne Jan. 13, 7-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 652-3056.

The taste of the islands comes to town

Attend a beach party with some of your favorite island foods in the middle of winter and never leave San Antonio Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Beach Party Bash Buffet at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club's food court serves up grilled teriyaki pork chops, fried catfish, pepper steak, sides, desserts and more. Feast at this all-you-can-eat buffet for \$9.95 per person. For more information, call 645-7034.

Club members honored at appreciation night

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club honors club members with a special buffet dinner in the Fiesta Ballroom Jan. 27, 5-8 p.m. Entertainment is provided by Doggin' Dave Productions. The menu features chicken mole, a fajita station, salad bar, baked tilapia with mango salsa, cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, borracho beans, fresh fruit, flan topped with mixed berries and chocolate chip cheesecake. The cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Gateway Club offers entertainment throughout month

Enjoy music by DJ Doggin' Dave Productions in the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club's Lone Star Lounge every Friday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Listen to music featuring LJU at JBSA-Lackland's Gateway Club's Maverick Lounge Jan. 16, 5-8 p.m.

Sing karaoke, listen and dance to music featuring DJ Dee Dee in the Lone Star Lounge Jan. 17, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Finish up the month Jan. 30, 5-8 p.m., listening or dancing to great music in Maverick Lounge featuring LJU.

For more information, call 645-7034.

Fitness

Resolve to run 5K to start the new year

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center invites everyone to celebrate the first day of the new year at Eberle Park for the Resolution Run 5K Jan. 1, 8 a.m. This is a super way to start the New Year while also getting some fun physical activity outside in the fresh air. For more information, call 652-7263.

Department of Defense ID cardholders bring in the new year the right way with the New Year's Day Run Jan. 1, 10 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Pershing Sports Complex. There will be two free events, a 4-mile race starting at 10 a.m. and a 1.5 mile walk starting at 10:10 a.m. Register on the day of the event. For more information, call 221-3593 or 221-4887.

A new year, a new you

The new year is the time for a new program and a new you. Pick up a "New Year, New Program" card at the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center and start running/walking the 70 miles, attending the 24 group aerobic classes and biking the 36 miles it takes to complete the program. Participants have the entire year to complete the program. For more information, call 652-7263.



MONTE CARLO NIGHT
JANUARY 30 • 6:30 - 11 P.M.
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club

There is limited space so reservations are required.
Reservations accepted starting Jan. 5.
Call 222-9386 to make your reservations.

Tell trainers thank you

One of the most common New Year's resolutions is to "get into shape," which makes this one of the busiest times of the year for personal trainers who play a crucial role in helping people achieve their health and fitness goals. To say thank you, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus hosts a Personal Trainer Awareness Day Jan. 2, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Stop in to say thank you and request a personal trainer to assist with personal health and fitness needs. No registration required. For more information, call 808-5713 or 808-5708.

Patrons lose big in 2015

Patrons are encouraged to sign up to compete against others to see who can lose the most weight in three months at the JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center Jan. 7-April 1. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded for the top male and female winners of the biggest loser contest in JBSA. In order to stay on track participants can weigh in every Wednesday (optional). All Department of Defense ID card holders 18 and older are eligible to participate. For more information, call 977-2353.

Patrons learn proper lifting techniques

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts a beginner strength training class Jan. 16, 11:30 a.m. This class is perfect for individuals who would like to start a strength training routine or just want to know more about strength training. Learn proper lifting techniques, how to improve workouts and the benefits of weight training for overall fitness and health. This free class is held in exercise room 128. For more information, call 652-7263.

Coed teams compete in wallyball tournament

Coed wallyball teams of six people (at least one female per team) are invited to sign up for a free tournament on Jan. 23, 7 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center. The tournament is open to Department of Defense card holders 18 and older. Sign up by noon on Jan. 22. For more information, call 977-2353.

Achieve a new healthy lifestyle

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center offers a 16-week program beginning Jan. 26 to help patrons achieve and maintain a healthy life style by improving food choices and diet, increasing physical activity and establishing skills for dealing with everyday stress. For more information, call 221-1234.

Patrons invited to lift

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center hosts an "Iron Bench Press Classic" Jan. 31, 9 a.m. This a great opportunity for patrons to show off their lifting abilities. To register, call 221-1234 by Jan. 26.

Patrons run and have fun

Knock off the icicles with a blood-pumping Frosty 5K run/walk Jan. 31, 9 a.m. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and begins at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center parking lot. No registration is required. The sign-in time is 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 808-5708.



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- All-you-can-eat pizza
- 4 varieties to choose from
- Beverage

Golf

Start the new year with golf

The New Year's Day Golf Tournament at JBASA-Randolph Jan. 1, with 7-9 a.m. tee times, is a two-person modified alternate shot. Both players tee off on each hole then select the best tee shot. Whoever did not hit the tee shot selected plays the next shot and so on until the hole is completed. Gift certificates for pro shop merchandise are awarded to the top teams; low net and low gross. The entry fee is \$10 per person plus green fees and cart rental. To sign up, call 652-4653.

Warriors scramble to win

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly Warrior Four-Person Scramble at the JBASA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Jan. 2, 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart and dinner. Winners of the longest drive and the closest to the pin, and the first- second- and third- place winners will receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Tee off to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

The JBASA-Randolph Golf Course hosts a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day golf tournament Jan. 19. Tee times are 7-9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$10 plus green fee and cart rental. To sign up, stop by the Pro Shop or call 652-4653.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Discover natural beauty close to home

The beautiful and historical cavern system at Natural Bridge Caverns offers an experience that is high energy, educational, fun and family oriented. Take the kids and pan for precious stones, take the ultimate leap of faith from the Canopy Challenge, go caving on one of the adventure tours or simply experience nature on the original Discovery Tour. Active-duty military members are eligible for a free tour. Purchase tickets for family and friends for \$16.75 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3-11 years. For more information, call the JBASA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office at 808-6262.

Heroes and villains fill up the Alamodome

Marvel's super heroes travel the world to retrieve the most feared and coveted treasures in the Marvel Universe. Heros include Iron Man, Captain America, Hulk and Thor, Spider-Man and Wolverine. As the super heroes travel to collect the treasures, they encounter some of their biggest adversaries including Green Goblin, Doctor Octopus, Red Skull, Madame Hydra, Aldrich Killian, Electro and more villains who have no problem teaming up if it gets them closer to their ultimate goal of world domination.

Suit up with the best of the best, as Marvel's superheroes perform live in the action-filled Alamodome. Tickets for the Jan. 23-25- shows are available at the JBASA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office with prices ranging from \$35 to \$95. For more information, call 808-1378.

There is something fishy around here

The San Antonio Aquarium is now open and JBASA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has discount tickets. Experience this unique hands on attraction with

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY

Parr Club

JAN. 16- 5-9 P.M.

We scheduled our membership appreciation party after the holidays since so many of our wonderful members were on vacation during the holidays. Let us spoil you at the Parr Club with a great appreciation party! All JBASA-Randolph Clubs members will enjoy a complimentary and scrumptious buffet, discounted beverages at the cash bar and entertainment provided by DJ Stevie Mac. Door prizes include Air City Bar & Grill gift certificates, Sunday Brunch gift certificates, movie gift cards and much more! This is usually a packed event so don't miss out! Sorry no children allowed.



exhibits low enough for children of all ages to reach out and touch sting rays, a variety of sharks, starfish, reptiles and more. This is a very interactive, educational experience for everyone. The ticket price is \$14.75 for adults and \$9.75 for children ages 2-11. For more information, call 671-3059.

Get Valero Alamo Bowl tickets before they are gone

The Valero Alamo Bowl kicks off Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m. The JBASA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office has end zone seating tickets in sections 320 and 321 for \$28.50. JBASA-Lackland Information, Tickets & Travel has a limited quantity of discounted Valero Alamo Bowl tickets for \$28.50, regularly \$51 and higher. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets early as tickets always sell out.

For more information, call JBASA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378 or JBASA-Lackland at 671-3059.

See the Spurs work their magic

Spurs 2015 game tickets are now on sale at JBASA Information, Tickets and Travel offices. Save on tickets plus pay no TicketMaster fees. Come by the offices to get the tickets without the fees or go to www.spurs.com/lacklanditt and use the promo code LACKLAND, www.spurs.com/fortsamhoustonitt and use the promo code FORTSAM or www.spurs.com/randolphitt and use the promo code RANDOLPH. For more information, call JBASA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378, JBASA-Lackland at 671-3059 and JBASA-Randolph at 652-5142.

Patrons enjoy fun at discounted rates

JBASA Information, Tickets and Travel offices have discounted tickets to popular shows and attractions at lower than box office prices. The shows and attractions include

Marvel Universe Live!, Disney on Ice "Frozen," the Alamo Bowl, San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio rodeo, Disneyland and Disneyworld. For more information on pricing and availability, call 808-1378 for JBASA-Fort Sam Houston, call 671-3059 for JBASA-Lackland and call 652-5142 for JBASA-Randolph.

Library

Story time is a hit with preschoolers

Stories, crafts and songs are all part of the weekly story time at the JBASA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10 a.m. For more information, call 221-4702.

Learning a new language is easy

The JBASA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library has an innovative way to learn a different language called "Mango Languages," with more than 60 foreign languages and 17 English courses available. These online courses offer flexibility and mobility along with free mobile applications. Come by the library for assistance or log on to <http://www.jbsalibraries.com> and click on the eResources/research tab to begin. For more information, call 221-4702.

Outdoor Recreation

Save money while having fun at lake

Check out the JBASA-Recreation Park at Canyon Lake during non-peak times and enjoy the tranquility of the lake, the soothing sounds of birds singing throughout the park, fish and tour the lake. Patrons can rent any lodging unit and stay three nights for the price of two during January.

While relaxing take advantage of the less crowded lake and save more money with the half price boat special that includes all required safety equipment. Boat operators must have taken the Boater's Safety Course through the state of Texas, at any JBASA location or at the JBASA Recreation Park.

Purchasing a JBASA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake annual pass for \$65 allows entry into the Sunny Side and Hancock sides of the park for one year, including boats and trailers. Without the pass, the daily entry fee is \$7 per visit, per vehicle.

For more information, call 1-830-226-5357.

Winter boating is more fun with a discount

Fishing, pontoon and ski boats in various sizes are available at JBASA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation with discounts up to 50 percent through February. For more information, call 925-5532.

Sportsman's Range open for shooting

The Sportsman's Range at JBASA-Camp Bullis is available for shooting and target practice on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. Call to ensure the range is open before coming out. The cost is \$10 per Department of Defense ID cardholder and \$15 per non-DOD ID cardholder. Cardholders may purchase an annual pass for \$60. Cardholders are allowed to sponsor two non-DOD ID cardholder guests. Guests must be in the same vehicle as the sponsor. For more information, call 295-7577 or 295-7529.

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Patrons shoot at indoor archery range

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Indoor Archery Range gives patrons the opportunity to spend a fun filled day shooting at archery targets. The cost to shoot is \$2 per hour and targets are .50 cents each. The range is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 295-7529.

Boater's receive discount with off season discounts

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Equipment Center offers 50 percent off the daily or weekly price for boat rentals during January. Stop by or call the Outdoor Equipment Center to make reservations. A boater's safety card and Department of Defense ID card is required for boat rentals. For more information, call 221-5225 or 221-5224.

Archers aim for competition fun

The Archery Range at JBSA-Camp Bullis hosts a 3-D competition Jan. 24-25, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register from 8-10 a.m. and complete the course by 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 for the fun shoot, \$5 for kids ages 12 and younger or \$20 fee for the competition shoot. For more information, call 295-7529 or 295-7577.

Sportsmen plan hunts with internet help

Hunters interested in seasonal hunting on JBSA-Camp Bullis are invited to register for an account at <https://jbsa.isportsman.net>. This website provides information on different hunting seasons, hunting areas and allows patrons to buy hunting permits. For more information, call 295-7529.

Student Activity Center

Gamers test football skills in Madden tournament

All Medical Education and Training Campus students are invited test their video football skills at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Student Activity Center in the Madden Tournament Jan. 24 - 31. Interested students register Jan. 3-14 at the Student Activity Center and the Fitness Center on the METC. Draft and first rounds will begin Jan. 17, 1 p.m. Participants must be present to play. First place winner receives a new XBOX One. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 466-5049.

Football fans party and cheer for favorite teams

A "Big Game Party" for all Medical Education and Training Campus students takes place Feb. 1, 4 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Student Activity Center. Enjoy games, door prizes, popcorn, cotton candy and food specials at the snack bar while rooting for competing teams. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 466-5049.

Disc jockey entertains students with today's new music

Medical Education and Training Campus students are invited to enjoy the latest and greatest sounds of today's music, featuring a disc jockey Jan. 9 and 23, 6:30-10 p.m. The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Student Activity Center Club Zero has a large dance floor and comfortable sitting areas for students to get together and enjoy music with

fellow comrades. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 466-5049.

Students practice singing skills with karaoke

Medical Education and Training Campus students that think they have the pipes to make it big are invited to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Student Activity Center's Club Zero every Tuesday, 6-8:30 p.m., to sing karaoke and show the world what they have to offer. Club Zero has a state of the art sound system and plenty of tunes to match any singing style, so don't be afraid to take the stage. For more information, call 466-5049.

Youth and Children

Youth display art at annual exhibit

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs holds the annual Boys and Girls Club Fine Arts Exhibit Jan. 8-9. For more information, call 652-3298 or 652-2088.

Parents get a well deserved night off

JBSA-Randolph hosts "Give Parents a Break" and "Kids Adventure Night" Jan. 6, 6-11 p.m. Register by Dec. 31. The evening takes place at the CDP Annex for children younger than 2 years old and at Youth Programs for children over 3 years old. It is free for GPAB waiver holders and \$20 per child for all others. To register, call 652-4946.

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs and Child Development Program holds "Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out" offering childcare Jan. 23, 7-11 p.m. Children are provided with activities, games and snacks. The fee is \$15 per child or free with a GPAB referral. For more information, call 671-2388 for Youth Programs or call 671-1072 for Lackland Child Development Program.

Youth stay up late for basketball

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a round robin format basketball tournament at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs during Midnight Basketball in building 1630 Jan. 17, 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call 221-3502.

Day camp provides safe entertainment for kids

Children do not have to sit in front of the TV or play video games all day during the Martin Luther King, Jr. school holiday. Enroll in the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs day camps where children participate in lots of different activities and games in a safe, supervised environment while socializing with other children. The camp is for ages 5 (in kindergarten) to 12. The cost is based on household income. Pre-registration is required and late fees are applicable after registration deadlines. Registration for the Jan. 20 camp is due Jan. 12. Registrations after the due date are subjected to a \$15 late fee. For more information, call 671-2388.

Programs offer youth opportunities to get involved

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs encourages youth, ages 9 and older, to renew Youth Programs membership cards for 2015. The cards are used to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation during the year. Check out the preteen game room or Teen Zone, attend club meetings or join in activities. The membership card does not include

instructional classes, league sports or School Age Care Programs. Stop by for a monthly calendar of Youth Programs or check out www.myjbsa-fss-mwr.com to see what is offered. For those interested in joining, membership is \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298.

Babies and toddlers enjoy music and movement

Kinderjam combines music movement, learning and fun for parents, infants and preschoolers ages 1 to 5 years old. JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs offers Kinderjam Wednesdays, 10 a.m., for \$45 per month, per child. For more information, call 671-2388.

The SKIES Instructional Programs at JBSA Fort Sam Houston offers the class on Tuesdays, 10 a.m., for \$35 per month. For more information, call 221-3380.

Youth learn new skills in special classes

Get youth involved in instructional classes at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs.

Guitar classes for youth, ages 8-18, teach the fundamentals of scales while fostering an interest and appreciation for different musical styles. These classes take place Tuesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m. The fee is \$33 per class.

Youth ages 5-18 learn basic tumbling skills with an emphasis on flexibility, strength building and acrobatics that can be applied to gymnastics and cheerleading. Gym attire is required. Classes are held Thursdays, 4:15-5 p.m. The fee is \$45 per class.

Register for classes at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central. For more information, call 221-3381.

Youth and young adults go for the gold

Attention 14-23 year olds; sign up for the Congressional Award Program and set goals in personal development, voluntary public service, physical fitness, and expeditions/explorations. Once the bronze, silver or gold medal level has been achieved, participants receive an award presented by a member of congress. This is great information for your college applications. For more information, call 652-3298.

Creative outlets are provided during drop-in care

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs has drop-in care featuring after school clubs to entertain and provide a rewarding learning experience for youth. After school clubs include drama, art, photography, Power Hour, gardening, cooking, sewing, robotics and Lego Club. The cost is \$16 per day, per child for ages 5 (in kindergarten) to 12. All required paperwork must be on file in order to participate in drop-in care activities. For more information, call 671-2388.

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Couple proves to be perfect 1-2 combination in fight against cancer

By Jose T. Garza III
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

With her two-year-old daughter, So-maya, next to her, Staff Sgt. Chantel Thibeaux claps as the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Warhawks, down 49-45, force a U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School turnover during the Joe Hall Memorial Basketball Tournament semifinals.

Each time her husband, forward Wendell Thibeaux, aggressively drives to the basket to will his team back in the game, Chantel, a 381st Training Squadron dental assistant apprentice technical school instructor, shouts words of encouragement to show her support.

"It has always been a joy of mine to watch Wendell dominate in basketball," she said. "I'm always telling him to give 100 percent and fight for the win. He is not a selfish player by any means, but he knows when to step his game up to win for his team. I'm proud to represent him in the stands."

Thibeaux averaged 21.5 points during the Warhawks' unsuccessful defense of the Joe Hall championship. However, win or lose, Chantel loves supporting her husband and the team during home and away games.

All the staff sergeant is doing is repaying the favor for her husband and his teammates supporting her when she went one on one against her biggest adversary: cancer.

Pushing forward

Chantel discovered a lump in the middle of her chest in January. She did not think it was cancer but rather a cyst because there was no pain.

Chantel decided to make an appointment in March after the lump grew larger. Three days later, the doctor called her to confirm that she had breast cancer.

The Virginia Beach, Va., native was in shock and disbelief, crying before going home from work early. She had no choice but to fight cancer head on.

"Strength has been something that has always been instilled in me," Chantel said. "With the support of my family letting me know that everything would be okay, I was able to



Photo by A1C Justine K. Rho

Staff Sgt. Chantel Thibeaux, a dental assistant instructor at the 381st Training Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, attends every JBSA-Lackland Warhawk varsity basketball game to support her husband, Wendell, and the team. Her husband's team was a huge support group for her during her battle against breast cancer this year.

just push forward."

The staff sergeant started four months of chemotherapy in April and had surgery Sept. 25. She is currently undergoing radiation.

Chantel went to chemotherapy for five to six hours every Friday and would have "pretty bad" migraines during chemotherapy, but she was concerned about how her situation was affecting others.

"I would miss work, and I would feel like I was leaving my workload for someone else," Chantel said. "I wouldn't have a whole lot of energy to play with our 2-year-old, and that made me feel like less of a mother."

When Chantel was at her weakest points, Wendell, her husband of 2½ years, stepped up as the "rock" of the family - cooking dinner, taking and picking up So-maya from day care and being a comfortable shoulder to cry on.

"I supported my wife with everything she needed," he said. "I was there for her 24/7, asking her what she needed or

whatever she needed me to do."

Chantel is grateful for her husband going the extra mile throughout the entire ordeal.

"I couldn't imagine being alone during this situation, and my heart goes out to those who are," she said.

Wendell wasn't the only person who stepped up to help Chantel. The Warhawks volunteered to take Chantel to her appointments and visited the family from time to time.

"They are like family," she said. "They keep Wendell busy in some of his free time so he can keep a clear head."

"Not too many people that go through cancer have people be there for them 24/7," Wendell said. "All I can think do is thank God and appreciate it."

Warhawks coach Tech Sgt. Calvin Conliffe equated the support the team has provided the couple to being there for family members.

"We are always going to have each other's backs," Conliffe said. "All we can do is be a secondary family

because without that somebody could crumble."

Returning the favor

When Wendell steps onto the court to warm up for each Joe Hall tourney matchup, his pink Nike Soldier VIII shoes noticeably contrast his blue and gray Warhawks jerseys.

His goal is not to make a fashion statement, however. Wendell has worn all sorts of pink apparel since March and at one point he had the breast cancer ribbon cut into his hair to honor his wife, aunt and everyone fighting breast cancer.

Each time his shoes - pink or any other color - hit the floor, Wendell immediately thinks about his wife.

"When I feel down at crucial points, I think about how strong she has been throughout this thing and it gives me a boost right away," he said. "If she can deal with cancer then why can't I push on the court for 10 more minutes."

Chantel is not far away to cheer her husband and the Warhawks on, as she attends most home and away games.

"They have supported my family by being there for Wendell, so I return the favor," she said.

Her presence is felt at every game.

"For her to still be able to come to games and use all the strength she had left after chemo to cheer us on motivated us to play harder," said Warhawks guard Staff Sgt. Deandre Snow, 59th Medical Support Squadron NCO in charge of career development.

The Future

After the Warhawks complete their season, the Thibeauxs look forward to getting out of the country for some relaxation.

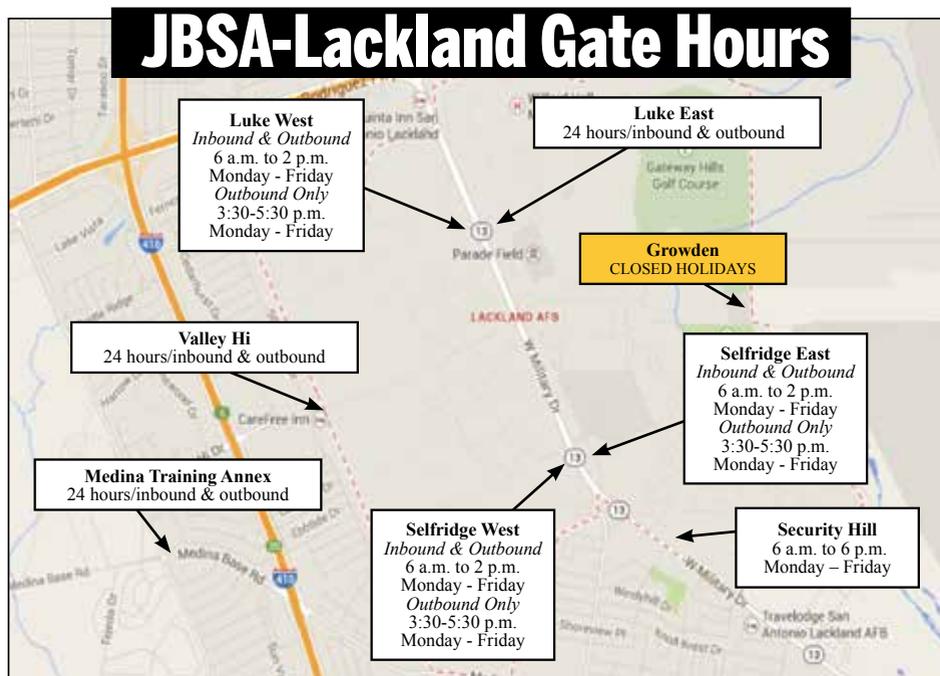
The couple plan to go to the Dominican Republic in 2015 and the couple is excited to vacation outside the country together for the first time.

"I'm pretty sure I'm going to have a lot of fun because I've never been there," Wendell said.

Dealing with the cancer was strenuous at first, Wendell said, but the love they have for each other made it easier to handle along the way.

"Through sickness and health and wealthy and poor, we will be there for one another," he said.

"What he's done proves to me that I married the right person," Chantel said. "I believe in a marriage, you should be able to feel each other's pain. Wendell has definitely taken on my pain and cancelled it out with love."



OSPREY CV-22 VISITS JBSA-LACKLAND



Photo by Airman 1st class Justine Rho

An Osprey CV-22 from the 71st Special Operations Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. landed at the 344th Training Squadron school grounds Dec. 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The aircraft landing was in honor of a special missions aviation graduation. These students will move on to the next phase of training towards becoming qualified aircrew able to execute the Special Operation Forces Combat Search and Rescue mission. The Osprey CV-22 is a training asset used for formal training of future SOF/ CSAR crewmembers.

802nd FSS outbound assignments team strives for no-stress PCS



By Airman 1st Class Justine K. Rho
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The 802nd Force Support Squadron Outbound Assignments Office, a six-man team, annually out processes approximately 2,100 Airmen from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The outbound assignments office provides insight in the many steps taken for each permanent change of station file and sheds light on the importance of proactive out-processing Airmen.

"Airmen receive PCS notification emails from Air Force Personnel Center throughout the year," said Staff Sgt. Vanessa Perryman, 802nd FSS Outbound Assignments NCO in charge. "When that individual is notified, we begin building that mem-

ber's records and send an email invitation to an initial assignment briefing. In that assignment briefing, we go over all the requirements needed to obtain orders with each individual."

"Additionally, overseas listings are released quarterly and during that time a bulk of PCS notices are received," said Senior Airman Brittani Ojeda, 802nd FSS Outbound Assignments technician. "Every member's file is handled individually, based on certain factors like joint spouse assignment or changed departure dates; which varies the type of checklist they need, type of briefings we schedule for them, and if there is a case that needs special attention we are responsible of sending that case to AFPC for evaluation."

Perryman continues by explaining potential assignment cancelations and common issues that delay Airmen from receiving their orders.

"As an NCO in outbound assignments, some of the additional responsibilities include updating adverse actions; such as referral enlisted performance reports, control rosters, Article 15 actions or pending Air Force Office of Special Investigations reports," Perryman said. "Those things typically initiate assignment cancelations."

The Air Force standard, as well as 502nd Air Base Wing goal, is to provide a member orders no later than 60 days, prior to the projected departure date. The 60-day timeline is established to allow members and families sufficient time to complete all official and personal out-processing transactions and achieve a seamless transition to new duty assignment.

An issue encountered all too often, which contributes to delays in publication of orders, is non-receipt of required documents or failure to complete PCS assignment prerequisites.

While the AFPC is the PCS orders authenticating agency and restricts forwarding of a PCS order request to its organization until member is within 90 days of projected departure date, it is recommended members turn in the necessary documents at the earliest possible date after notification of assignment.

For example, if a member has an assignment with a Return No Later than Date of March 31, 2015, and the member sets their PDD for March 1, 2015 the member should turn in all required documents at least 10

calendar days prior to Jan. 1, 2015, to afford ample time to process orders and meet the 60-day timeline.

The outbound assignments technicians underline the importance of Airmen being proactive and timely with their required paperwork.

"A lot of people procrastinate and wait to turn in documents which they need to obtain their orders," Perryman said. "Airmen that need to meet additional requirements, such as obtaining a passport or visa, have to factor in time for these other office visits. Some issues are beyond our control, including medical clearances or Traffic Management Office scheduling, and individuals often forget that these processes take time to clear or schedule."

Ojeda continues by elaborating that "it's not just the Airmen themselves that expedite the process, it's also their leadership. Leadership should work with the Airmen and allot them enough time to gather the proper paperwork."

"A typical assignment takes two to three months from start to finish," Perryman said. "Starting from when

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LOCAL BRIEFS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY COWBOY CHRISTMAS

Cowboy Christmas will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Enchanted Springs Ranch, in Boerne, Texas. Enjoy a live reenactment of the Nativity, complete with camels, donkeys and a live cast of more than 200 people. Step back in time at this Old Western town that has been the filming location for several movies. The town is complete with a rustic chapel, authentic saloon, general store and has hundreds of props and settings for photo opportunities. Enjoy a tractor ride through the Exotic Animal Ranch, catfish pond, western shoot outs, "Pistol Packin' Paula" and her award-winning roping and gunslinging tricks and take your own pictures sitting on their longhorn or a camel. ITT is selling discount tickets: Adults - \$11, Children (3-11) - \$4.50. Details: 671-3059

THURSDAY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Active duty family members and retirees and their dependents are authorized to eat Christmas dinner

at the Live Oak Inn dining facility, building 10810. The hours of operation for Christmas Day are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prices are a la carte and reservations are required.

JAN. 7 PATRONS LOSE BIG IN 2015

Patrons are encouraged to sign up to compete against others to see who can lose the most weight in three months at the JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center Jan. 7-April 1. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded for the top male and female winners of the biggest loser contest in JBSA. In order to stay on track, participants can weigh in every Wednesday (optional). All Department of Defense ID card holders 18 and older are eligible to participate. For details, call 977-2353.

JAN. 9 TOPS IN BLUE LOOKS FOR TOP TALENT

Tops in Blue hosts a talent contest at the Bob Hope Performing Arts Theater at JBSA-Lackland Jan. 9 and 10, 7 p.m., and Jan. 11, 6 p.m. Contestants compete for a place on the 2015 Tops in Blue team in this search for the best talent in the Air Force. No tickets are required to

cheer on the contestants at this free show. Call 671-2619.

JAN. 15 THE TASTE OF THE ISLANDS COMES TO TOWN

Attend a beach party with some of your favorite island foods in the middle of winter and never leave San Antonio Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Beach Party Bash Buffet at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club's food court serves up grilled teriyaki pork chops, fried catfish, pepper steak, sides, desserts and more. Feast at this all-you-can-eat buffet for \$9.95 per person. Call 645-7034.

JAN. 23 COED WALLYBALL

Coed wallyball teams of six people (at least one female per team) are invited to sign up for a free tournament on Jan. 23, 7 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center. The tournament is open to Department of Defense ID card holders 18 and older. Sign up by noon Jan. 22. Call 977-2353.

INFORMATIONAL HALF PRICE BOATS, COTTAGE SPECIALS

During the month of November

and December, boat rentals at the JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake are half price. This includes all required safety equipment such as vests, but not fuel. Rentals are first-come, first-serve. Take advantage of this great deal and have a fun and safe day on the lake. Before renting a boat, make sure you've taken the Boater's Safety Course through the State of Texas or at one of the JBSA Outdoor Recreation offices.

Enjoy the cool crisp air at the lake during the day and at night bask in the warmth of one of our three-bedroom cottages. JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake will also offer cottages for \$75 a night, Monday through Thursday. Cottages include a full kitchen, fully furnished living room with TV/satellite/Blu-Ray player, three bedrooms with a queen bed in each, a restroom and accommodates up to eight people. Make your reservations early, space is limited. Call (830) 226-5357.

ROCK-N-ROLL INTO THE NEW YEAR

During January, patrons are invited to sing favorite karaoke songs along with OMG sounds every Thursday, 6-10 p.m., in the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center's

Primo's Lounge. For more details, call 671-1234.

THERE IS SOMETHING FISHY AROUND HERE

The San Antonio Aquarium is now open and JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has discount tickets. Experience this unique hands on attraction with exhibits low enough for children of all ages to reach out and touch stingrays, a variety of sharks, starfish, reptiles and more. This is a very interactive, educational experience for everyone. For more information, call 671-3059.

SEE THE SPURS WORK THEIR MAGIC

Spurs 2015 game tickets are now on sale at JBSA Information, Tickets and Travel offices. Save on tickets plus pay no TicketMaster fees. Come by the offices to get the tickets without the fees or go to <http://www.spurs.com/lacklanditt> and use the promo code LACKLAND, <http://www.spurs.com/fortsamhoustonitt> and use the promo code FORTSAM or <http://www.spurs.com/andolphitt> and use the promo code RANDOLPH. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378, JBSA-Lackland at 671-3059 and JBSA-Randolph at 652-5142.

CHAPEL SERVICES

—PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICES

Freedom Chapel – Building 1528

Contemporary Service Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Gospel Service Sun. 12:30 p.m.
Spanish Service Sun. 3:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL SERVICE

Airman Memorial Chapel – Building 5432

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 7:30 a.m. (Rm. 175)

SEVENTH - DAY ADVENTIST

Gateway Chapel – Building 6300

Sat. 12:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 7:30 a.m. (Rm. 112)

—ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

Airmen Memorial Chapel – Building 5432

Sun. 9:30 a.m.

—WICCA

New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 9:00 – 11:00 (Auditorium)
Freedom Chapel – Building 1528
Wicca Open Circle 1st Tues. 6 – 7 p.m.

—REFUGEE STUDENT CENTER

Building 9122 (Tech Training & TDY Students)

Wednesday 6 – 8 p.m.
Thursday 6 – 8 p.m.
Friday 6 – 11 p.m.
Saturday 12 – 9 p.m.
Sunday 11 – 5 p.m.

—JEWISH

Airmen Memorial Chapel – Building 5432

Sabbath & Kiddush Fri. 4:30 p.m.
Religious Education Sun. 1:30 p.m.

—ROMAN CATHOLIC

Freedom Chapel – Building 1528

Religious Education Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Mass Sat. 5:00 p.m. Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Reconciliation Sat. 4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Daily Mass Mon., Tues. & Thur. 11:30 a.m.

Note: Reconciliation(s) may be scheduled by appointment

—ISLAMIC

Global Ministry Center – Building 7452

Jumu'ah Prayer Fri. 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

—BUDDIST

New BMT Reception Center – Building 6330

Sun. 10 a.m. (Rm. 175)

—ECKANKAR

Gateway Chapel – Building 6300

1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays 12:30 p.m.

—BAHA'I

Gateway Chapel – Building 6300

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sun. 11:00 a.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. 1:00 p.m.

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KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

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

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

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

JBSA-Lackland legal office expands customer service hours

By Capt. Zachary West
502nd Information Support Group Legal Office

Beginning Jan. 5, 2015, the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland legal office will begin offering more legal assistance appointments, giving eligible beneficiaries greater flexibility to see an attorney during normal duty hours. The legal office will schedule legal assistance appointments for retirees and their dependents on a space-available basis.

In addition, the legal office will begin offering "one-stop wills" during will appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Customers can have a will prepared and signed all in one office visit. Clients who fill out a will questionnaire using the Air Force legal assistance website at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/lass/lass.html> and will receive priority in scheduling a "one-stop will" appointment.

The legal office will also offer eligible beneficiaries the convenience of walk-in legal assistance from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesdays only. During walk-in legal assistance, clients can consult with an attorney on common legal issues without having to make an appointment. However, to ensure that clients have a better opportunity to plan and discuss their estate, the legal office will prepare all wills during dedicated wills appointments. Clients with more complicated legal issues are encouraged to schedule an appointment.

Basic trainees, technical training students and short-notice deployers can receive walk-in legal assistance Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The legal office will also offer powers of attorney and notary service, on a walk-in basis, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Lackland legal office is located on the first floor of the 37th Training Wing Headquarters, building 2484. Legal assistance is a service providing free legal advice to eligible beneficiaries. For more information, call 671-3362, or visit the office during regular hours.

688 CYBERSPACE WING COOKS FOR FISHER HOUSE



Photo by Senior Airman Krystal Jeffers
Members of 688th Cyberspace Wing pose for a group photo after cooking a variety of dishes for residents at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Fisher House, Dec. 15. Dishes of gumbo, beef stew, vegetarian stew, chili, salad and corn bread were prepared for the residents' lunch, which is a quarterly tradition of the 688th CW.

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they get their notification, then to their initial assignment briefing and finally when they obtain their orders. Though AFPC won't grant orders prior to their 90-day projected departure date window, Airmen need to keep in mind that there are still steps taken after receiving their orders."

Having experienced PCS out processing, state side and overseas, Perryman understands the stressors and many factors in the transition. When asked to give a word of advice for someone new to the process, she "recommends for them to be attentive and communicate with their assignments counselor to make the transition easier."

Even though she hasn't experienced out-pro-

cessing herself, Ojeda says she has a grasp on the tedious process and understands that many questions will come up. She advises Airmen not to "hesitate to ask their assignments counselors anything."

Assignment briefings are mass briefings constructed for Airmen to gain an understanding of the process. Final out-processing briefs are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contiguous United States or stateside PCS briefings are held Tuesdays and overseas briefings are held Thursdays. All briefings begin at 8 a.m. in building 5616. Members may not attend briefings without an appointment.

The outbound assignments office number is 671-9228 / DSN 473-9228.

SAN ANTONIO CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY



Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, welcomes the audience to the San Antonio Military Children's Holiday Party Dec. 13 at Port San Antonio.



The Grinch makes an appearance during the San Antonio Military Children's Holiday Party Dec. 13 at Port San Antonio. The event, organized by several military members and Hope Worldwide, an international charity, was attended by more than 500 servicemembers and their families. Toys, food, games and prizes were all provided by donations and sponsors from the San Antonio community.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Marissa Garner

Xavier McPherson, 5, creates a Christmas card for his family during the San Antonio Military Children's Holiday Party Dec. 13 at Port San Antonio. The event was organized by several military members from Joint Base San Antonio locations and HOPE Worldwide, an international charity organization whose mission is to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services throughout the world.

commentary

'Tis the season to drink responsibly

By Col. Maureen Harback

81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron commander

It's that time of year when holiday parties and late night celebrations begin to fill our calendars and we look forward to spending time with family and friends to celebrate our own special reasons for the season.

Every Christmas Eve, I celebrate my life and I give thanks for being able to share the holiday with my family. Nearly 30 years ago on Christmas Eve, my father, brother and I were hit by a drunk driver.

After a busy day of last-minute shoppers, my family and I closed our business at the mall for the evening. We were one of the last cars to leave the parking lot and I remember being the only one on the road. We sat patiently at a red light waiting to cross an intersection legally, even though there was no cross traffic for as far as the eye could see. Most travelers and shoppers had returned home in preparation for the holiday.

Meanwhile earlier that evening, a 19-year-old male left a Christmas Eve party after drinking. He was traveling on the divided highway that ran perpendicular to the access road we were exiting. The highway patrol later estimated his speed at more than 80 mph in a 45 mph zone.

He never remembered what happened that night



Courtesy photo

so the sequence of events from his point of view is speculation. I expect he was too impaired to realize that the traffic light turned red as he couldn't have slowed much to approach us so quickly.

As we proceeded through the intersection, turning left on the green signal, his vehicle suddenly appeared on the right traveling toward us. Fortunately, his driver's side front bumper only clipped the right front panel of our car, spinning us 180 degrees and into the grassy median. Our seat belts, fortunate timing, and the solid steel framework of our 1978 Chevrolet station wagon saved us from tragedy.

Unfortunately, more than 30 years later, this is

still a fairly predictable scenario.

Holiday drinking often leads to buzzed and drunk driving. Mothers Against Drunk Driving reports that approximately 1,000 people die between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day each year in drunk driving crashes. Hundreds more are injured or impacted, as we were that night.

As an Airman, I have the responsibility to lead by example; to drink responsibly, designate a driver and be a good wingman; however, regardless of my actions, it is not enough to ensure my fellow citizens are following suit. As a result, I've adopted some defensive driving principles, and I am especially mindful of them at this time of year.

First, all riders wear a seat belt. Seat belts are the best defense against drunk drivers. The safest place to be in an accident is in your vehicle and safety belts assure you stay there.

Second, avoid roadways late in the evening and very early mornings, especially on holidays and weekends. More crashes occur at these times.

Finally, when I have to travel, I pay attention. Impaired drivers often show clear signs of danger. Swerving, traveling too fast or slow for the flow of traffic, and excessive braking, put me on alert.

Thirty years ago, timing was on my side. If the drunk driver had met us in the intersection a second later, the outcome may have been grim. So, I pay it forward and ask that everyone to think before they drink, designate a driver, have a plan and drive defensively. With a concerted effort, we can all enjoy a happy and healthy holiday and return safely in 2015.

UPCOMING

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Men's Softball Team are Jan. 25-29 at the Warhawk Field. Contact coach Paul Hackett at 210-539-7225 for more information.

GATEWAY FITNESS CENTER'S NEW HOURS

The Gateway Fitness Center is now open from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 671-2565 for details.

ZUMBA

Want to burn those holiday pounds? Dance the pounds away in this high-energy class which will help with weight loss while still having fun. For more information, call 977-2353.

TRX SUSPENSION

TRX suspension training leverages gravity and the user's bodyweight to accomplish exercises that develop strength, balance, flexibility and core stability simultaneously. Call 671-1348 for additional information.

YOGA

Develop flexibility, strength, balance and unification of your mental and physical body during Yoga Mondays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 11 a.m. The class is \$3 per session. Call 671-4525 for additional information.

DRIVING RANGE

The Gateway Hills Driving Range is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. The range ball machine accepts dollar bills as well as prepaid range keys. Call 671-3466 for additional information.

802nd FSS looks to win against an old rival to turn their season around

By Jose T. Garza III
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The 802nd Force Support Squadron is currently 0-2 in the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Intramural Basketball League, which is uncommon because the 2013 JBSA-Lackland Intramural Basketball Champions are a perennial contender in the league.

A win against an old rival could quickly turn their season around. The FSS play the

37th Training Support Squadron in a Northwest Conference matchup Jan. 5, the day the intramural basketball league resumes following a two-week break for the holidays. The FSS are 1-2 against the 37th TRSS in the base intramural basketball playoffs, after being eliminated by them in the first round last year.

This year's FSS team, however, are unfamiliar with the rivalry. Led by first-year head coach Staff Sgt. A Arce, 802nd FSS NCO in charge of intro

and leave, the team is comprised of all new players.

Since Arce, who transferred to the 802nd FSS from the 737th Training Support Squadron in January, is now aware of the rivalry, he said he is even more excited about the game than he was before.

"Knowing that we have a rival motivates us to want to push past our limit and overcome any obstacle they might present to us," Arce said.

The coach added that the winless record is not as bad

as it looks and he attributed the team's poor start to team chemistry being a work in progress.

"We just need to get better offensively and defensively," he said. "We have experimented with a zone defense the past two games and our rotations need to be better. Our offense needs tweaking. We need to practice basic offensive sets and we have to continue talking to each other to make sure we get on the same page."

802ND FSS HELPS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER



Photo by Senior Airman Krystal Jeffers

Mark Cristner, 802nd Force Support Squadron equipment repairman, and Nicole Dean, 802nd FSS recreation aide, examine a smoker at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Dec. 8. Costumes, smokers and other cooking equipment are available for rent at the Outdoor Recreation Center to help service members save money this holiday season.



Mark Cristner, 802nd Force Support Squadron equipment repairman, rakes leaves with rentable equipment from the Outdoor Recreation Office at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Dec. 8. The Outdoor Recreation Center has a range of home and garden equipment available for rent to help people prep their yards for winter holiday decorations such as lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, shears, ladders, leaf blowers and pressure washers.