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## Honored

Photo by EJ Hersom

The newest living recipients of the Medal of Honor stand during a ceremony March 18 at the White House in Washington D.C. From left are Sgt. First Class Melvin Morris, Master Sgt. Jose Rodela, Sgt. Santiago J. Erevia, and President Barack Obama (not pictured). **See story page 8.**

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# Child Abuse Prevention: It only takes a minute

From the 59th Mental Health Squadron

Child safety and well-being is everyone's responsibility. However, many times passers-by, friends, community members and even parents are reluctant to speak up.

Talking to people about parenting or reporting potential child abuse or neglect can feel uncomfortable. Many people think it's none of their business or that if something were truly wrong someone else will step in.

It takes courage to speak up, but it only takes a minute to make a difference. Child safety is your business.

**It only takes a minute to reach out to a parent under stress.**

If you see a parent under stress, offer your help or guidance. Sometimes a frustrated parent just needs a short break or someone to discuss their parenting woes with.

Here are some ways you can help a parent under stress:

- Volunteer your time: Offer to watch the child while the parent steps away to cool off.
- Listen: Have a conversation about what's bothering the parent. Actively listen, reinforce that everyone gets frustrated from time to time and that it's OK to ask for help.
- Point them to the right resources: If the child is under the age of 3, the New Parent



Support Program can offer support. The Family Advocacy Program or Military and Family Readiness Center can advise on local and online resources for parent education, family-friendly activities and services for families with special needs. Parents with children of all ages can also call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 for no-cost, confidential non-medical counseling.

**It only takes a minute to keep your own children safe.**

Supervision is the key to the safety of children and youth of all ages.

Here are some precautions you can take to keep your child safe:

- Avoid leaving your child unsupervised. Contact your

Military and Family Readiness Center or Family Advocacy Program to learn about local guidelines for the safety and supervision of children and youth.

- Make sure your young child is in a safe place like a playpen or crib if you absolutely need to step away for a moment.
- Reach out to a responsible friend, neighbor or babysitter when you need time to yourself. Everyone has moments when they need a break. Make sure your child is cared for during those moments.
- Reduce or eliminate electronic distractions when providing care and supervision. It only takes a minute for an unintended tragedy to occur.

Reach out to any of the resources listed in the previous section if you need parenting advice.

**It only takes a minute to report abuse or neglect.**

If you see an unsupervised child, take immediate action. Find the child's caregiver or call local law enforcement for help. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, there are resources you can turn to for help:

- Call 911 or security forces if you are on an installation, if you witness violence or know someone is in immediate danger.
- Call the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Family Advocacy Program at 292-5967 or the local civilian Child Protective Services at 800-252-5400 if you suspect child abuse or neglect.

- For additional information on how to help prevent child abuse, call 800-4-A-CHILD (422-4453).

When child abuse occurs, the Family Advocacy Program supports the child victims and provides services to parents. The program helps families develop healthy relationship skills and address common relationship and parenting challenges during every stage of life.

Remember that we are all mandated reporters of abuse. It only takes a minute to change someone's life.

*Information Courtesy of Military OneSource*

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Compiled by Mike Joseph, JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

### MONDAY

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

A luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club concludes the month-long celebration for Women's History Month with guest speaker Mary Saunders, retired Air Force major general, who was selected as the Texas Woman's University Leadership Institute's executive director to prepare young men and women for positions of leadership.

#### 502ND ABW ENLISTED PROMOTION CEREMONY

The 502nd Air Base Wing monthly enlisted promotion ceremony is 3 p.m. Monday in the Bob Hope Theater on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Noisemakers are highly encouraged.

### APRIL 4

#### AARP SMART DRIVING COURSE

An AARP Smart Driver course is from 12:30-5 p.m. April 4 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.

### INFORMATIONAL

#### COMMANDER CALLS SCHEDULED

Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, is hosting three commander calls: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, April 7, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Evans Theater; 2-3 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, JBSA-Lackland, Bob Hope Theater and 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, JBSA-Randolph, Fleenor Auditorium.

#### ONLINE COURSES FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center has an opportunity for 90 military spouses to become certified in administrative support programs, management courses and/or in computer skills utilized in the work environment.

#### EDUCATION APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

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

# Joint Base San Antonio, CPS Energy team up for \$810,000 rebate



Photo by Mike O'Rear

CPS Energy presented Joint Base San Antonio officials with an oversized rebate check for \$810,425.14 March 19 for participation in the JBSA Energy Savings Performance Contract Project, which entailed a comprehensive energy audit of facilities at JBSA-Lackland. Participating in the presentation are (from left) Col. William A. Eger III, commander of the 502nd Installation Group, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland; Andy Hinojosa, JBSA-Lackland energy manager; Ray, the JBSA Energy Mascot; Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander; Jelynn Burley, CPS Energy executive vice president and chief delivery officer; Elias Abdulahad, JBSA-Lackland energy manager; and Garick Williams, CPS Energy's JBSA energy solutions director.

#### By Steve Elliott

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Joint Base San Antonio, CPS Energy's largest customer, was awarded a rebate check of more than \$810,000 March 19 from the utility as the result of savings realized

from an extensive lighting upgrade project at JBSA-Lackland.

The presentation took place in the 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA headquarters building's main conference room, with 502nd ABW and JBSA commander Brig. Gen.

Bob LaBrutta and several location energy managers accepting an oversized check for \$810,425.14 from CPS Energy officials.

In accordance with Air Force energy reduction goals and in compliance with White House and Depart-

ment of Defense directives, the JBSA Energy Savings Performance Contract project included carrying out a massive energy conservation retrofit project. In 129 buildings on JBSA-Lackland, older

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## 42 master sergeants selected for promotion at JBSA

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# Sexual Assault Awareness Month: it's about respect

By Capt. Andrew Caulk

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Community Advocate

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This gives us a dedicated period to reflect on our culture, values and behavior. It is a time to support victims, celebrate survivors, warn offenders and ultimately, educate our society about the realities of sexual assault and what each of us can do to stop it.

Joint Base San Antonio will host a number of events throughout April and across all military installations. The first event is "Can I Kiss You" at the Medical Education and Training Campus Student Center Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, followed by the proclamation ceremony at 3 p.m. April 4 at the Evans Theater, building 1396 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, where people can learn how to help stop sexual assaults.

Over the last few years, we've all heard about the sexual assault tragedies that have happened throughout our military communities. We've also experienced numerous training events in an attempt to "fix" the problem. However, the problem persists because it's a problem of culture.

The culture is not necessarily military specific. We also need to examine our national culture that under-

pins military culture. We need to talk about respect.

Situations that lead to sexual assault can be complicated. Yet, they often boil down to one person violating a basic principle – respect. When both parties respect each other, sexual assault doesn't happen.

Sexual predators thrive in environments of disrespect. They know they can get away with behavior that a respectful culture wouldn't allow. Therefore, we must instill respect in all we do.

One action that demonstrates respect for each other involves the issue of consent. Asking another individual for consent, specifically for physical intimacy, demonstrates that you care what the individual wants and values as much as you do.

Caring for each other is crucial if we are to build a respectful environment. As military members, caring for one another is vital if we are to achieve the difficult missions in front of us.

We need to apply this principle in every action of our lives. The impact of doing so is real and could lead to a community with little to no incidences of sexual assault.

Respect will be a common theme throughout many of the JBSA Sexual Assault Awareness Month events.

A call to action to build a respectful environment is the theme of the Department of Defense SAAM Theme

for 2014 – "Live Your Values: Step UP and Stop Sexual Assault."

Take the month of April to reflect how your behavior shows respect for others and contributes to an environment where sexual assault cannot exist. When we respect each other and ask others to do the same, we win against sexual assault.

## JBSA SAAM EVENTS 14-03-28

### "Can I Kiss You?"

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Medical Education and Training Campus Student Center Auditorium, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Guest speaker Mike Domitrz, founder of Date Safe Project, centers on communicating consent. Call 221-1496.

### Proclamation Ceremony – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 4, 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. Will include 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

April 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7500 US Hwy 90 West. The JBSA community is support-

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## Local public affairs professionals win at Air Force level

Joint Base San Antonio Airmen were recently honored in the results from the 2013 Air Force Media Contest in the areas of print, photography, broadcasting and music.

The winners were announced March 13 and winning products may be viewed on the Air Force Public Affairs Agency website at <http://www.afpaa.af.mil/mediacontest/mediacontest2013.asp>. First-place winners in select categories will advance to the Department of Defense level to be considered for the Thomas Jefferson Award.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

In the "Category 4: Feature Article" category, Tech. Sgt. Beth Anschutz from Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs, JBSA-Randolph took first place.

In the "Category 8: Photojournalism" category, Staff Sgt. Jerilyn Quintanilla from the 59th Medical Wing Public Affairs office at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, JBSA-Lackland, was a first-place winner.

For the "Category 13: Civilian Print Journalist of the Year," Susan Romano from the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency

Public Affairs at JBSA-Lackland took third place.

In photography, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Snyder from the 3rd Combat Camera Squadron at JBSA-Lackland took first place in "Category 22: Portrait/Personality."

In the area of broadcasting, "Category 35: TV Spot Production," Tech. Sgt. Harry Kibbe from Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs, JBSA-Randolph, took third place.

3rd Place – For Air Force music, Airman 1st Class Jennifer Daffinee from the U.S. Air Force Band of the West, JBSA-Lackland, was the first-place winner in "Category 53: Outstanding New Public Affairs Musician."

Also in music, Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Martin from AFPAA took first place in "Category 50: Outstanding Large Instrumental Composition/Arrangement."

For social media, the AFPAA social media division took first place in "Category 10: Outstanding Blog." The team is made up of Tayna Schusler, 1st Lt. Victoria Hight, Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever, Staff Sgt. Jarrod Chavana, and Senior Airman Antonio Gonzalez.

*(Source: Air Force Public Affairs)*

# Agency personnel duo best in AF

By Wayne Amann

Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs

Two Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency personnel professionals are tops in the Air Force.

Capt. Lisa Kazakos and Jere Pace were named the best in their respective categories for the reporting period Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013, in an announcement made March 14 by Lt. Gen. Samuel D. Cox, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services.

"The competition was fierce, it was a difficult decision across all [79] categories," Cox wrote. "While new to the A1 [personnel] team, I'm fully aware of the stellar support you provide. Our goal is to recognize the very best of our A1 programs and people.

"Congratulations to both nominees and winners, and thank you for your commitment to excellence in everything you do, every day for America's Air Force."

Individual winners are judged for leadership and job performance in their primary duty, significant self-improvement and base or community involvement.

Kazakos, the chief of air expeditionary force contingency planning in the personnel readiness branch at the agency headquarters, is the 2013 Air Force Operational Level Force Support Company Grade Officer of the Year.

"When my branch chief Mr. [Jeffrey] Pomfret told me I won at Air Force level I couldn't believe it was true," Kazakos said. "I'm thankful to be recognized for doing a job I love. This reinforces the idea I may be doing

it right. I've been consistently blessed with excellent co-workers of all ranks plus mentors and leadership. I can't thank them enough for helping me get to where I am today."

According to her award nomination package, Kazakos delivered manpower and personnel air expeditionary force cell capabilities to organize, train and equip 13,000 agency Airmen in 66 geographic locations spanning 12 areas of responsibility.

As the commander's readiness brief lead, she developed a snapshot of 723 personnel providing right-time placement of intelligence assets for war fighters.

Kazakos identified a critical civilian deployment shortfall then implemented an Air Force-wide medical clearance change. Called a "dynamic problem solver" in her nomination

submission, she authored the first ISR post-deployment guidance to care for warriors.

Off-duty, Kazakos completed the Contingency War Planning course in-residence enabling her to create a requirements verification time-line.

A native of Killeen/Fort Hood, Texas, and an avid runner, she helped raise \$31,000 for arthritis research in the 2013 Central Texas Arthritis Walk. She participated in 17 other races covering more than 100 miles to aid nationwide health societies, food banks and wounded warriors. Those efforts helped raise \$100,000.

Pace, a former Air Force master sergeant-turned-federal civil servant, is a manpower analyst in the requirements branch at the agency

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## 26th Aerial Port Squadron welcomes new commander

By Senior Master Sgt. Minnie Jones

433rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

In a brief ceremony March 9, Lt. Col. Jason Exum assumed command of the 26th Aerial Port Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Col. Craig Petersen, 433rd Mission Support Group commander, officiated the ceremony.

Exum replaces Lt. Col. Jamar Scott, who commanded the APS since June 2011. Scott is now serving as the 459th Air Refueling Wing's Mission Support Group deputy commander, Joint Base Andrews, Md. Scott has also been selected to attend Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in July.

"Lt. Col. Scott has been saddled with manning challenges and fiscal hurdles, and through it all has successfully guided his unit, Petersen said.

"You have ensured the members of your organization are optimally trained while insisting upon their achieving full potential, you're an awesome leader, teacher, coach and mentor. You have ensured your unit has maintained high standards and mission readiness."

Prior to joining the 26th APS, Exum was commander of the 419th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah. As commander, he was responsible for

fuels, transportation, supply and logistics plans in the 419th Fighter Wing.

"In my search for a new 26th APS squadron commander, it didn't take long for me to recognize Lt. Col. Jason Exum was definitely the absolute best choice for the job," said Petersen. "I have enormous trust and confidence in Jason's leadership; he is a warrior who understands the mission."

Exum entered the Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School in 1998. His background and qualifications include 10 years of active duty and five years of Reserve experience in the Air Force Logistics Readiness Officer Field.

"As a squadron we will be persistent, we will not quit until the job is done right. We will give a 110% effort and strive to consistently be excellent in everything we do," said Exum. "I believe that taking care of people will result in mission success, this is how I will lead."

Exum has held numerous positions in the Air Force, including fuels management flight commander, 27th Supply Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.; distribution flight commander; installation deployment officer, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy; Headquarters, U.S. Air Force logistics



Air Force courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Jason Exum, right, receives the guidon from Col. Craig Petersen, 433rd Mission Support Group commander, after assuming command of the 26th Aerial Port Squadron on March 9. Exum replaces Lt. Col. Jamar Scott, who commanded the APS since June 2011.

career broadening officer, Tinker AFB, Okla.; Executive officer, 448th Combat Sustainment Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.; Assistant operation's officer, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany; B-1 logistics officer, B-1

Production Support Branch, Tinker AFB, Okla.; student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; director of operations, 67th Aerial Port Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah.

Exum graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas in 1998 with Bachelor of Arts of Business Administration in Management in 2006. He received a Master in Human Relations, Leadership, from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

In his civilian job, Exum works for Defense Logistics Agency Energy Americas in Houston, Texas, where he serves as deputy director, DLA Energy Americas East.

In this position, he manages fuel and cryogenic operations in support of U.S. Northern Command, U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Transportation Command. He also manages support to joint, inter-agency and multi-national operations in an area of responsibility that includes 37 states, Central/South America and the Caribbean and synthesizes complex energy support requirements for over 300 joint and combined customers, providing over 2.6 billion gallons of integrated fuel support and other energy products to 279 military installations, federal agencies and other customers.



## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS!

• Spring is here and for many that means it's time to get yards ready for the warmer weather. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that in addition to watering wisely, individuals use water efficient technologies in their home irrigation systems.

- WaterSense labeled irrigation controllers
- Soil moisture sensors
- Rainfall shutoff devices
- Rain sensors
- Efficient sprinkler heads
- Micro-irrigation

(Source: [EPA.gov/watersense](http://EPA.gov/watersense))

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headquarters where she analyzes and coordinates manning actions for six directorates, four wings and centers and five groups. She's the agency's senior Consolidated Cryptologic Program analyst and now the 2013 Air Force Operational Level Technician of the Year.

"I was completely shocked because the manpower career field is highly competitive," Pace said. "Despite the title, this is truly a team award that can be attributed to the awesome work of the manpower professionals in A1M."

Her award submission recognized her as an agency "out front leader." Specifically, she analyzed and coordinated 50 authorized change requests which adjusted \$20 million in resources and re-

duced response time by 67 percent and processing by 10 days.

The Opelousas, La., native created a national intelligence position validation method identifying a 75 position shortfall resulting in a seamless insertion into the National Security Agency corporate process. She was also instrumental in managing 19,000 billets at five signals intelligence sites.

Off duty, the single mom of a two-year-old son is completing a master's degree in management and leadership. She's serving as the president of her rotary club, providing money for scholarships and funds for Polio vaccines worldwide. Pace is also a reading coordinator amassing a cadre of 20 volunteer readers helping 500 children. And

she's been spearheading a San Antonio Food Bank volunteer team totaling 480 hours.

"Captain Kazakos and Ms. Pace understand the need for balance between our professional and personal worlds and do both exceptionally well," said Col. James Costey, agency manpower, personnel and services director. "I knew both were superstar Airmen from the first time I met them."

James Benoit, agency personnel deputy director, put the duo's achievements into perspective.

"It's a great honor just to compete against so many strong competitors across the Air Force, and even a greater honor when one or more win at that level, which the odds are against," Benoit said.

"We have many very hard-working professionals doing all it takes

to accomplish the mission every day, often working issues and priorities uncommon year to year. This recognition is true validation the Air Force places the same high value on our team member's accomplishments as we do."

# Two San Antonio residents make history during White House Medal of Honor ceremony

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart  
Army North Public Affairs

Two San Antonio residents were presented the nation's highest military honor during a Medal of Honor ceremony March 18 at the White House.

Retired Master Sgt. Jose Rodela and former Sgt. Santiago Erevia were personally recognized for their achievements and sacrifices by President Barack Obama along with 22 others who were selected as part of the Valor 24.

Valor 24 stemmed from a review of valorous actions of service members from World War II through Vietnam who were of Hispanic, African-American or Jewish descent. For whatever reason — racism, religious bigotry, or just poor record keeping — they were denied the honor due to them until a review ordered by Congress in 2002 discovered the oversight, according to an article published by the NCO Journal.

"We are here this morning to celebrate the heroism of 24 selfless individuals — 24 Soldiers whose acts of gallantry in battle merit our highest recognition," said Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel at a ceremony the following day in the Pentagon.

Rodela received the honor for his heroic actions in 1969 while serving in Vietnam as a sergeant first class. He was assigned to 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as an advisor, trainer and commander for a company of Cambodian troops.

When his company came under an intense barrage of enemy mortar, rocket, and machine gun fire, Rodela ignored it, and immediately began placing his men into defensive positions to prevent an assault which might overrun the entire battalion.

Rodela repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire moving from position to position, suppressing fire and assisting wounded men, when he was wounded in the back and head by rocket shrapnel while recovering a wounded comrade.

Alone, Rodela assaulted and knocked out the rocket position. After successfully returning to the battalion's perimeter, he continued to command his company,



Photo by E.J. Herson

President Barack Obama applauds the newest living recipients of the Medal of Honor during a March 18 ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C. From left are Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris, Master Sgt. Jose Rodela and Sgt. Santiago J. Erevia.

despite painful wounds, throughout 18 hours of continuous contact with enemy fire, until he was evacuated.

When asked about how it felt to finally receive such an honor for actions that took place more than four decades ago, Rodela was very straightforward.

"This (medal) is for the people who are not here — that's the way I look at it," Rodela said. "I receive it to remember them for the rest of my life."

In particular, Rodela said it was for his friends Staff Sgt. Rudy Chavez and Sgt. 1st Class Joe Haga, the ones who originally inspired him to join Special Forces and earn the Green Beret. Chavez and Haga were both killed in action during their tours.

Erevia received the nation's highest military honor for his heroic actions in 1969 while serving in Vietnam as a specialist in the infantry.

While serving with 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), during a search and clear mission near Tam Ky City in the Republic of Vietnam after his platoon had penetrated an enemy

defensive perimeter, Erevia was delegated to remain behind and care for the wounded while the rest of the platoon pushed on against the adversary.

As Erevia began administering first aid to the battle casualties, his position came under heavy fire from a line of enemy bunkers to his left front.

Without hesitation, Erevia crawled from one wounded man to another gathering weapons and ammunition. Now armed with two M-16 rifles and several hand grenades, he then rose to his feet and charged directly into the fire of the hostile gun emplacement, discharging suppressive fire on the enemy as he ran.

Once he neared the first bunker, Erevia edged his way up to the emplacement under intense fire from the other bunkers and unleashed a grenade on its defender. He then maneuvered to the second and third bunkers employing the same tactics and destroyed both fortifications and their occupants with well-placed grenades.

With his supply of hand grenades now exhausted, Erevia fought his way

to the final bunker, running and firing both rifles simultaneously, and killed the fortification's defender with point-blank fire.

Having single-handedly destroyed four enemy bunkers and their occupants, Erevia then returned to the Soldiers charged to his care and resumed treating their injuries.

Erevia had originally planned to conduct the assault with Spc. Patrick Diehl, but Diehl was killed by enemy fire as they prepared to attack.

"Diehl ... 45 years later, I still remember him plainly," Erevia said in an interview with the NCO Journal. He too had friends — brothers really — who were lost that day but would never be forgotten. "Prior to that day, we had skirmishes where we were fighting together. He was a brave man. He got the Silver Star, but I think he should have gotten something better."

"They say dead people probably don't get as much recognition as the live ones," he said. "But there were a

# SPOTLIGHT ON MILITARY JUSTICE

## 502nd Air Base Wing, Judge Advocate

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland courts-martial completed in the time period from Jan. 1 through March 1:

- In a special court-martial completed Feb. 14, an airman basic from the 343rd Training Squadron was convicted of stealing a \$500 gift card from his roommate. He was sentenced to be confined for four months and a reprimand.

- In a special court-martial completed Feb. 26, a senior airman from the 559th Medical Operations Squadron was convicted of wrongful use of marijuana and cocaine. He was sentenced to reduction to airman basic, 60 days restriction to the limits of JBSA-Lackland and forfeiture of \$1,021 pay per month for four months.

- In a special court-martial completed Feb. 20, an airman first class from the 559th Medical Operations Squadron was convicted of a violation of wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to reduction to airman and hard labor without confinement for 45 days.

## WORD ON THE STREET

*"Who is an influential woman in your life?"*

Photos by Airman Justine K. Rho



**Richard Brown**  
Warhawk Fitness Center director

"The most influential woman in my life was my grandmother; who adopted me when I was

10 years old. She raised me until I was 20 years old and in the Air Force. She loved me, took care of me and made those years the best years of my life.



**Airman 1st Class Morgan Haudenschild**  
502nd Installation Support Group paralegal

"An influential woman in my life is my wife's mother. She taught me how to be responsible and helped me get onto a successful path in life."



**Fire Chief Curtis Williams**  
Joint Base San Antonio

"There have been many influential women in my life, such as Mrs. Adams, my fourth-grade teacher. She was very dedicated to her work and had a trust in her students that tested their maturity and allowed them to gain confidence in themselves. Another woman is my mother. She didn't speak very much, but when she did speak, she spoke truth to power."



**Airman 1st Class Kaitlyn Eastman**  
690th Network Support Squadron Enterprise Service Desk technician

"My biggest motivator, for supporting woman's rights, would be Eleanor Roosevelt. She was an inspiring advocate for woman's rights. She didn't let anything hold her back. I see her as a great role model."

## JBSA-LACKLAND ON THE SOCIAL NETWORKING SCENE

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and inefficient magnetic ballasts, lamps, incandescent bulbs and high-energy discharge lamps were replaced with newer and more efficient fixtures.

"The rebate will be reinvested into the overall cost of the project," said Andy Hinojosa, JBSA-Lackland energy manager. "This rebate will pay for about 28 percent of the total project investment, with an electric utility savings of \$290,000

annually.

"Since the energy contractor will pay for the entire implementation of the project, the contractor will be paid annually from the energy savings for the nine-plus years of the contract's term," Hinojosa added.

An ESPC is a partnership between a federal agency and an energy service company. The company conducts an extensive energy audit of the facilities and identifies improvement to save energy.

Then, in consultation with the agency, the energy service company designs and constructs a project that meets the federal agency's needs and arranges the necessary funding.

Hinojosa said the original project investment cost was \$2,918,927 and the energy reduction will be approximately 2 percent of JBSA-Lackland's total electrical energy usage.

"The ESPC rebate of \$810,000 and the \$290,000 annual savings is the first

step toward meeting General LaBrutta's goal of \$2 million in savings," he added.

"What we're going to do is use our partnership with the City of San Antonio, in particular our great partnership with CPS Energy, to help us achieve some of this," LaBrutta said.

The 502nd ABW launched an energy campaign Feb. 13 designating 2014 as an Energy Action Year throughout JBSA during a ceremony Feb. 6 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Compiled by Mike Joseph, JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

### SATURDAY

#### ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPOUT

The annual Joint Base San Antonio family campout will be held Saturday at Canyon Lake.

The cost is \$35 per family, which includes a tent, sleeping bags on request, a spot at the campsite and an activity. Call 671-2388.

### WEDNESDAY

#### VOLUNTEER RESOURCE FAIR

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Military and Family Readiness Center will host a volunteer resource fair from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Arnold Hall Community Hall.

Volunteer organizations or their point of contact interested in participating can call the MFRC at 671-3722 for information.

### 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, contact Tech. Sgt. Rashaan Paine at 395-0325.

### APRIL 15

#### 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 April 10.

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

For information contact Senior Airman Victor Walker at 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

#### 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 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 identification card holders.

#### AAFES REWARDS GOOD GRADES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will reward military students in grades 1-12 who maintain a "B" or better average with the "You Made the Grade" program.

The program has rewarded school children around the world for the past 13 years with a coupon booklet of free products and discount offers. In addition, qualifying students can

register for a semiannual sweepstakes to win a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 gift card.

Students can receive a "You Made the Grade" booklet by presenting a valid military ID and proof of an overall "B" average at the Lackland Exchange customer service desk or the general manager's office in building 1251.

Those eligible may receive one coupon booklet for each qualifying report card. Call 674-6465.

#### 502ND LRS CUSTOMER SERVICE

502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Customer Service is the primary focal point for all supply-related questions, concerns, complaints, Zero Overpricing Program and Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office transactions.

Contact customer service at 671-2575/3611/3801, 925-1490/1049/1048, or email 502lrs.customerservice@lackland.af.mil.

#### AAFES' UNILEVER SWEEPSTAKES

Now through April 7, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is offering shoppers world wide the opportunity to enter the Unilever Sweepstakes to win one of six

\$2,500 Exchange gift cards to use towards the purchase of a big-screen TV.

"This is a great opportunity for families to score that big-screen television they've been eyeing," said Col. Tom Ockenfels, the Exchange's chief of staff. "Now they have the chance to catch all of the excitement of their favorite sports events."

To enter, shoppers can visit their local Exchange, locate the Unilever Sweepstakes display and fill out an entry form. Entrants must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license.

Six winners will be notified on or about May 5. No purchase is necessary and there is a limit of one entry per family.

#### DLIELC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Defense Language Institute English Language Center seeks volunteers for its American Members of Goodwill to Others program.

AMIGOs help DLI international students become acquainted with American culture and way of life. AMIGOs also give DLI students an opportunity to practice speaking English. Contact Dawna Hollie, AMIGO program manager, at 671-7700.

## 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>

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ing 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 Bill Hall at 671-7273 or email 502abw.cvk.ola@us.af.mil.

**“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.

**Fire Safety is Everyone’s Business**

Safety tips to prevent forest fires

- Place cigarette butters. Do not throw them on vegetation.
- Leave fireworks to not use consumer fireworks.
- Reduce the risk of sure nothing is dragging. Keeping tires properly inflated and being careful when using lawn equipment.
- Don’t let a target a wildfire. Avoid steel that can spark when they hit

brush, grass and in metal containers. Do not throw them on the ground or into the vegetation. Do not use consumer fireworks. Do not use consumer fireworks.

objects. Observe all laws and restrictions about where, when and what to shoot. Be aware of, and comply with, any local ordinances or permit requirements pertaining to outdoor or open air burning. This includes campfires, brush fires, fire pits, chimineas, and outdoor fireplaces. Closely attend all outdoor fires. Be sure to put out the fire completely before leaving. Avoid burning on windy, dry days. When conditions are windy or dry, it is too easy for open burning to spread out of control. Do not use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids to burn brush, trash, or other waste.

Air Force Assistance Fund Installation Project Officers			
<b>Joint Base San Antonio installation project officer:</b> 1st Lt. Amy Torres	<b>JBSA-Lackland IPO:</b> Capt. Drew Cutler	<b>JBSA-Randolph IPO:</b> Capt. Christopher Osborne	<b>JBSA-Fort Sam Houston IPO:</b> Vacant
<b>JBSA assistant IPO:</b> Master Sgt. Roland Thomas	<b>JBSA-Lackland assistant IPO:</b> Master Sgt. Justin Tischler	<b>JBSA-Randolph assistant IPO:</b> Master Sgt. Chadwick Burke	<b>JBSA-Fort Sam Houston assistant IPO:</b> 1st Lt. Julie Casanova

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lot of brave people out there. To those guys, I would say this medal is for you.”

Both men had previously received the Distinguished Service Cross for their actions.

However, after a thorough review, President Barack Obama decided their actions merited an upgrade to the Medal of Honor. Retired Sgt. 1st Class

Melvin Morris was the only other living Soldier to receive the upgrade and was also honored at the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, Rodela and Erevia visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall. It was the first visit for both and, with medals hanging heavily around their necks, they looked at the names of their friends – Haga, Chavez, Diehl, and many others – and thanked them one last time.

## BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the following 61 Airmen for being honor graduates among the 614 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated today:

### 320th Training Squadron

–Flight 205

Quinton Creach  
Jeren Grantham  
Donovan Hughes  
Christopher Mitchell  
Curtis Priesing  
Ariel Tejada

### 321st Training Squadron

–Flight 213

Zachary Christiansen  
Kenneth Horlback  
Joshua White  
–Flight 214  
Eric Benton  
Kevin Cannon  
Jorge Gutierrez  
Kevin Hammond  
Mark Heidenfeldt  
Ryan Herrin

Alexander Howe  
Austin Juhl  
Dalton Loney  
Marschal Martens  
Christian Pizarro  
Matthew Williams

### 322nd Training Squadron

–Flight 215

Christopher Duncan  
Benjamin Heiliger  
Reuben Moss  
John Whitley  
–Flight 216  
Tamara Barlow  
Victoria Butz  
Trista McCombs  
Celeste Mullings

### 323rd Training Squadron

–Flight 207

Michael Hilliard  
Cory Hornikel  
Samuel Martin  
Grant Wills  
–Flight 208  
Adam Cooley

Brandon Cowling  
Brandon Martino  
Kevin Teague  
–Flight 211  
Kenneth Blevins  
Davy Brinkmann  
Forrest Brumm  
Michael Debonis  
Jacob Kilpatrick  
William Murphy  
Joshua Nardone  
Jacob Rhodes  
–Flight 212  
Jamie Lindsey

### 326th Training Squadron

–Flight 209

Michael Lyman  
–Flight 210  
Kevin Cottrell  
Spencer Davies  
Jonathan Marx

### 331st Training Squadron

–Flight 217

Christopher Brun  
Jordan Christianson

Michael Terrell  
Logan Vickery  
–Flight 218  
Sean Aldridge  
Brandon Alves  
Andrew Luong  
David Mcnair  
Jesse Newcomb  
Wilson Pettit  
Pierre St. J

### Top BMT Airman

Davy Brinkmann  
323rd TRS, Flight 211

### Most Physically Fit

–Male Airman

Nathaniel Robinson  
323rd TRS, Flight 207  
Dalton Gorman  
326th TRS, Flight 209  
John Kraft  
323rd TRS, Flight 211  
–Female Airmen  
Jamie Lindsey  
323rd TRS, Flight 212  
Rylee Mckinney

320th TRS, Flight 206  
Korina Myers  
323rd TRS, Flight 212  
–Male Flights  
321st TRS, Flight 214  
323rd TRS, Flight 207  
323rd TRS, Flight 211  
–Female Flights  
323rd TRS, Flight 212  
322nd TRS, Flight 216  
320th TRS, Flight 206

### Top Academic Flights

321st TRS, Flight 214  
323rd TRS, Flight 211  
321st TRS, Flight 213  
323rd TRS, Flight 208  
323rd TRS, Flight 207  
322nd TRS, Flight 215  
326th TRS, Flight 210  
331st TRS, Flight 218  
326th TRS, Flight 209  
331st TRS, Flight 217  
322nd TRS, Flight 216  
320th TRS, Flight 205  
323rd TRS, Flight 212  
320th TRS, Flight 206

## JBSA- STUDENTS PRACTICE SELF-DEFENSE



Photo by Airman 1st Class Krystal Ardrey

Students of a combat hapkido class practice self-defense techniques March 19 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center. The class focuses on learning and practicing balance disruption techniques, joint locks, pressure points and throws among other techniques to control and disable an opponent.

## JBSA-Lackland hosts National Military Varsity Basketball Tournament

By Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland will host the National Military Varsity Basketball Tournament April 11-13 at the Warhawk and Chaparral fitness centers.

This is the third time JBSA-Lackland will host the tournament. The location hosted it in 2010 and 2013.

The tourney will be comprised of the four military basketball conference champions and the four runners up. The four conferences are the Southeast Military Athletic Conference, the Pacific West Conference, the Central U.S. Military Basketball Conference and the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference.

In addition to those eight teams, JBSA-Lackland Assistant Fitness and Sports Director Dwayne Reed is allowing four more military teams – JBSA-Lackland among them – that did not compete in conference play this season due to budget cuts to enter.

“They are military teams so they should

have the same opportunity to compete,” said Reed. “I am very excited to showcase the athletic facilities here, especially the Chaparral and Warhawk Fitness Centers’ new courts.”

The assistant fitness director revealed that Armed Forces and college coaches will be in attendance to scout potential players for their teams.

“By having a tournament of this magnitude, it gives coaches the opportunity to be in one location and see all these great players,” Reed said.

If patrons want to see Armed Forces players from all four branches along with former college athletes and those who have tried out for the National Basketball Association Development League, Reed suggests they attend the tourney.

“You are going to see the best military basketball athletes here at JBSA-Lackland,” he concluded.

For more information on the tournament, call the JBSA-Lackland Sports Office at 671-2632.

## UPCOMING

### CHAPARRAL BASKETBALL COURT CLOSURE

A heating, ventilating and air conditioning project at the Chaparral Fitness Center begins April 14. The 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.

### 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 the week of April 7. The season starts April 26 and ends in early June. Call 671-2388 for additional information.

### FIRST STEPS BASEBALL REGISTRATION

First Steps baseball registration will be held Monday through Friday. A sports physical is due at time of registration. The First Steps instructional program is for all Department of Defense children on- and off-base, ages 3-5 years. First Steps teaches the basic fundamentals of baseball in harmony with the gross motor movements of preschool and early age school children. For additional information, call 671-2388.

### SKYLARK BOWLING CENTER CONSTRUCTION

The bowling center is closed Monday for construction. For more information, call 671-1234.

### SPURS MILITARY TICKETS

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

## JBSA-Lackland hosts two All-AF sports camps this year

By Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is scheduled to host two All-Air Force sports camps later this year in preparation for Armed Forces competition.

The All-Air Force Men's Softball Team will conduct training camp Aug. 27 to Sept. 14, while the All-Air Force Men's Basketball Team camp will

be Oct. 11-28.

The Armed Forces Men's Softball Championships take place Sept. 13-19 at Fort Sill, Okla. and the Armed Forces Men's Basketball Championships Oct. 29-Nov. 6 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

JBSA-Lackland will host both Air Force camps for the third consecutive year.

Dwayne Reed, assistant fitness and sports director, said it is a pleasure to host

both camps again.

"I'm always happy when we get the opportunity to showcase my fitness and sports staff's skills as hosts," he elaborated. "It goes to show that we have done a good job in the past, so they look to us to host all-Air Force camps. I am proud of my staff."

Air Force Sports is currently accepting Air Force Form 303 applications from active-duty,

National Guard and Reserve Air Force personnel looking to participate in either camp.

The application deadlines for All-Air Force softball and basketball are July 11 and Aug. 22, respectively.

To obtain an Air Force Form 303 application, visit <http://www.usafsports.com/AllAFS-ports.htm>.

For further details, call Air Force Sports at 395-7354.

## Gillum Fitness Center provides March Madness atmosphere for Airmen

By Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosted a March Madness 3-on-3 basketball tournament March 21 in celebration of the ongoing NCAA Basketball Tournament.

The six-team, double-elimination tourney was an opportunity for Airmen to take a break from work and get some exercise.

"The Airmen that participated got a chance to play with new people since they might play against their fellow unit members during squadron physical training all the time," said Gilbert Cornejo, Gillum Fitness Center supervisor. "Coming out to play basketball against different people is a plus."

All games up in the preliminary rounds lasted for 12 minutes or until a team scored 12 points. The final game, won by the 543rd Support Squadron over the 26th Operations Support Squadron 15-7, was decided in 15 minutes.

For the 543rd SPTS, the tournament was an opportunity to engage in some friendly competition in a March Madness-like format during their lunch break.

"The tournament was a good opportunity for us to take a break from work, build some morale and show what we are about," said Senior Airman Patrick, 543rd SPTS.

After playing for two hours and winning the tournament, the 543rd SPTS trio felt ecstatic.

Senior Airman Mohamed, felt that the tournament was theirs to win from the start due to their experience competing on the squadron's intramural squad and playing basketball after duty hours.

"We knew we were going to win from the beginning," he explained. "We have good chemistry so we know how each other plays."

"We love to win," said Senior Airman Shawn.

"We believe in each other, and when we have that, it makes things easier," Shawn added. "You have confidence



Tech. Sgt. Jeremy, 690th Intelligence Support Squadron (left), attempts to take the ball away from Master Sgt. Omar McKenzie, 26th Operations Support Squadron (right), during the first round of a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament hosted by the Gillum Fitness Center March 21 in celebration of the NCAA Basketball Tournament held from March 20 through April 7.

in yourself knowing that other people believe in you."

Another 3-on-3 basketball tournament is slated for May in honor of May Fitness Month, said Cornejo.

For more information on

future events at the Gillum Fitness Center and the five other JBSA-Lackland fitness centers, call 671-2632.

*(Editor's Note: Last names and duty titles are removed for security reasons)*