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## COMMENTARY

# Moral courage: The right thing for the right reason

By Col. Mark Allison  
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Prior to becoming one of our Founding Fathers, John Adams was asked to defend the British officer and soldiers charged with firing into the crowd of protestors and killing five civilians in the "Boston Massacre."

The Boston Massacre was one of the key catalysts and rallying cries for the American Revolution. Several of Adams' legal colleagues had turned down the request to defend these soldiers, believing that any successful defense would surely ruin their reputation and legal practice.

Nevertheless, Adams knew that justice demanded that these soldiers be given a fair and zealous defense. He also knew that if the colonies wanted to govern themselves, they needed to demonstrate to the world that the colonies respected the rule of law and would create fair system of justice.

Adams ably defended those soldiers, despite the risks to his safety and his livelihood. In the end, the jury acquitted six of the eight soldiers, while two were convicted of manslaughter.

Shortly after the trial, his law practice dwindled to half of what it was previously, but his courageous actions ultimately caused his reputation and esteem

to grow. John Adams was not forced into taking on this difficult and contentious case, but, in spite of receiving negligible compensation, he chose to do so because it was the right thing to do.

Moral courage means being brave enough to do the right thing, even if there may be adverse consequences as a result. Our second President, John Adams, provided the perfect example during his flourishing legal career in Boston.

Many of us may find ourselves placed into situations where we can choose the easy path of least resistance, perhaps one we are being pressured into even if we ultimately know it is wrong, or we can take the high

road, and show the type of moral courage demonstrated by John Adams.

Moral courage includes making the right decision, no matter how unpopular it may be. Moral courage is vital if you are asked to do something unethical. Moral courage is necessary when you see that rules or policies are not being followed, even if the rule breaker is a supervisor.

Moral courage is required when you are witnessing a potential crime, such as someone too intoxicated to defend themselves from being taken advantage of.

Let us all emulate John Adams, and make moral courage part of our daily lives.

## A SMALL INCONVENIENCE FOR SAFETY

# DBIDS offers protection through detection

By Master Sgt. Richard S. Crim  
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I remember the words on the signs like it was yesterday. All of the business marquees outside of Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., read "Where is Adam?" There were billboards offering rewards and advertisements in newspapers requesting information to the whereabouts of 4-year-old Adam Finch.

The year was 1997 and I had just arrived at my first duty station, Tyndall. I would soon find out who exactly Adam was as I served on a search party combing the base.

As a security policeman, our unit had a vested interest in finding Adam because he went missing under our watch.

We worked tirelessly to continue normal operations while also serving on search teams on our days off. I'm pretty sure I worked without a day off for my first three months after arriving at Tyndall, but it didn't matter. Nobody complained because one of our own needed to be found.

Adam was the 4-year-old son of Tech. Sgt. John Finch. Finch was assigned to Tyndall and living in base housing with his family. Adam "Wiggly" Finch liked to ride his bicycle outside in the neighborhood like any other little boy. He was also intrigued by the construction projects nearby.

On Aug. 6, 1996, Adam would go for his final bike ride. His bicycle would never be recovered.

The disappearance of Adam sparked a massive search that included a feature presentation on the television show "America's Most Wanted."

A prime suspect was named who worked near the Finch residence on base. He was a 46-year-old civilian contractor who shot himself a few days after Adam went missing. It was later determined he was wanted for questioning a week prior to Adam's abduction for the molestation of two children in his trailer park where he lived near Tyndall.

The man also owned another residence in Pensacola, Fla., where he returned when not working on

the base. This bit of information would prove relevant to Adam's case when his skeletal remains were discovered on a piece of land between Tyndall and the man's residence in Pensacola March 25, 1998. Witnesses later confirmed the man had befriended Adam just days before his disappearance.

The loss of Adam has resonated with me throughout my entire career. However, it wasn't until recently that it became a part of my daily thoughts again.

A few months ago, I assumed supervision over the Defense Biometrics Identification System. This is the handheld scanner the guards use at the gates to check your ID cards every day when you enter the installation. Most people are unaware of its true capability and the service it provides us.

That has been evident to me since recently I have received many comments regarding DBIDS and the inconvenience it causes to personnel entering the installation.

## ON THE COVER

Brig. Gen. Bob Labrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, addresses a group of transitioning civilian and military personnel at the inaugural Texas Transition Information Program Aug. 20 at JBSA-Lackland. For the complete story, see page 4.

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## Senior leaders sign CFC forms



Gen. Robin Rand (center), commander of Air Education and Training Command; Maj. Gen. Margaret Poore (left), commander of Air Force Personnel Center; and Col. Michael Romero, acting commander of Air Force Recruiting Service, sign Combined Federal Campaign contribution forms Aug. 19 in preparation for the CFC kick off Tuesday.

**Photo by Joel Martinez**

## NEWS

# Texas TIP turns preparation into smooth transition to civilian life

By Gloria Kwizera  
Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Public Affairs

Texas military service members preparing to separate or retire will soon have a new program to smooth their transition to civilian life.

The new program will pick up where the traditional Transition Assistance Program (TAP) leaves off, declared Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, Aug. 20 as he welcomed separating service members and their family members to the inaugural event for the Texas Transition Information Program at JBSA-Lackland.

"We believe we have done a good job with respect to transition assistance for service members exiting the military, but we have not done it as well as we need to – for our nation and for the state of Texas," LaBrutta said.

The JBSA community partnered with the Military Veteran and Community Council to supplement the military's traditional transition assistance program, a five-day workshop, designed to help prepare separating and retiring members for life outside of the military.

"The MVCC is a consortium of gov-

ernment, state and local organizations and businesses geared to supporting Texas veterans," said Kim Myers, chief of military and family readiness for JBSA-Lackland. "Although this program is specifically targeting transitioning services members, the program is open to everyone in the JBSA family, military dependents as well as Department of Defense civilians."

The organization is trying to prepare all transitioning service members for their "new normal" as they exit the military. JBSA officials and the MVCC say they want to ensure that they know what's next.

The impetus for this collaboration was to ease the undeniable anxiety inherent in starting life outside the military. The new partnership wants to offer a "one-stop" resource to answer questions on issues such as finding healthcare, a new home or a job.

The TX-TIP will help find the answers to these questions and assist members learn how to network, connect with local support agencies and much more.

The key to success is planning early, officials say, but they add getting the right information from the right people is also vital. Unlike TAP, which is a partnership between the Department of Defense, De-

partment of Labor and Department of Veterans Affairs, with TX-TIP gets the whole San Antonio community involved.

"When you go through TAP classes, it is pretty much confined to inside the gate, including the information you get, but there is a wealth of information and benefits outside the gate in Texas, especially in San Antonio," said Serafina De Los Santos, 502nd Force Support Group deputy commander. "There are a lot of people here who pay attention to the military and want to help in any way they can. This was evident by the number of community members who made up the different discussion panels throughout the day."

The workshop is completely optional, Myers explained.

"We implemented this because we recognized that, while there is merit to a standardized curriculum for TAP-GPS, service members want to know what is available in their local community. We also know that networking is a key component to employment. By implementing both concepts into the TX-TIP, we are increasing the chances of success for our departing JBSA family members."

The full-day event featured four different discussion panels: education, health,

housing and employment.

TX-TIP volunteers said many service members leave educational benefits on the table because they do not understand them. Representatives from the Texas Veteran's Commission were available during the day to discuss topics ranging from the difference between each program, from the GI-Bill to the Hazelwood program.

"I learned more about the Montgomery GI Bill than I knew before. What I learned will save me a lot of money down the road," said Tech. Sgt. Olayemi Brooks, who attended the day-long session.

Veterans education coordinator Fernando Conejo said part of his role was to explain how to make sure departing service members can get the most out of their benefits.

"We are here to help you remove all the barriers that prevent you from reaching your educational goal," Conejo said.

This event was a brief but comprehensive study of impacting service members and families and, by the end of the day, some attendees were able to answer each other's questions without the subject matter experts.

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# Edwards' mission: Making a positive difference

By Mike Joseph  
Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Public Affairs

The new 37th Training Wing commander's No. 1 goal is straightforward: To train and develop the best joint force leaders possible and sustain international partnerships.

His vision for the Wing, like his top priority, is just as direct.

"The vision is simple: To be the training standard of excellence for the Department of Defense," said Col. Trent Edwards, who assumed command of the 37th TRW at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland June 20.

"We are a joint organization. We train Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen," Edwards said. "The training standard of excellence for the Department of Defense means people across the DOD can look at our training operations and say, 'They've got a great model. Maybe we should ask Lackland how they

do business and what training models they use so we can have that same standard of excellence."

The sheer physical size of the Wing surprised him, Edwards said, including the 10 geographically separated units spread across the country as well as the diversity of missions and their impacts on the Air Force and across the DOD.

Under his command are the 737th Training Group, which provides basic military training for all enlisted recruits in the Air Force, Reserve and Guard; the 37th TRG, the largest technical training group in the Air Force, which trains over 35 Air Force Specialty Codes; the 937th TRG, the largest medical training group in the Air Force, which trains Air Force and Navy medics; the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, which provides technical and military education training to 21 Latin American partner nations; the Defense Language Institute English Language Center, which trains international personnel



Col. Trent Edwards  
37th Training Wing commander

to communicate in English and to instruct English language programs in over 120 countries; and the Air Advisory Academy, which educates and trains warrior diplomats to assess, train advise, assist and equip U.S. partner nations.

"What an incredible operation," Edwards said. "I had no idea what the 37th Training Wing encompassed.

"We have three groups, two academies and one center, but each of those is unique and each has a mission that contributes to our national defense. It's humbling to wake up every morning and realize you're responsible for a mission that has this type of impact across the Air Force. We're responsible for taking care of America's sons and daughters. That's important to me."

Edwards added that reality set in the first time he sat in his grandstand seat as wing commander, reviewing a basic military training graduation parade. As he looked at the young men and women about to become America's newest Airmen, he thought about the accountability and honor that came with the job.

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## 502nd SFLSG change of command



Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta (left), 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, passes the guidon to Col. Michael Gimbrone, incoming 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group commander, Tuesday at JBSA-Randolph Hangar 73. As the 502nd SFLSG commander, Gimbrone will oversee the 502nd Security Forces Squadron, 802nd SFS, 902nd SFS, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and 502nd Trainer Development Squadron. Gimbrone most recently served as deputy chief of the Force Protection Division and chief of the Asset Protection Branch in the Joint Staff Force Structure, Resources and Assessment Directorate at the Pentagon. **Photo by Desiree Palacios**

## Senior NCOs inducted at JBSA-Randolph



**Photo by Johnny Saldivar**

Col. Matthew Isler, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, addresses the attendees of the senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony Aug. 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The SNCO induction ceremony is held to recognize individuals who progress through the ranks and have been selected for promotion to master sergeant, transitioning them to senior leadership level with more responsibility.

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"I am responsible for this – and for leading a team that does this every single week," Edwards said.

"The reality is that it's a very humbling responsibility, and I'm humbled Gen. Rand (Gen. Robin Rand, commander, Air Education and Training Command) has entrusted me with this Wing. It's about making a positive difference; it's about leaving it just a little better than you found it; it's about bringing the team together so we accomplish the vision, mission and goals together."

Before coming to JBSA-Lackland, Edwards was commander of the 42nd Air Base Wing at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala. One of the organizations hosted by the 42nd ABW was Air University, which includes the Community College of the Air Force and Officer Training School.

Realizing the relationship between the 42nd ABW and the 37th TRW – technical training students can earn CCAF credits and former BMT military training instructors work at OTS – helped connect the dots, he said.

"Understanding the full context of Air University's mission gave me a better appreciation for what we do here at Lackland," Edwards said.

A native of Kittery, Maine, Edwards attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University at Greensboro on a track scholarship, but a knee injury while home on Christmas break as a freshman ended his track career.

After losing his track scholarship, his father asked him to consider joining the A&T Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Edwards did and he graduated in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1996, he earned a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma.

What if he hadn't injured his knee

and lost his scholarship?

"I think I would have been fine doing something," he said. "I don't know what it would have been, but I think this is my calling. I really enjoy helping people and organizations move forward to achieve their goals."

Edwards added his financial background as a comptroller at the squadron, wing and major command levels, along with his experience as a Congressional legislative liaison, allows him to focus on other objectives as well.

"Understanding how the money works gives me a level of comfort," he said. "I will oversee and make sure we're executing those dollars, have the right processes, ask the right questions and get the right return on our investment."

Edwards said he wants to help BMT and the MTI Corps move forward from the misconduct uncovered in 2012.

"We're not perfect, but there are a lot of incredibly dedicated and awesome people here and I want to tell their story," he said. "I want people to know the commitment of the MTIs and the MTLs (technical training military training leaders), the podium instructors and the permanent party on base. They're dedicated to making this mission a success."

He noted he also has been impressed by the Wing's team of senior leaders and senior NCOs.

"It's interesting, as we're building the team dynamics, to see each person's personality and strengths," he said. "I can really see 12 months from now how we're going to elevate the wing to a new, higher level."

"That's not just the commanders – that includes the chiefs, superintendents and our senior enlisted force. They are very much a part of the vision – to be the training standard of excellence for the Department of Defense."

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DBIDS was designed to scan an ID card between four and six seconds. This is the same time it takes a defender to look at both sides of the card, check the expiration date and confirm the photo against the person presenting it. However, the difference between the capability of the scanner and the defender is immense.

The scanner accesses a database containing information regarding the person, such as if they are wanted for questioning, possess active criminal warrants, whether driving privileges are suspended, or barred from base, armed and dangerous, and so on. This is vital information that a gate guard cannot determine by simply looking at the ID card.

A prime example of the importance of the program is the death of Adam Finch.

The suspect who most likely abducted and killed Adam was wanted for questioning by authorities regarding his behavior with children the week prior to Adam's disappearance.

If DBIDS was in existence on Aug.

6, 1996, the suspect would have been detained when he attempted entry onto Tyndall. As a result, Adam would still be alive today, 22 years old and possibly serving in uniform like his father once did.

He didn't get a chance to enjoy life and that could have all been prevented by DBIDS. This system provides each of us a layer of detection around the clock that cannot be matched by any defender.

As the father of a 3-year-old boy and the DBIDS program manager for the 81st Security Forces Squadron, I take a personal interest in keeping it fully operational in order to protect every member of this military team, including your children riding their bikes in base housing every day.

I refuse to allow any of you to endure the pain that Tech. Sgt. John Finch experienced – not on my watch. So, the next time you get upset with the traffic at the gates, I ask you to remain patient and remember little Adam Finch.

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# Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

## Monthly Event

## September

### Bowling

#### Grandparents enjoy free bowling

Grandparents bowl and get their bowling shoes for free at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Sept. 7, 1-4 p.m. All others bowl for \$2.50 per game, per person with \$2.35 shoe rental. For information, call 652-6271.

#### Youth bowling program underway

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center holds registration until Sept. 13 for the youth bowling program for youth ages 6-17. The eight-week mini-session program takes place Saturdays, 10 a.m. Each youth receives a bowling ball. Parents receive a 15 percent discount for paying in full at time of registration. For more information, call 671-1234.

#### Bowlers get three games for two

Bowl two games and get one game free on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in September at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center (does not include shoe rental). For information, call 652-6271.

### Community Programs

#### Laughter through tears at Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston presents the southern classic "Steel Magnolias" Thursday through Oct. 4. THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP sponsors this story of a group of strong women in a small Louisiana parish. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

#### Score a bargain when you shop

Save money while shopping and also earn some extra cash for the holidays at the JBSA-Randolph Bargain Warehouse and Flea Market.

E1-E6 get a jump on shopping from 8-9 a.m. at the Bargain Warehouse Sept. 10, building 1139. The warehouse is open to all other shoppers 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A limited number of people are allowed in the building at one time, so be prepared to stand in line. It is recommended patrons bring an umbrella and some water to ensure their comfort. Only checks and cash are accepted as payment.

Patrons are invited to the Flea Market, Sept. 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Child Development Program parking lot. Sellers rent one 6-foot table for \$15 (additional tables are \$4) at Information, Tickets and Travel in the Community Services Mall, building 895. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts or food and beverage items is not permitted. For information, call 652-5142, option 2.

#### The show and pool goes to the dogs

JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center hosts the annual dog show in conjunction with aquatics and a dog swim Sept. 27 at the Warhawk pool, building 2305. Dog owners may enter their pet into the dog show with categories such as smallest dog, biggest dog, best costume, best pet trick and more. Dogs may be registered in advance or on the day of the event beginning at 2 p.m. The show starts at 2:30 p.m. Dogs swim from 3-6 p.m. for \$3 per canine. Dogs must be current on all required shots and be leashed when entering and exiting the pool area. Complimentary refreshments will be served while they last. For more information, call 671-2619 or 671-2325.

### Clubs

#### Feast all month on prime rib

The Air City Bar and Grill at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers prime rib every Friday in September. The cost is \$20.45 for an 8-ounce portion and is \$23.45 for a 12-ounce portion. The prime rib meal includes a vegetable and twice baked potato. For more information, call 652-4864.

The Gateway Club's Mesquite Dining Room at JBSA-Lackland serves prime rib Sept. 5, 5-8 p.m. along with sides and other entrees. Club members dine for \$17.95 and nonmembers for \$19.95. For information, call 645-7034.

#### Get ready for some football

Don't miss out on the best football viewing in Texas at the JBSA-Lackland Football Frenzy Kick-off Bash Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m. Halftime samples of the new football menu will be available as well as an 8-ounce rib-eye steak with seasoned fries, vegetables and rolls for only \$6.95. Door prizes will include a \$75 NFL gift card, a round of golf, club bucks and gift certificates for \$25-50, lunch for two at the Kendrick Club and the Air City Bar and Grill and brunch for two at the Parr Club. Your opportunity to win trips to three regular season football games and the Super Bowl begins here. Football Frenzy is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Prize winners must be club members. Football Frenzy is sponsored by Budweiser and Crown Royal. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 652-3056.

#### Patrons relax and enjoy buffet

Enjoy an evening of relaxation and a Hawaiian-themed buffet on the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club deck Sept. 3, 5-8 p.m. Entertainment is provided by Flood Gage, bar is available from 4:30-8 p.m. and the buffet from 5-7 p.m. The price is \$8 for members, \$13 for nonmembers and \$6.50 for children ages 6-12 years old. Deck night is sponsored by Budweiser. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. Coupons are not accepted. For more information, call 652-4864.

#### Club offers pizza and pints special

Club members get a 16-inch two-topping pizza and two pints of draft beer at Gil's Pub at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Sept. 9 and 23, 4:30-8 p.m. The price is \$11.95 per person for members and \$14.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-3056.

#### Club members gather for Appreciation Night

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Appreciation Night Sept. 16, 5-8 p.m. The buffet dinner features roast beef au jus, stuffed chicken breast, roasted pork loin and much more. Entertainment is provided by Chris Anders, Sock Productions. The cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Celebrate September birthdays with a buffet

Members are invited to celebrate their September birthday at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club with a free buffet Sept. 17, 4:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$13.95 for adult guests and \$7.95 for their children 6-12 years old. Club members that are not celebrating are also invited and the cost is \$11.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children 6-12 years old and kids 5 and younger eat for free. For information, call 652-4864.

#### Club presents live music

Head to the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club's Nite Club patio Sept. 19, 6-10 p.m., for rhythm and blues and jazz by the Black Ties band. The themed buffet costs \$10.45 per person from 5-8:30 p.m. Club members receive \$2 off the buffet price. No coupons will be accepted for this event. For more information, call 652-3056.

#### Join the chef for stir-fry

The JBSA-Lackland's Gateway Club features "Stir-Fry with the Chef" Sept. 26, 5-8 p.m. Diners satisfy their craving for Asian cuisine with an assortment of meats and vegetables stir fried and seasoned to perfection by the chef. Members enjoy dinner for \$9.95 and nonmembers for \$11.95. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Club celebrates fiscal new year

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club features the Fiscal New Year lunch buffet Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the food court. Featured dishes are stuffed pork chops, fried chicken, seafood Newburg with white steamed rice, chicken gentle home, Jack Daniels pork ribs, whipped potatoes with gravy, red potatoes, corn and green beans. The buffet is \$9.95 per person. For more information, call 645-7034.

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club also celebrates the fiscal new year with a party Sept. 26 in the Lone Star Lounge. DJ Doggin' Dave Productions performs 5-6 p.m., followed by The Show Band, 6-9 p.m. The DJ closes out the night 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is free and open to both members and nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

# JBSA FSS

## Fitness

### Intramural flag football begins

JBSA-Lackland Fitness and Sports intramural flag football program begins Sept. 2 with games Monday through Thursday, 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., at the Warhawk Football Field. For more information, call 671-2725.

### Celebrate and remember at the Freedom 5K Run

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts a 5K run/walk at Eberle Park Sept. 11, 7:30 a.m., in remembrance of 9-11. The 5K is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For information, call 652-7263.

### Fitness enthusiasts enjoy dodgeball tournament

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center hosts a dodgeball tournament Sept. 13, 9 a.m. Teams must sign up by Sept. 10 and should arrive early to compete in this double-elimination, dodgeball shootout. For more information, call 221-1234.

### Take the challenge with an indoor triathlon

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts an indoor triathlon Sept. 15-19 during normal business hours. Participants obtain a tracking booklet and complete a 15-mile treadmill/indoor track walk/run, 30-mile stationary bike ride and 5-mile row in order to complete the challenge. As each challenge is completed, a fitness team member initials the item. Completed booklets are turned in to the fitness center staff. Event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For information, call 652-7263.

### Lift contest challenges weight lifters

A weight training lift challenge takes place Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus for patrons 16 years of age or older. Patrons lift 1000 or 500 pounds, respectively in a bench press, dead-lift and squat. Contestants earn a T-shirt and the male and female with the most weight lifted claim the grand prize. For more information, call 808-5709.

### Fitness center holds doubles racquetball tourney

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts a racquetball tournament Sept. 23 and 25, 3-6 p.m. For more information, call 977-2353 or 977-2354.

## Golf

### Celebrate Labor Day with golf

Head to the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course Sept. 1 for an individual low net/ low gross golf tournament. The tee times are 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$10 plus green fees and cart rental. For information or to sign up, call 652-4653.

### Golfers invited to scramble

Golfers are invited to play in this four-person scramble Sept. 5 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club with a shotgun start of 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner, gift certificates for the winners of the longest drive, closest to the pin and for first-second-and

third place winners. For more information, call 222-9386.

### Discover the best golfer at championship

Discover the best golfer at the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course championship Sept. 27-28. Tee times are 7-9 a.m. This flighted individual tournament allows golfers to compete against players with similar skill levels. The cost to enter is \$20 plus green fees and cart rental. For more information or to sign up, call 652-4653.

### Golf course available for tournaments

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course is available to host group or organization tournaments for fund raisers, retirements, promotions and sports outings. The golf course has representatives to assist patrons with planning. For more information, call 671-3466.

## Information, Tickets and Travel

### Amusement parks remain open

Six Flags remains open weekends through Nov. 16 and SeaWorld remains open weekends through Dec. 28. This is a great time to enjoy the parks without the heat or crowds. JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel in the Community Services Mall, building 895, has daily passes for Six Flags for everyone 3 and older for \$39.65 and SeaWorld passes for adults and children for \$45. Prices subject to change without notice. For information, call 652-5142, option 2.

### Patrons enjoy trip to casino

Book your trip to the Grand Casino, Kinder, La., at the JBSA-Randolph Information Tickets and Travel office. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, a \$23 voucher from the casino

and a tour guide. The bus departs at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 18 and returns at approximately 9 p.m. Nov. 19. Cost is \$60 for double occupancy or \$120 for single occupancy. Payment is required at the time of sign up. Sign up deadline is Nov. 5. For information, call 652-5142

### Score discounted tickets for upcoming shows

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel offers discounts on upcoming shows. Patrons can take advantage of prices starting at \$37 for "The Lion King" showing Dec. 11 to Jan. 4, 2015; "Marvel Universe" live Jan. 23-25, 2015 with prices starting at \$35; and "Disney on Ice Frozen" showing April 3-5, 2015 with prices at \$20, \$26 and \$47. Visit ITT early for best selection. For more information, call 671-3059.

### Get away on the "Simply Italy" group tour

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets & Travel Leisure Travel offers a nine-day spring break group tour to Italy with travel March 7-15, 2015. Travelers visit Rome, Venice, Pisa and Florence on this "Simply Italy" tour. Rates start at \$3,200 per person and include airfare with additional discounts available. Payment of a \$200 non-refundable, land-only deposit per person and a \$10 service fee per booking is due at time of sign up. If airfare is purchased via Trafalgar, a \$350 non-refundable air deposit is required at time of booking. Final payment is due Dec. 19. For more information, call 671-7111.

### Explore the Western Caribbean with Carnival Cruises

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets & Travel Leisure Travel invites patrons to explore the Western Caribbean with Carnival Cruises Jan. 17-22, 2015. The five-day cruise begins in Galveston, Texas, and travels to Progreso and Cozumel. Rates start at \$343 per person. Gratuities are not included. A payment of \$200 per person plus a \$10 service fee is due

at time of booking with the final payment due Nov. 14. For more information, call 671-7111.

### Get discount tickets to Enchanted Springs Ranch

Step back into the 1800s at Enchanted Springs Ranch, an old western town outside Boerne which includes a saloon, a church and building facades of a complete western town. Sit on a live Texas Longhorn for photos, take a tractor-drawn tour of the exotic animals that roam the ranch, go inside a teepee and watch a gunslingers' show. The ranch is open weekends. Discounts are available at JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel for \$11; \$4.50 for children ages 3-11. For more information, call 671-3059.

## Library

### Story time continues at base library

The JBSA-Lackland Library hosts free story times Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Story time for children ages 0-2 is 10-10:30 a.m. and story time for children ages 3-5 is 10:30-11:30 a.m. The theme is back to school. For more information, call 671-3610.

## Military & Family Readiness Center

### Deploying members attend briefing

Active-duty members deploying or going on a remote assignment are required to attend one of the mandatory briefings held in the JBSA-Randolph Hanger 71, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 9-11 a.m. Spouses are encouraged to attend to learn about available programs and resources for military spouses. To sign up, call 652-5321.

### Members attend mandatory counseling briefing

Separating or retiring personnel must attend this briefing before attending the Goals Plans Success Transition Assistance Program at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 3, 10 and 17, noon to 4 p.m. Members may schedule their pre-separation appointment up to 24 months before retiring or up to 12 months prior to separating. For more information, call 652-5321.

### Learn to write a federal resume

Learn to create a federal resume using the USA Jobs system Sept. 3, 9-11:30 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center and Sept. 25, 8:30-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC. For more information, call 221-2418 or 221-2705 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston or 671-3722 for JBSA-Lackland.

### Job seekers learn to write a resume

Learn which formats experts prefer for non-federal resumes and how to effectively write summary statements and more. Classes are Sept. 3, 9:30-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center; Sept. 8, noon to 2 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC and Sept. 10, 9-11:30 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC. For more information or to sign up, call 652-5321 for JBSA-Randolph, 671-3722 for JBSA-Lackland and 221-2418 or 221-2705 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

### Spouses take part in career seminar

This two-day seminar is Sept. 4-5, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center. The seminar reflects on skills, abilities and interests for assessing

a career. To sign up, call 671-3722.

### Spouses learn about the Air Force

Heartlink on Sept. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., provides an understanding of the Air Force and their base for military spouses including Air Force customs and courtesies, how to read a leave and earnings statement and a tour of JBSA-Randolph. Heartlink provides resources and a chance to connect with other spouses who have had similar experiences. Lunch is provided. To make reservations, call 652-532.

### Couples learn the five love languages

Learn the language of love, improve understanding and explore communication styles in a three-day class Sept. 8, 15 and 22, 2-4 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information or to sign up, call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

### Newcomers get orientated to Randolph

All newly assigned JBSA-Randolph military and civilian personnel are required to attend mandatory base in-processing Sept. 8 and 29, 8 a.m. to noon. To sign up, call 652-1845.

### Patrons learn about survivor benefits

A briefing covering the Survivor Benefit Plan is offered at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 9, 8-9:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m., to help military members and spouses become familiar with the options, effects and advantages of SBP. To schedule an appointment, call 652-3633.

### Patrons improve Microsoft skills

Brush up on Microsoft skills at these helpful workshops: Microsoft Word Sept. 9, 9-11 a.m. and PowerPoint Sept. 23,

9-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. To reserve your seat, call 221-2517 or 221-2518.

### Learn how to prepare for interviews

Learn how to prepare for a job interview at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center's class Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to noon and the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC class Sept. 26, noon to 2 p.m. In addition, learn how to research prospective employers, how to answer questions and how to dress. For more information, call 652-5321 at JBSA-Randolph and 671-3711 at JBSA-Lackland.

### Parents learn the love languages of children

Parents learn to identify and speak their child's love language in a three-day class Sept. 11, 18 and 15, 3-4:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. To register, call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

### Learn tips on buying a car

Learn the latest techniques on how to handle car salesmen and more helpful information in a car-buying class at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 16, 2-3 p.m., To sign up, call 652-5321.

### Members learn about pursuing technical careers

This two-day class at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 16 and 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., helps participants define technical career goals, identify required credentials, find technical training opportunities and use Veterans Affairs education benefits. The goal plan must be accomplished prior to registering for this class. To register, call 652-5321.

### Army Family Team Building has night classes

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center conducts Army Family Team Building Sept. 16 and 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join them for a lesson on military specific acronyms, terms and time, ways to bounce back from the stress and challenges of life and receive tools to help keep moving along productively. The classes are open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or 221-9196.

### Officers attend first duty station financial training

First and second lieutenants and captains assigned to their first duty station must attend this mandatory class at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class explores all aspects of finances, insurance, credit management, thrift savings plan, liability laws and local fraudulent business practices. For more information, call 652-5321.

### Spouses learn about challenges after deployment

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center offers spouses of returning military members a pre-reintegration workshop Sept. 17, 1-2 p.m. The class covers solutions to challenges specific to couples and families reuniting after a deployment. Seating is limited and registration is required. For more information, call 652-5321.

### Key spouse training mandatory for new members

Mandatory training for all newly appointed key spouses is conducted Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to noon, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. The training is also highly recommended for new key spouse mentors.

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Class is open to all JBSA military spouses. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or 221-0946.

## Learn about roles in a Family Readiness Group

This two-day training takes place Sept. 18-19, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. The training provides Family Readiness Group key position members guidance on the roles and responsibilities within the FRG. To sign up, call 221-2705 or 221-0946.

## Members tour San Antonio

Get a unique perspective of downtown San Antonio Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Transportation is provided from the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center to the USO downtown. Tour includes the River Walk, HemisFair Plaza, La Villita and Market Square. To sign up, call 221-2418 or 221-2705.

## Learn how to make marriage work after deployment

Learn to understand and accept changes in one another as a result of deployment; challenges of reuniting; adjusting to life after deployment and solutions and skills for a stable and satisfying relationship at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 19, 3-4 p.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Single parents gather in support group

Meet other single parents and learn about things that matter as a single parent. Attendees are encouraged to bring ideas or suggestions on topics they want to learn about and their lunch. The group meets at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the JBSA-Randolph Religious Activity Center, building 975, Sept. 25, noon to 1 p.m. The JBSA-Lackland group requires pre-registration, but there is no need to sign up for the JBSA-Randolph group. For information, call 671-3722 at JBSA-Lackland and 652-5321 for JBSA-Randolph.

## Exceptional Family Member parents gather for support

Parents of children in the Exceptional Family Member Program are invited to a support group Sept. 25, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. The group fosters new friendships, networking and helps members share experiences unique to special needs. For more information, call 671-3722.

## Transitioning members get records reviewed

The group Capstone Review, which takes place Sept. 24, 9-10 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center verifies that transitioning military members have met all the requirements of the "Service Member Career Readiness Standards/Individual Transition Plan Checklist." This checklist is mandatory and should be completed within 90 to 150 days prior to separation or retirement. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Retiring members learn about veterans programs

Retiring service members not wishing to attend the five-day Goal Plan Succeed Transition Workshop may attend a Veterans Affairs workshop at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Sept. 30, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop covers critical veterans' programs and services. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Outdoor Recreation

### Dove hunting season begins

Dove season opens Sept. 5 and closes Sept. 28. The JBSA-Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center complies with all Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations. Hunters are required to have a Hunters Education Certificate, Texas Hunting Permit and JBSA-Camp Bullis Annual Permit are required. For more information, call 295-7529 or 295-7577.

### Archery Range hosts monthly competition

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Archery Range hosts an archery competition Sept. 20-21, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$10 for the fun shoot and \$15 for the competition shoot. Patrons can register the day of the event from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call 295-7577.

### Outdoor Recreation hosts cohesion challenge

The JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation Air Force Team Cohesion Challenge takes place Sept. 16-17. The challenge includes a 5K run Sept. 16 and the rucksack challenge Sept. 17. The 5K run is open to everyone and is mandatory for participants registered in the rucksack event. Patrons can sign up for the rucksack challenge at JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation, building 871, as individuals or with coworkers and friends. A fee of \$20 per participant is due by Sept. 11. Participants wear a 30-40 pound backpack while participating in basic training calisthenics, swimming, lifting and marching. For more information, call 925-5532.

### Last chance for summer fun

Autumn is a great time to savor scenic JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake. The season to enjoy water recreation activities like boating and swimming is fading. Now is the time to stay at the park in one of their many lodging facilities and give the family one last chance to make summer memories. For more information and reservations, call 830-226-5357 or 800 280-3466.

## Youth and Children

### Youth enjoy modern dance classes

Youth ages 4-13 participate in a four-session dance class that focuses on the fundamentals of modern dance at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs. The program class runs Sept. 6-27, 10-11 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. For more information, call 221-3381.

### Run to save a life

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts the Run for Life 5K Run/Walk at Eberle Park for Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month Sept. 6, 8 a.m. Check in at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. This is a free event and requires no pre-registration. For information, call 652-3298

### Parents get a night out

Parents can always use some quality time out. JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs offer an opportunity for a break through the Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out program. Parents can go worry-free while the kids are cared for with snacks, activities and games. Care is provided for children ages 5 (in kindergarten) to 12 years old. The cost is \$15 per child or free for eligible Air Force families with a Give Parents a Break referral.

Preregistration is required. Late pickups are subject to extra fees.

JBSA-Lackland holds their Parents Night Out Sept. 6, 1-5 p.m. For more information, call JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs at 671-1072 or the JBSA-Lackland Child Development Center at 671-2388. JBSA-Randolph holds their night out Sept. 20, 1-6 p.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

### Youth membership has free week

Youth are invited to check out JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Sept. 8-13. There is no membership needed that week to participate in clubs, activities and open recreation. (does not include instructional classes, league sports and school-age programs). Stop by for a monthly youth programs calendar or check out <http://www.randolphfss.com> to see what is offered. Membership is only \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Kids are playing all around the world

Join the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs for Nickelodeon's 11th annual Worldwide Day of Play Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This special event is designed to influence kids to turn off their television and be active and healthy. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Parents learn how to prepare youth for pre-school

Ready, Set, Learn is an 11-session parent/child class at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston that offers parents a way to help teach their children the fundamentals needed for pre-school. This session begins Sept. 28 for ages 2-4. Registration fee is \$35. For more information, call 221-3381.

### After-school clubs cater to youth interests

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs offers intermittent care through after-school clubs. Children, ages 5 (in kindergarten) to 12 years old, have the opportunity to peak their interests in a rewarding learning experience with clubs such as art, cooking, drama, gardening, Legos, photography, Power Hour, robotics, sewing and technology. All required documentation must be on file in order to participate in drop-in/club activities. For more information, call 671-2388.

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# ***Nominations open for 66th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Award***

**By Janis El Shabazz**

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

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Air Force officials are accepting nominations for the 64th annual Arthur S. Flemming Award, which honors outstanding federal employees who have made significant and extraordinary contributions to the federal government.

The award is sponsored by George Washington University in conjunction with the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission.

The Air Force may nominate 10 federal civilian employees or military members – two in each of the following five categories: leadership and/or management, legal achievement, social science, clinical trials and translational research, applied science and engineering and basic science.

Each major command, field operating agency and direct reporting

unit may only nominate one person in each category. Individuals previously nominated but not selected for a Flemming Award may be re-nominated. Previous award winners may not be re-nominated.

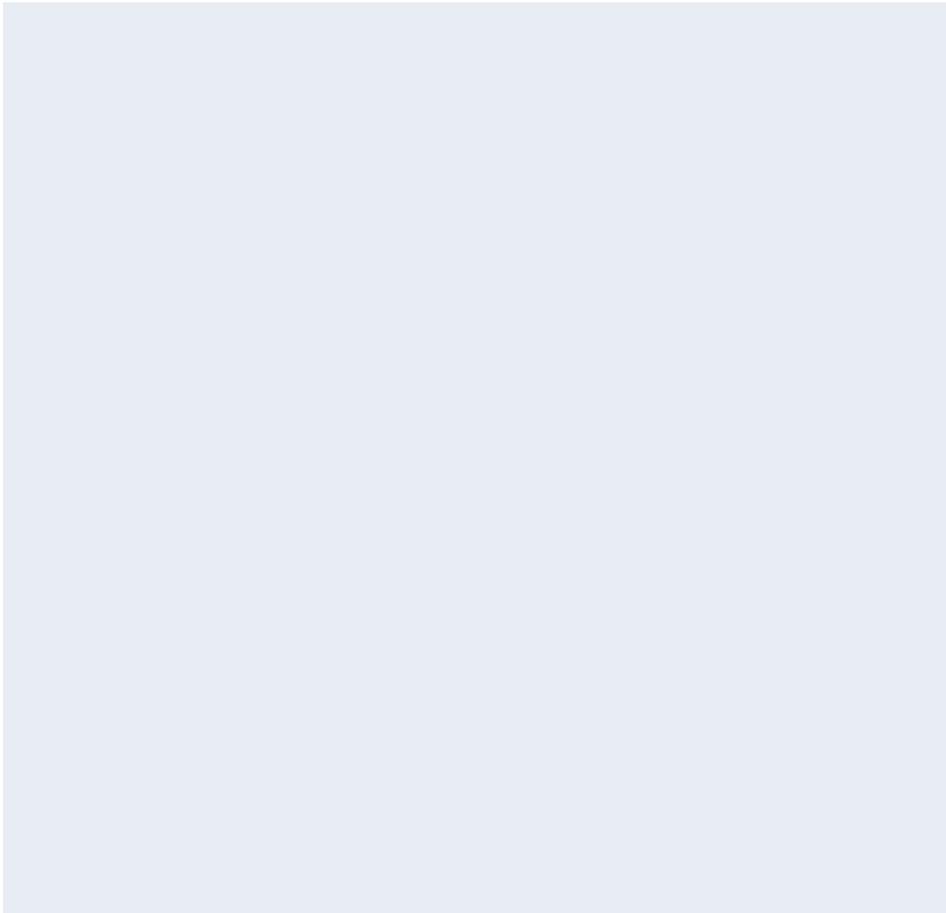
Nominees can be any career federal civilian employee or member of the uniformed services who has at least three but no more than 15 years of total service – cumulative of military and civilian – as of Dec. 31. These awards will be made for outstanding contributions to public service on either a sustained basis or through a single exceptional accomplishment achieved or completed this year.

Completed nomination packages are due to the Air Force Personnel Center by Nov. 19.

For more information on Air Force recognition programs and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

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**JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention, Response**

To report a sexual assault, call the 24/7 Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Hotline at 808-7272 or the Department of Defense Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247.

**Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph  
News Briefs****Labor Day weekend gate hours**

All Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph gates except the Main Gate will be closed Saturday through Monday during Labor Day weekend. The Main Gate will operate on a 24-hour schedule during this time. For more information, contact Security Forces at 652-5700.

**Thrift shop Labor Day hours**

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Thrift Shop is closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. The shop re-opens for normal business 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 658-5990.

**Heart Link**

A Heart Link orientation takes place 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center.

This orientation helps spouses gain a better understanding of the Air Force and their base. Heart Link topics range from Air Force customs and courtesies, to how to read a leave and earnings statement, to a tour of JBSA-Randolph. In addition to providing families with resources, Heart Link also provides new spouses a chance to connect with other spouses who have had similar experiences. Lunch will be provided.

For more information or to reserve a place during the presentation, call 652-5321.

**Munitions offices**

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron munitions offices and munitions storage area will be closed to normal business Sept. 8-12 to conduct semiannual inventory. Only emergency issues can be honored during this period. Contact 502nd LRS munitions personnel at 652-6780/3361 for any questions or concerns.

**JBSA-Randolph 2014 Run for Life 5K**

A youth and family 5K takes place Sept. 6 at Eberle Park. The event is being held in support of Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month. Register at <http://www.5kRunForLife.com> before Monday to pre-order a shirt.

**Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action week**

Three POW/MIA remembrance events will take place on Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Sept. 16-18:

- Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club. Contact Tech. Sgt. Nicole Hicks at 665-1647 for ticket costs.
- Remembrance run: 7-9 a.m. Sept. 17 at the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course 5K trail.
- Retreat ceremony: 4-5 p.m. Sept. 18 in front of the JBSA-Randolph Missing Man Monument. Volunteers are needed for 30-minute shifts from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 18. To volunteer, call Airman Raul Reyna at 652-3061. For more information about the week's events, call Tech. Sgt. Barrett Magee at 652-0891.

# Back to school means extra vigilance for drivers

By Steve Elliott

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Drivers must pay extra attention to the rules of the road now that children are back at school. Kids will be crossing streets, school buses will be picking up and dropping off students at various locations, parents will be lining up near schools in the mornings and afternoons and those flashing yellow lights will be going off near schools again.

More than a million children and teens depend on buses to get them safely to and from the more than 9,000 Texas schools every day. They also depend on motorists to know the law and drive safely around school buses.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, a driver – traveling in either direction – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal, such as flashing lights. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

Local police and Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be watching and violations are expensive. Drivers who violate the law could face fines, according to the DPS website (<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>).

Motorists should obey the posted speed limit in school

zones, said Jewell Hicks, Joint Base San Antonio safety chief. Also, keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops and watch for children who might dart across the street to catch the bus.

While waiting for the bus, kids need to stand far back and then follow instructions from the drivers once they board. Once seated, they should sit still so the driver can pay attention to the road, Hicks stressed. After leaving the bus, they need to look both ways if crossing the street or wait for the driver to signal it's safe.

For drivers, the most common traffic violations committed in school zones are for the use of a cell phone and speeding. Additional infractions include crossing where prohibited, passing a stopped school bus, disobeying a school crossing guard and parking where prohibited.

For those who think those infractions are no big deal, they will actually put a significant dent in their wallets, Hicks points out. According to the City of San Antonio website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Court/PaymentAndFines/FinesAndCourtCosts.aspx>, speeding in a school zone for the first 10 miles over the speed limit is \$206, with each additional mile over adding another \$5.

Speeding in a construction zone for the first 10 miles over the speed limit is \$235, with each additional mile over adding another \$10. Speeding in a school zone/construction zone for the first 10 miles over the speed limit

is \$290, with each additional mile costing \$10.

While that's expensive, drivers who pass a stopped school bus will be fined \$642. Other school zone violations, excluding speeding, are \$206. Seat belt violations are \$147, while child safety seat and child seat belt violations are \$221. In addition, drivers will see points on their licenses that can lead to the suspension or revocation of the driving privileges on military locations.

Another big safety concern on JBSA locations are drivers distracted from talking or texting on their cell phones, Hicks said.

"Just hang up the phone," he said. "Using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle on a military installation is against military regulations for service members, civilians, retirees and family members. If you need to take or make a call, pull over to a safe location or use a hands-free device."

Additionally, the wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones or other listening devices (except for hands-free cell phones or Bluetooth devices) while driving is prohibited, Hicks said. "Use of those devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles and human speech."

For more information about driving safety and rules, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston security forces at 221-2342. At JBSA-Randolph, call 652-1645 and at JBSA-Lackland, call 671-5032.

# JBSA Article 15 punishments: actions have consequences

By Col. Mark T. Allison  
502nd Air Base Wing Staff Judge Advocate

During July, Air Force commanders throughout Joint Base San Antonio administered 28 non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record.

A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

## **JBSA-Lackland (15):**

- **Drunk, discredit to service** – An Airman Basic was intoxicated during accountability. The member received forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, 15 days restriction to base, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand. The member's suspended punishment of forfeitures of \$765 pay for one month was vacated for a new misconduct.

- **Failure to go and underage Drinking** – An Airman Basic failed to report to his appointed place of duty, and consumed alcohol while being under the legal drinking age of 21. The member received forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months, 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Drunk on duty** – An Airman was intoxicated while performing charge of quarters duties. The member received a reduction to Airman Basic, forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, 30 days restriction to base, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Dereliction of duty and making a false official statement** – An Airman 1st Class was placed on quarters, but during a health and wellness inspection, she was unable to be located. Her supervisor questioned her whereabouts and the member falsely stated she was in her dormitory. The member received a reduction to Airman and a reprimand.

- **Wrongful appropriation, \$500 or less and drunk/discredit to service**



- An Airman Basic took another Airman's military ID card without his knowledge, then purchased and consumed alcohol while being under the legal age of 21. The member received forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, 45 days restriction to base, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Assault consummated by a battery and using indecent language** – An Airman put on another Airman's physical training shorts and sent the same Airman a text message containing indecent language. The member received forfeitures of \$858 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, 14 days restriction to base, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Absent without leave three days or less** – A Tech. Sgt. failed to report to a mandatory squadron function. The member received a suspended reduction to Senior Airman and a reprimand.

- **Violation of a general regulation** – An Airman 1st Class in technical

training entered the room of an Airman of the opposite sex. The member received a forfeiture of \$902 in pay and a reprimand.

- **Dereliction of duty** – A Senior Airman made unauthorized purchases on her government travel card and failed to pay off the debt. The member received a reduction to Airman Basic, suspended forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Dereliction of duty and underage drinking** – An Airman 1st Class was found sleeping in the library during duty hours and also consumed alcohol while being under the legal drinking age of 21. The member received a reduction to Airman Basic, suspended forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months, 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Providing alcohol to a minor** – An Airman 1st Class provided alcohol to an underage Airman. The member received a suspended reduction to Airman, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Larceny, \$500 or less** – An Airman Basic stole apparel merchandise from the AAFES Base Exchange. The member received forfeitures of \$300 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- **Larceny, \$500 or less** – An Airman Basic stole apparel merchandise from the AAFES Base Exchange. The member received forfeitures of \$708 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

- **Dereliction of duty, indecent viewing/recording and underage drinking** – An Airman 1st Class was found sleeping in the library during duty hours. The member also consumed alcohol while being under the legal drinking age of 21 and recorded members performing sexual acts without their consent while at a party. The member received a reduction to Airman Basic, forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Drunken driving** – An Airman 1st Class drove a privately owned vehicle onto a military installation while under the influence of alcohol. The member received a reduction to Airman, suspended forfeitures of \$858 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

## **JBSA-Fort Sam Houston (11):**

- **Dereliction of duty** – An Airman 1st Class showed up late to accountability and received a reduction to Airman, restriction for 14 days, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

- **Failure to go** – An Airman showed up late to training accountability and received extra duty for 15 days, restriction for 30 days, forfeiture of \$858 and a reprimand.

- **Failure to go** – An Airman Basic was late for training weekend accountability and received extra duty for 15 days, restriction for 20 days, forfeiture of \$765 and a reprimand.

- **Failure to go** – A Senior Airman overslept and was late to work by more than two hours. The member received a reduction to Airman 1st Class, a suspended reduction to Airman and a reprimand.

- **Dereliction of duty** – An Airman

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1st Class showed up late to training accountability and received a reduction to Airman and a reprimand.

- Indecent recording and broadcasting – An Airman 1st Class recorded another member naked and then distributed it to friends. The member received a reduction to Airman, 15 day extra duty, 15 days restriction and a reprimand.

- Failure to go, dereliction of duty – An Airman Basic was late to accountability and showed up smelling of alcohol despite being underage and a breath test showed a blood alcohol content of 0.017. The member received restriction for 30 days, forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- Dereliction of duty – An Airman Basic was late for physical training and received extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days, forfeitures of \$357 pay and a reprimand.

- Unprofessional relationship – A Staff Sgt. engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a Senior Airman in the member's chain of command. The member received a reduction to Senior Airman and a reprimand.

- Failure to go, late to accountability and dereliction of duty, underage drinking – An Airman Basic was late to accountability and arrived for accountability smelling of alcohol despite being underage. A breath test showed a blood alcohol concentration of 0.039. The member received restriction for 30 days, forfeitures of \$765 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- Dereliction of duty – An Airman 1st Class was late to training accountability and received a reduction to Airman and a reprimand.

**JBSA-Randolph (2):**

- Failure to obey – A Senior Airman violated an order not to use their cell phone in the workplace and received a reduction to the grade of Airman 1st Class and a reprimand.

- Going from place of duty – An Airman placed medical appointments on the office calendar to make it appear he had a medical appointment, when there were actually no appointments and the member simply did not want to go to work. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic and a reprimand.

**TX TIP from P4**

“I absolutely recommend this workshop to others preparing for transition. Even after attending TAP, I still learned more especially from the education portion,” said Senior Airman Corina Yates.

Officials noted that this is an ongoing partnership; JBSA will continually look at this workshop and other potential ways to enhance the transition program for the families staying in San Antonio. The next event will be held at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston in November and JBSA-Randolph in February.

In addition, MVCC partners are incorporating monthly Veterans Transition Information Program workshops on a monthly basis to augment the TX-TIP. These sessions will be open to all veterans and hosted off base during the months TX-TIP is not being held.

“You served your nation, defended

this country and now it's time for you to turn the page to the next chapter of your life,” LaBrutta said to the crowd gathered at Arnold Hall during opening ceremonies.

“This should be an exciting time for you and you should be looking forward to this next transition and this next opportunity,” he said. “What we have done at JBSA is partnered with the resources in the community to make sure our folks' transition from military to civilian is as smooth as it can possibly be. This is our attempt. We are not there yet. We know it's all about continuous process improvement – and we will never stop because you deserve the best.”

More information on the program can be obtained through the Soldier for Life Program or the Military and Family Readiness Centers across JBSA.

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