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## DLIELC celebrates Diamond Anniversary

Photo by Johnny Saldivar  
U.S. Air Force Col. Richard D. Anderson (center), Defense Language Institute English Language Center commandant, cuts the ribbon unveiling an International Wall of Fame during DLIELC's 60th Anniversary Celebration May 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The new Wall of Fame depicts prominent DLIELC graduates from throughout the years. **See story Page 10.**

# What I learned from amputees: It wasn't what I expected

By Chaplain (Maj.) Jeff Granger  
65th Air Base Wing Chapel

A number of years ago, I had the privilege to serve as a chaplain in a training program at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, formerly known as Brooke General Hospital. The program included rotations through a number of different sections on the medical campus.

I served two rotations at the Center for the Intrepid, a world-class rehabilitation center. Due to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, I met a number of amputees and burn survivors who were adjusting to life after their injuries.

I was new to the hospital ministry and had a lot to learn. As their chaplain, I assumed that my role with these men and women would be to help them through the grief experienced from their loss.

My first week there, I felt like I was a visitor at a funeral parlor – you know the awkward feeling you get there? You realize it's important to be there but you don't really know what to say. I was uncomfortable. But, I soon learned my preconceptions were actually misconceptions.

These men and women at the Center for the Intrepid were determined to go

on with life and had similar concerns as others I have met and counseled. Their concerns included navigating the military medical system, planning for life after the military, waiting for medical evaluation board determinations and relationship issues that began growing even before the deployment that was cut short.

Some were celebrating life events; one had recently become engaged, and one man was home to see his child who was born while he was deployed. These service members all faced the normal challenges that are common in our military communities.

At the Center for the Intrepid, adjusting to life's newest challenges was a shared experience.

I remember a particular conversation with a group of amputees who were sharing what it was like getting used to the new normal. One mentioned that he had gotten out of bed at night and forgotten he was missing a leg and fell down. As others chuckled, many confessed they had done the same. It seems it's a rite of passage for those who lose a leg. I wouldn't have expected to hear them laughing together, but the conversations flowed very naturally between these wounded warriors. The conversation illustrated for

me the attitude they shared – these men and women were facing challenges, not dealing with defeat.

I read a text on positive psychology that year and it referenced a study to understand how cancer patients dealt with grief.

Interestingly, the researchers encountered a problem: in their cancer treatment center, they were unable to find a large enough sample of patients struggling with grief.

Just the opposite was true of their population: these patients became stronger as they focused their energies and rearranged their lives to battle cancer. Extraneous activities that may amuse, but ultimately distract from meaningful life were abandoned.

Significant relationships too often neglected when life is smooth quickly become a high priority and these relationships become closer and more meaningful.

Just like the cancer patient study, my experience with wounded warriors at the Center for the Intrepid proved uniquely instructive.

I learned that, oddly enough, life's challenges can actually make life richer and more fulfilling.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### TODAY

#### AFAF FUNDRAISING DEADLINE

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign deadline for Joint Base San Antonio personnel to contribute to this year's campaign is today. For information, call 671-5492 or 925-4896.

### MONDAY

#### PASS & REGISTRATION MOVE

The Pass & Registration Office will relocate Monday to building 9504, next to the Valley Hi gate, from building 5616.

### INFORMATIONAL

#### ENLISTED MUSEUM CLOSURES

The USAF Airman Heritage Museum will be closed on the following days: Monday and Tuesday; May 27-28; and June 2-3. The museum expects to resume normal business hours June 4.

Normal museum hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday.

#### BAH RECERTIFICATION

The Air Force has started the recertification process mandating that every Airman provide their servicing finance office with documentation for all dependents by Dec. 31.

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

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

### CORRECTION

Telephone numbers listed for two JBSA Fire Emergency Services fire stations in the May 9 issue of the Talespinner listed incorrect phone numbers.

The correct telephone numbers are 221-1804 for Fire Station 4 and 808-4006 for Fire Station 5.



Photo by Master Sgt. Drew Nystrom

Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command U.S. Navy Adm. Cecil D. Haney (left) applauds as U.S. Air Force Col. William Poirier, 67th Cyberspace Wing commander, hoists the 2013 Global Operations Omaha Trophy to the cheers of his unit. The wing provides network warfare capabilities to Air Force, Joint Task Force and combatant commanders to operate, manage and defend global Air Force networks. The Cyberwarriors of the 67th CW were selected for the award based on formal evaluations, meritorious achievement, safety and other factors including community involvement and humanitarian actions.

## 67th Cyberspace Wing wins Omaha Trophy

By 2nd Lt. Meredith Hein  
24th Air Force Public Affairs

U.S. Navy Adm. Cecil D. Haney, U.S. Strategic Command commander, presented the Omaha Trophy for global operations to the 67th Cyberspace Wing May 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

"This trophy is a hallmark of outstanding performance for U.S. Strategic Command," Haney said. "I can't emphasize enough how important this mission is to the nation and the warfighter. Cyber is clearly inherent in any conflict or future conflict."

U.S. Air Force Col. William J. Poirier, 67th CW commander, accepted the trophy on behalf of the wing.

"Members of the 67th Cyberspace Wing, wherever you may be, this is your award," Poirier said.

He highlighted the achievements listed on the award citation, stating that they were the work of many individual Airmen and teams throughout the wing.

The Omaha Trophy is awarded annually to military units that demonstrate the highest performance in U.S. Strategic Command's mission areas, according to USSTRATCOM's website. Selections are based on items including formal evaluations, meritorious achievement and safety.

There are four categories for the award, including global operations, intercontinental ballistic missile, submarine ballistic missile and strategic aircraft operations.

"Earning this Global Operations Trophy is a true reflection of our wing's omnipresence in today's global

combat operations and is a testament to the huge strides we have made in moving cyber operations forward for our nation," Poirier said. "The dedication, innovation and warrior spirit of every Airman in this wing, whether military, civilian or contractor, made this possible – one team, one mission."

The award is sponsored by USSTRATCOM's Consultation Committee, which recognizes four outstanding units each year. The categories of the awards reflect USSTRATCOM's primary mission areas with emphasis on strategic deterrence and evolving role in global operations.

Members of the committee were unable to attend the ceremony, but passed on their congratulations to the 67th CW.

"We are so appreciative

for the efforts that earned you this recognition," Haney said on behalf of the committee.

The first Omaha Trophy was presented to Strategic Air Command in 1971 on behalf of the citizens of Omaha, Neb., where SAC was headquartered. The award has changed since that time to reflect the command's missions and organizational structure.

The 67th CW, which, at the time, was the 67th Network Warfare Wing, won the Omaha Trophy in 2009 and 2011 in the global operations category.

"You carry a unique history and, frankly, it is about change," Haney said. "This is an area where we have grown in so many remarkable ways. We must continue to grow as we move forward."

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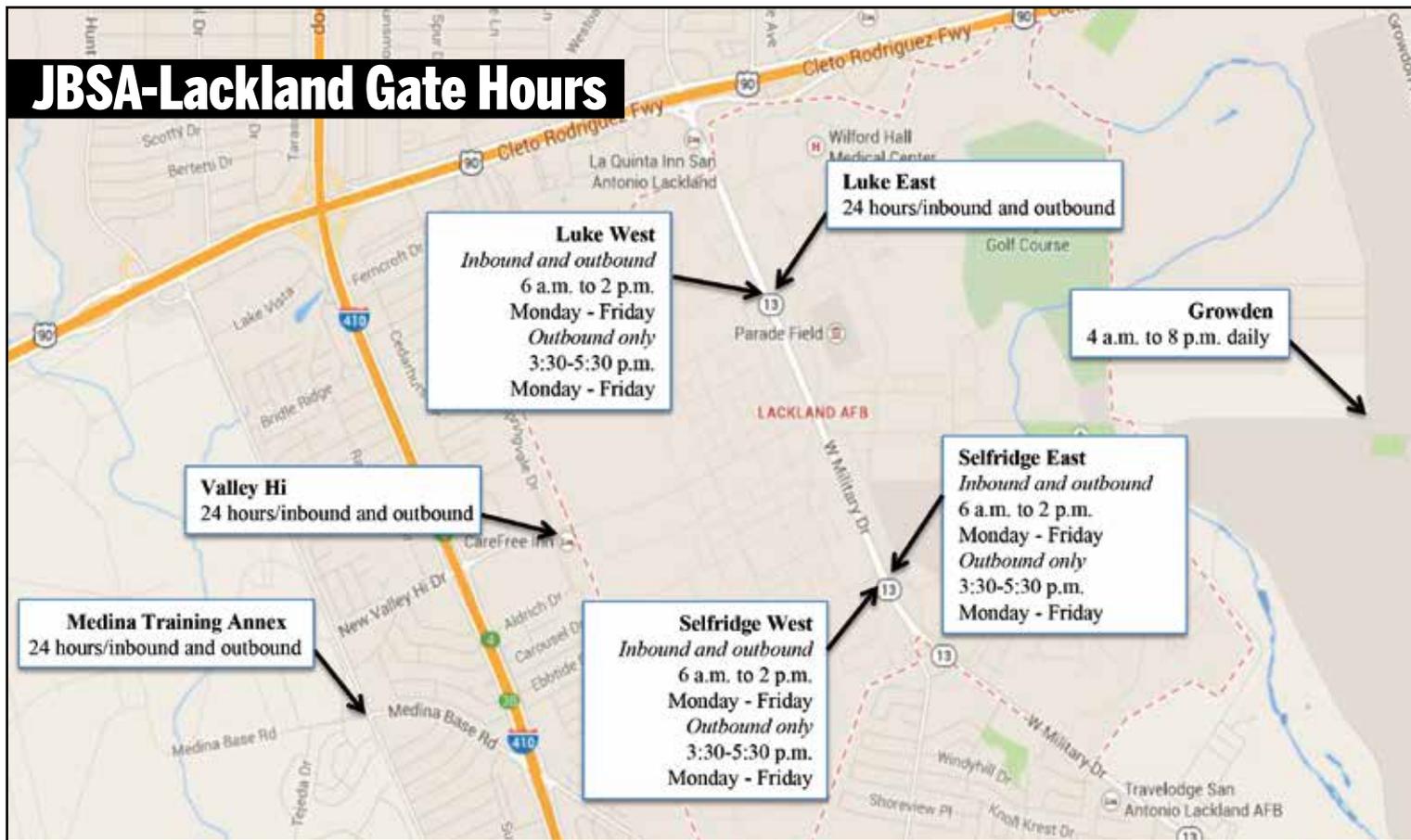
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## JBSA-Lackland Gate Hours



# Stage III Water Restrictions Implemented Across JBSA

Due to the effects of the continuing drought, the 502nd Air Base Wing Commander has directed implementation of Stage III water restrictions across Joint Base San Antonio.

The changes from Stage II to Stage III are substantial. All the Stage II restrictions are still in place.

Additionally, watering is now limited to once every other week with watering times from 7 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. Watering will be done with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose, and only on your designated watering day.

In Stage 3, the watering days are based on your address:

- Address number

ends in 0 or 1, Monday is the watering day;

- Address number ends in 2 or 3, Tuesday is the watering day;

- Address number ends in 4 or 5, Wednesday is the watering day;

- Address number ends in 6 or 7, Thursday is the watering day;

- Address number ends in 8 or 9, Friday is the watering day.

There will be no watering allowed on weekends.

Use of portable yard pools is prohibited, as well as fire hydrant and sewer flushing. Government-operated vehicles are allowed to be washed once per month and no new planting is allowed. Privately owned vehicles and still be washed

once a week, on either Saturday or Sunday.

All water restriction measures are listed in the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan available online at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/pao/announce-event/pdf/JBSACriticalMgtPlan2013.pdf>.

JBSA personnel should not confuse the JBSA water restrictions with the SAWS restriction levels. The JBSA water restrictions are more stringent and begin sooner than SAWS restrictions.

For more water-saving tips, visit <http://www.WaterUseItWisely.com> (111 ways to conserve) and <http://SAWS.org>.

*(Source: 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron)*

## DEPLOYED AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kali L. Gradishar

Capt. Kaessee Brown, New Horizons obstetrician resident deployed from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, assists a Belizean woman during a medical readiness training exercise, or MEDRETE, May 2 at the Isabel Palma Polyclinic in San Antonio, Belize. The MEDRETE offers medical health professionals the opportunity to train and interact with one another while providing free health care to Belizean residents. Brown is a labor and delivery resident at the San Antonio Military Medical Center in San Antonio.

## Know your legal rights

# Changing duty stations and leaving a lease?

By **Charles Hasberry**

Jt. Chief of Legal Assistance, 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group, JBSA-Randolph and **E. Stephanie Hebert**, Legal Assistance Attorney, 502nd Installation Support Group, JBSA-Lackland and **Brian Novak**, Chief of Legal Assistance, 502nd Force Support Group, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

It is almost summertime, which means that many service members from Joint Base San Antonio and across the country will receive orders for a permanent change of station. A common dilemma faced by service members who rent their homes is what to do about their leases, especially if they are in the middle of their contracts.

Both the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Texas Property Code allow service members and their

family members to terminate leases, but only if they enter active duty after signing a lease or they sign a lease while on active duty and then receive orders for a PCS or deployment for a period of 90 days or more. The Department of Justice interprets PCS to include discharge, resignation and separation under honorable conditions.

Most landlords, property managers and apartment complexes around the JBSA area are familiar with the SCRA due to the sheer number of military families who reside in this area. Notwithstanding, violations of federal and state landlord-tenancy laws happen every day in San Antonio. Therefore, it is very important to educate yourself, your family and your fellow service members on your legal rights.

If you or your spouse recently received orders for a PCS or deployment and plan on terminating your existing residential lease as a result, you should know that the SCRA spells out exactly what you need to do without facing any penalties for early termination.

Two documents must be delivered to your landlord in order to successfully terminate your lease under the SCRA: (a) written notification of your intent to terminate the lease; and (b) a copy of your military orders confirming your PCS or deployment. Assuming that you deliver these two documents to your landlord, your lease will terminate 30 days after the next rental payment is due.

For example, if you provide written notice and a copy of your orders to

your apartment manager on June 6, and your next rental payment is due on the first day of July, your lease will not terminate until 30 days thereafter – July 31. Unfortunately, you are responsible for the rent due in July even if you deploy or PCS in June. Had you given written notice in May, your lease would have terminated at the end of June.

If you know that you will soon receive PCS or deployment orders, plan ahead so that you won't get stuck paying rent for a residence you've already vacated:

Read your entire lease agreement, as well as any attachments and make sure you understand your obligations and rights under the contract, the

**See SCRA Page 8**

### JBSA-LACKLAND PRIDE WEEK



Photos by Senior Airman Lynsie Nichols

Members of the 502nd Operations Support Squadron work together to clean-up the "DV Garden" area of the flightline May 9 during Pride Week at Joint Base San Antonio-Texas. "Pride Week" is an opportunity for military members to show pride in their work areas by cleaning areas around the installation.

## POLICE WEEK MEMORIAL SERVICE



**Photo by Airman Justine Rho**

Members of the 802nd Security Forces Squadron commemorate Police Week with a memorial service to pay tribute to fallen comrades May 12 at the National Military Working Dog Memorial at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation in 1962 that designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week.

**SCRA from Page 6**

SCRA and the Texas Property Code.

Gather all paperwork regarding your lease, your security deposit, pet deposit, requests for repairs and monthly rental payments.

Obtain a draft of a SCRA termination letter from your command or your installation Legal Assistance Office.

Send the notice of termination to your landlord via certified mail, return receipt requested. Keep a copy of the notice and proof of delivery for your records. If you decide instead to deliver the notice in person, you should have the landlord sign a statement acknowledging receipt of the notice. You should also record the name of the recipient and the address and date of delivery.

Giving proper notice of termination of a lease can sometimes be difficult when you receive verbal notice of your PCS or deployment but you don't receive your paper orders. When official orders are not available and the PCS or deployment is considered "short notice," service members should be provided with a letter or another comparable document from

the unit commander or unit deployment manager.

Commanders and UDMs play a crucial role in this process. It is imperative that they assist members in obtaining their official orders as promptly as possible. When official orders are not available and the PCS or deployment is short notice, they should provide service members with alternative documents.

Without official military orders, service members may be forced to pay additional rent, risk negative credit reporting, or risk getting sued.

UCs and UDMs can contact the legal office for suggestions if an alternative document template is not available. Many young troops can suffer severe financial hardship due to no fault of their own if they do not receive the proper guidance and support from their units.

If you successfully terminate your lease in accordance with the SCRA, your landlord is required to refund any rent paid in advance as well as your security deposit, and is prohibited from assessing any penalty against you for early termination of the lease. Amounts may be deducted, however, for damages sustained to

the property in accordance with the lease agreement.

Because they can't keep your security deposit when you assert your rights under the SCRA, landlords and property managers may try to find other, more elusive ways to justify keeping your deposit. Landlords know that you may not be coming back to the JBSA area for a while, especially if you've given them a forwarding address at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam or Fort Bragg, N.C. They also know that the likelihood of your contesting trumped-up charges is low once you've already moved or deployed.

If you believe that your landlord or your fellow service member's landlord has wrongfully retained the security deposit or violated the SCRA in another manner, go to your installation legal assistance office and get help. Don't forget that active duty personnel (and Reservist or Guardsmen on Title 10 orders) are entitled to free legal assistance.

When a landlord violates the SCRA, he can be fined or imprisoned, so a phone call from a legal assistance attorney may convince a landlord to abide by state and federal laws. You

can schedule a Legal Assistance appointment your nearest installation.

JBSA-Ft. Sam Houston – The legal assistance office has appointments available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 808-0169 to schedule. Walk-in legal assistance is available on Tuesday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for eligible ID card holders. Walk-in legal assistance is available on Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for active duty military members only. The office is located at 2271 Reynolds Road at the corner of Wilson Road and Reynolds Road.

JBSA-Lackland – Schedule a legal assistance appointment by calling (210) 671-3362, or by stopping by the office between 8:30-9:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday during walk-in hours. The office is located at 1701 Kenly Ave, room 134.

JBSA-Randolph – Call 652-6781 to schedule a legal assistance appointment. Walk-in legal assistance is available every Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. -10:30 p.m. Deploying personnel receive priority and can be seen for wills either by appointment or through the walk-in service. The office is located in the Taj Mahal, building 100, suite 6.

**LAW DAY ART CONTEST**

**Photos by Stephanie Hebert and Leslie Thompson**

Children and parents spend time after school at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Youth Center May 8 working on their entries for the 2014 Law Day art contest sponsored by the JBSA-Lackland Legal Office. The contest ended Thursday.

# DLIELC celebrates 60 years of academic excellence

By Airman Justine K. Rho  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The Defense Language Institute English Learning Center commemorated 60 years of dedication to providing world wide English language training May 9 at the school grounds on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The two-day 60th anniversary celebration included the annual DLIELC International Festival, an anniversary ceremony, the naming of International Hall, the unveiling of the DLIELC Alumni International Wall of Fame and the American Members of International Goodwill to Others picnic.

"This anniversary provides an opportunity to showcase our important mission and celebrate the hard work of our students and faculty," said Col. Richard D. Anderson, DLIELC commandant. "DLIELC plays an important role in the security cooperation mission for the Department of Defense and the Department of State. Our primary function here is to teach English, but we also expose our students to American culture, values and way of life."

International students from more than 110 countries enroll in the DLIELC resident training program, Anderson said. Outside of the general English course, they also provide career field specialized courses, train English teachers and provide English language program management courses. The goal of the international festival is to highlight and educate the JBSA community on the significance of the institution while celebrating those who make the mission happen.

The International Festival kicked off the anniversary celebrations.

Foreign military members from more than 15 countries dressed in

their country's military uniform, or customary dress, answered questions and described their country's customs and geography.

The following day, a ceremony honored DLIELC alumni, leadership, faculty and students. The U.S. Air Force Palace Dog Program members, a significant group in DLIELC history, were present and recognized during the service.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary, DLIELC headquarters, building 7535, was named "International Hall." The name was chosen to represent the DLIELC mission and the more than 60,000 international and U.S. students who have attended the center.

Following the naming, guests were directed inside International Hall for the unveiling of the DLIELC Alumni International Wall of Fame. The wall of fame honors 35 international DLIELC graduates that have obtained degrees at United States military war colleges or have taken leadership positions in their respective countries' defense departments.

The annual AMIGO picnic light-heartedly ended the anniversary celebrations. The AMIGO international student sponsor program creates positive relationships between students and their U.S. military and local community volunteers. The picnic underlines the important international relationships built through DLIELC English training programs.

The DLIELC vision statement reads "A world-class English language institute, building bridges through communication and peace through understanding." The 60th anniversary celebrates the continuation of this vision and honors those that have made this organization possible.



Photos by Johnny Saldivar  
U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Balan R. Ayyar, special assistant to the commander, Air Education and Training Command, addresses the audience at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center's 60th anniversary celebration. Ayyar was the guest speaker for the event.



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Balan R. Ayyar (left) and Col. Richard D. Anderson cut the DLIELC 60th anniversary cake.



U.S. Air Force Col. Richard D. Anderson, Defense Language Institute English Language Center commandant, speaks to the crowd during the DLIELC anniversary celebration.



Senior Airman Keeland Hill (left) and Annette Janetzke unveil the new name for Defense Language Institute English Language Center headquarters building, International Hall.

**BMT HONORS**

Congratulations to the following 57 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 573 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated today:

**320th Training Squadron***-Flight 301*

Ryan Carroll  
Glenn Forde  
Brolle Kane  
*-Flight 302*  
Garrett John  
Joshua Kampa  
Michael Somple

**321st Training Squadron***-Flight 303*

James Borell  
Austin Evinger  
Sivarvong Meach  
Chris Pritchard  
Shane Rehbein  
Randall White

Xzandria Foster

*-Flight 304*

Xzandria Foster  
Shea Lippert  
Devan Phillips

**323rd Training Squadron***-Flight 307*

Brett Branham  
*-Flight 308*  
Allison Devine  
Kate Haggerty  
Kristoff Mccammon  
Anastasia Pasela

**324th Training Squadron***-Flight 311*

Aeric Heasley  
Eric Junquera  
Luke Vanderpool  
*-Flight 312*  
Bianca Benitez  
Alanna Guay  
Mary Leavell  
Hayleynepean  
Amy Terry

**326th Training Squadron***-Flight 309*

Niquoli Harris  
Connor Otten  
Branden Ramos  
Jacob Ray  
*-Flight 310*  
James Bartholomew  
Daniel Burns  
Jonah Jackenheimer  
Alexander Jenkins  
Andrew Joshnick  
Jeremy Pence  
Shannon Steele

**331st Training Squadron***-Flight 305*

Stephen Decoito  
Matthew Faucett  
Joshua Hornbrook  
Dustin Jenson  
Mark Luce  
Robert Schatz  
Glenn Viner  
Justin Woods  
Kyle Ziegler

*-Flight 306*

Matthew Ballman  
Taylor Booth  
Jacquavious Dawson  
Linden Niewenhuis  
Carlos Quintana  
Kyle Russo  
Devin Schulist  
Hyning Van  
Marcus Williams

**Top BMT Airman**

Stephen Decoito  
331 TRS FLT 305

**Most Physically Fit***-Male Airmen*

Alexander Jenkins  
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326th TRS, Flight 310  
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326th TRS, Flight 309

*-Female Airmen*

Amy Terry

324th TRS, Flight 312

Brittant Davis  
324th TRS, Flight 312  
Bianca Ramirez  
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*-Male Flights*

331st TRS, Flight 306  
326th TRS, Flight 309  
324th TRS, Flight 311  
331st TRS, Flight 305  
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324th TRS, Flight 312  
321st TRS, Flight 304  
323rd TRS, Flight 308

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326th TRS, Flight 310  
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326th TRS, Flight 309  
321st TRS, Flight 303  
324th TRS, Flight 311  
320th TRS, Flight 302  
331st TRS, Flight 306  
323rd TRS, Flight 307  
324th TRS, Flight 312

# FY15 RIF board to convene Oct. 1

By Debbie Gildea  
Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

The Air Force will convene a fiscal year 2015 Force Management Reduction in Force Board Oct. 1 to evaluate some captains and majors for continued retention, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The RIF, combined with the Voluntary Separation Pay Program and Temporary Early Retirement Authority options, is designed to reduce overages in Air Force specialty codes, to ensure Air Force compliance with congressionally mandated end strength while addressing current and emerging mission requirements, according to Col. Joe Atkins, AFPC operations division chief.

"The board was originally scheduled for June, but was rescheduled to prevent Airmen from meeting multiple boards in a short time span," he said. "Since then, there have been some eligibility changes that Airmen need to be aware of. For example, the AF has removed some AFSCs because voluntary separations or retirements eliminated the need to reduce numbers in those AFSCs."

Eligible Year Groups/Competitive Categories Airmen eligible to meet the board include line of the Air Force and medical service corps captains in year groups 2006 through 2008, LAF majors in year groups 2001 through 2003 and MSC, dental corps, and medical corps majors in year groups 2000

through 2007 (computed by total active federal commissioned service date) in specified AFSCs, unless specifically excluded.

AFSCs and year groups vary depending on category, so eligible Airmen should review the matrices on the myPers website to determine if they are eligible.

The board will also consider LAF-judge advocate officers in the 2004, 2005 and 2006 captain year groups. LAF-J captain year groups are based on the year an officer was promoted to captain in the JAG corps or, if a prior-service officer, the captain year group an officer was placed into by the Air Force JA based upon service calculations.

## VSP and TERA Eligibility

Airmen slated to meet the RIF board will be eligible to apply for VSP and TERA. A new application window for both programs will open Thursday-June 30.

### VSP:

Officers approved for VSP must separate by Dec. 31.

Officers must have

more than six years of service to be eligible to apply for VSP. Applicants approved for VSP will receive 1.25 times the rate of full separation pay, provided they meet the minimum requirements of the program. Officers who are not selected for retention will be entitled to full separation pay.

### TERA

RIF-eligible officers with 15 or more and fewer than 18 years of total active service are eligible to apply for TERA with a retirement date no later than Jan. 1, 2015.

Officers who are not selected for retention who have more than 15 years total active service, and more than eight years of active commissioned service by April 30, 2015 will be allowed to apply for TERA.

### Eligibility Exclusions

Some officers will not meet the RIF board, including the following:

- Officers with an approved date of separation on or before April 30, 2015 or who have an approved TERA retirement on or before May 1, 2015
- Officers who because

of a deployment have an approved VSP or TERA separation date after April 30, 2015

- Officers on a promotion list as of the board convening date

- Officers with less than one year time in grade as of the board convening date

### Critical Program Dates

Thursdat: VSP/TERA application period starts

June 30: VSP/TERA application period ends

Sept. 25: Letters to the board must reach AFPC by 11:59 p.m.

Oct. 1: Board convenes

December: Selects/non-selects will be identified (dates to be announced)

Dec. 31: Separation date for officers approved for VSP (except those whose DOS has been extended to enable them to reach their six year and one day total active service date)

April 30, 2015: Separation date of officers who are not selected for retention

### Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits

There will be no recoupment for officers who transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to family members prior to

meeting the RIF board, or for those who transferred benefits prior to being approved for TERA or VSP. However, officers cannot transfer benefits after the board convenes or after they have been approved for TERA or VSP.

### Transition Assistance Program, Benefits

Officers who are not selected for retention and those who are approved for TERA or VSP, should contact their local Airman and Fam-

ily Readiness Centers to schedule the mandatory Transition Assistance Program briefings.

For information about the RIF board, as well as information about TERA and VSP, go to myPers at <https://mypers.af.mil>. Select "search all components" from the drop down menu, enter "force management" and select the officer force management program link.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

#### AIRMAN ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR

A two-day professional enhancement seminar for JBSA-Lackland Airmen is Wednesday and Thursday in the First Term Airman Center, building 5612.

The seminar provides young Airmen with a professional development opportunity. The course focuses on topics such as heritage, communication in the chain of command, enlisted force structure, career progression, standards and discipline and ethics.

It is designed for airmen through senior airmen who have completed career development course requirements, attended FTAC at least one year prior and have not completed Airman Leadership School. It is limited to 30 participants.

Call 977-5428 or 671-1575.

### THURSDAY

#### CCAF GRADUATION CEREMONY

The spring Community College of the Air Force graduation and diploma ceremony is 10 a.m. Thursday at

Arnold Hall Community Center.

For additional information, call 977-3420.

### MAY 27

#### ENLISTED EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK COURSE

A JBSA-Lackland enlisted effective feedback course for military supervisors, civilian leads and/or civilian supervisors who supervise enlisted military members is from 11 a.m. to noon May 27 at the First Term Airman Center, building 5612.

The course focuses on performance feedbacks in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2406. Course topics will include when feedback should be conducted, types, benefits, and necessity. The seminar is limited to 30 participants.

For additional information, call 671-0481.

#### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT VOLUNTEERS

Junior Achievement of South Texas needs volunteers to mentor students at Stafford Elementary School, 415 SW 36th St., May 27.

Volunteers will teach at-risk kindergarten through fifth-grade students about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

For additional information, call 671-0222 or 671-4748.

### MAY 28

#### ANGER, STRESS AWARENESS CLASS

The JBSA-Lackland Health and Wellness Center will hold an anger and stress awareness class from 10 a.m. to noon May 28 at HAWC, building 2513.

The one-time class helps participants be more aware of their anger and stress, and also how to identify and implement management techniques.

For additional information, call 292-5967.

### MAY 30

#### COMBAT WARRIOR ASSOCIATION 5K

The Combat Warrior Association will host its third annual 5K May 30 at the JBSA-Lackland Medina Training Annex. The free run starts at 7 a.m.

Commemorative T-shirts are available for a donation of \$20 or more and can be pre-ordered before Monday.

For additional information, call 671-0222 or 671-6321.

### JUNE 7

#### SKYLARK QUARTERLY FLEA MARKET

The Skylark quarterly flea market is from 8 a.m. to noon June 7.

Reserve spaces are \$10 or \$15 with a table.

For additional information, call 671-3191.

### INFORMATIONAL

#### PET CONSULTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides behavior consultation services for family pets.

The facility's military animal behavior Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior and preventing, managing or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing.

To schedule an appointment, call 671-3631 or 671-2245.

#### SOUTHWEST ISD MENTORS NEEDED

Southwest Independent School District needs mentors for schools surrounding JBSA. For more information, call 622-4351 or email the JBSA-Lackland School Liaison Office

at Lackland.slo@us.af.mil.

#### FIRING RANGE TRESPASS NOTICE

Trespassing on the Medina Firing Range is illegal and dangerous.

Weapons training is conducted daily at the firing range, located at 900 Patrol Road, on the JBSA-Lackland Training Annex at Medina.

For details, contact the 37th Training Support Squadron's Combat Weapons Section range control office at 671-2349 or 671-4621.

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

## 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.
- Airmen Mem. Chapel – building 5432
- Liturgical Service Sun. 8 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

- Airmen Mem. Chapel – building 5432
- Divine Liturgy Sun. 9:30 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

- Airmen Mem. 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 a.m.
- Reconciliation Sun. 10 a.m.
- Mass Sun. 11 a.m.
- Sun. 5 p.m.
- Reconciliation Sun. 4:15 p.m.
- Gateway Chapel – building 6300
- Daily Mass Mon., Tues. and Thurs. 11:30 a.m.

Note: Reconciliation(s) may be scheduled by appointment

### —ISLAMIC

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

### OTHER FAITH GROUPS

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

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

## JBSA-LACKLAND

### KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

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

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Military & Family Support Events

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

### FRIDAY

- ▶ Transition Assistance Program, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Parenting for One, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For more information, call 773-354-6131.

### MONDAY

- ▶ Family readiness briefing, mandatory for personnel deploying longer than 30 days or going on remote assignments, 10:30-11 a.m.
- ▶ Resume writing techniques, noon to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Post-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen returning from deployment, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 2:30-3:30 p.m., building 5160.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

### TUESDAY

- ▶ Pre-separation briefing, mandatory for all members retiring, pre-registration required, 9 a.m. to noon.
- ▶ Pre-deployment briefing, required for all airmen preparing to deploy, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron IDRC briefing room, 9-9:30 a.m., building 5160.

### WEDNESDAY

- ▶ Veterans Administration benefits briefing, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Heart link, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ▶ Awana Clubs, 6-8 p.m., Freedom Chapel.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

### THURSDAY

- ▶ Pre-separation briefing, mandatory for all members separating voluntarily, pre-registration required, 9 a.m. to noon.

- ▶ Federal resume process, noon to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents seminar, BMT Reception Center, 1 p.m., building 7248. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

### MAY 23

- ▶ The Military and Family Readiness Center is closed for Air Education and Training Command Family Day.

### MAY 26

- ▶ The Military and Family Readiness Center is closed for Memorial Day.

### MAY 27

- ▶ Pre-deployment briefing, required for all Airmen preparing to deploy, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

- IDRC briefing room, 9-9:30 a.m., building 5160.
- ▶ Interview with confidence, noon to 2 p.m.
- ▶ AMVETS national service officer available by appointment only. For information, call 773-354-6131.

### MAY 28

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

### MAY 29

- ▶ Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents seminar, BMT Reception Center, 1 p.m., building 7248. For additional information, call 773-354-6131.

## Monthly Meetings

### ENLISTED SPOUSES CLUB

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

### OFFICERS SPOUSES CLUB

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

### MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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

**On the web**  
<http://www.lacklandfss.com>

## Fire Safety is Everyone's Business

### Plan Ahead

If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

### Safety Tips

- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- Practice using different ways out. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.

### If the alarm sounds...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets. If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out. Call the fire department from outside your home.

### Facts

- According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- While 71 percent of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 45 percent of those have practiced it.
- One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become lifethreatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

*(Information courtesy of National Fire Protection Association, <http://www.nfpa.org>)*

# JBSA-Lackland Spotlight: Denise Chavez



Photo courtesy JBSA-Lackland Blood Donor Center

Denise Chavez (left) speaks with Laura Frink (right) at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Blood Donation Center. Chavez was recently recognized as the blood donor center's civilian of the month.

**By Tracy Parmer**

ASBP Blood Donor Recruiter, 59th Medical Wing

It doesn't take much to see why Denise Chavez, a medical technician at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Blood Donor Center, was chosen as the JBSA-Lackland team member civilian of the month. From the time she arrives at work, to the very last second before she leaves the building, Chavez is devoted to her job and to the Armed Services Blood Program.

A Texas native, Chavez has been dedicated to saving lives for more than 13 years at the Lackland Blood Donor Center. Prior to her role at the

donor center, she spent four years as a medical administration technician in the U.S. Air Force.

Each day, her job begins with greeting and welcoming donors to the center. Whether they are signed up to donate whole blood or platelets, Chavez does every job between the actual donation and the shipments going out the door.

"My job is important because the need for blood is constant," Chavez said. "As long as we have life, the need for blood will be constant."

Having blood and blood product readily available is vital to healthcare for service members downrange and for retirees and their family members worldwide. Since there is no substitute for

human blood, every donor that walks through the JBSA-Lackland Blood Donor Center door is critical to bridging blood donors with the patients requiring transfusions.

For Chavez, donating blood also takes on a personal meaning. She has had family members and friends that have received blood from the center, so she understands just how important blood donations can be. Her passion for saving lives is evident in everything she does at the donor center.

When asked why donating to the ASBP is important, Chavez responded: "(The ASBP helps) provide blood to service members, veterans and their families around the world. I have heard co-workers that were deployed overseas say they have seen our blood transfused to victims of war and it's good to know that what we do does save lives. People should continue to donate because it's the right thing to do.

"My first donation was during basic military training," Chavez continued. "Prior to that, I never gave blood donation a second thought. I am proud to now say, 'I am a blood donor.' I never imagined that 12 years after my first donation, my parents would receive blood transfusions. Blood donation is a selfless act. For those people that say 'I want to do my part in helping others,' donating blood is a great place to start. It takes less time to do than grocery shopping. Did I also mention you get cookies and soda?"

Her dedication to the ASBP hasn't gone unnoticed by the blood donor center leadership, either.

"Denise has the best work effort I have seen in the last 35 years of combined active duty and civilian work with the Air Force," said Robert Purkhiser, technical supervisor at the donor center.

"I'd like to say thank you to the blood donors around the world," Chavez said. "If it wasn't for your selfless act of donating, I would not be able to enjoy the presence of my loved ones. I am sure there are many people who can testify to that as well."

To find out more about the Armed Services Blood Program or to schedule an appointment, visit <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil>. To interact directly with some of our staff, see more photos or to get the latest news, visit <http://www.facebook.com/militaryblood>, <http://www.flickr.com/militaryblood> and <http://www.twitter.com/militaryblood>.

## Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is on



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# Combat weapons instructors qualify to compete in national bodybuilding championships



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Damon Stewart, a 37th Training Support Squadron combat weapons instructor, strikes a pose at the Ronnie Coleman Classic May 3 in Mesquite, Texas. Stewart took first-place honors in the Men's Physique D-Class competition and qualified to compete in the National Bodybuilding Championships.

By Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Two 37th Training Support Squadron combat weapons instructors recently earned top honors in their respective bodybuilding classes at the Ronnie Coleman Bodybuilding and Fitness Classic May 3 in Mesquite, Texas, becoming eligible to participate in a national competition.

Staff Sgt. Damon Stewart attained first place in the Men's Physique D-Class and Staff Sgt. Tanisha Chaney finished second in the Women's Figure B-Class. Because they finished in the top two of their classes, they qualified to compete in the National

Physique Committee National Bodybuilding Championships.

Stewart, who also placed first at the Texas Shredder Classic – his first bodybuilding contest – April 12 in Austin, said “it was unreal” that he has earned success in bodybuilding so quickly.

“I thank God for opening these doors for me,” said the Carsonville, Tenn. native, who entered bodybuilding at the recommendation of a woman from his church.

“He has put favor in my life, different opportunities, people. I am definitely surprised that all this has happened so quickly. It just fell into place.”



Photo by Joshua Rodriguez

Staff Sgt. Tanisha Chaney, 37th Training Support Squadron combat weapons instructor, answers questions from another Airman about proper dieting during her daily workout at the Gateway Gym May 8, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Tanisha finished second in the Women's Figure B-Class at the Ronnie Coleman Bodybuilding and Fitness Classic.

Knowing that she was close to being in first place, Chaney, who also has two bodybuilding competitions under her belt, said that is motivation for her to amp up her workouts at the gym.

“I want to be that person who has that spotlight shining on her,” said the staff sergeant, whose husband, Tech Sgt. Eric Chaney, is also a bodybuilder and a 37th TRSS combat weapons instructor. “Seeing how amazing that girl who placed first looked lets me know how much harder I have to work to get to that level.”

While both Airmen finished in different places, both have the same goal: become pro bodybuilders.

“Now that I see opportunities have opened up, I am going to take advantage of them,” Stewart said. “Being a pro would be phenomenal. I would get to help so many people and be an inspiration to them. I don't want to be a bodybuilder to boast about it. I want to help others.”

Chaney also wants those opportunities as well.

“I have to continue staying fit if I want to compete in pro bodybuilding shows on an annual basis,” she said.

Stewart aims to compete at this year's National Bodybuilding Championships, while Chaney will elect to wait and compete in the 2015 championships.