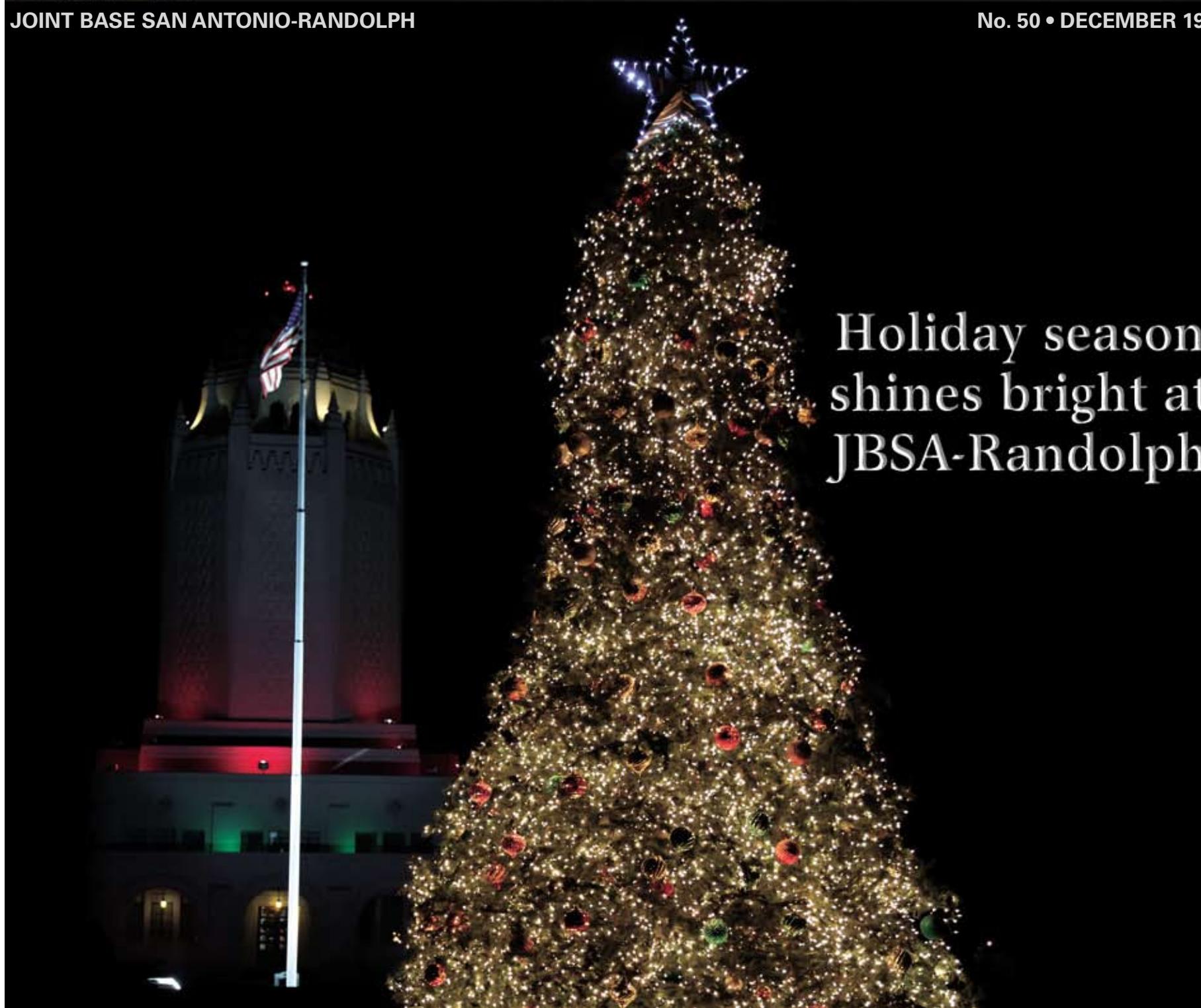




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Holiday season
shines bright at
JBSA-Randolph

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS, GRATITUDE

12th Flying Training Wing commander expresses gratitude

By Col. Matthew Isler
12th Flying Training Wing
commander



Col. Matthew Isler

As we wrap up an incredible 2014, I am so grateful for the Airmen, partnerships and shared values that made this year so successful.

First, our Airmen are the innovative engine and energetic hands that supported, generated, flew, controlled, instructed and debriefed the 26,000 missions flown from Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, operating safely in the busiest air traffic facility in our Air Force. Our mission partners sustained these operations and this beautiful base.

Together, our Airmen's hard work produced every new Air Education and Training Command primary flying instructor, Remotely Piloted Aircraft pilot, RPA sensor operator and most of the fighter wingmen in the Air Force.

Second, I am so grateful for the strong partnership of our community and mission partners that preserved our flying training

here at JBSA-Randolph. In 2014, we faced a serious threat to keeping our flying mission here at the "Showplace of the Air Force."

Due to the demand for real estate in the fast-growing communities northeast of San Antonio, we had to ask for their help and leadership to preserve the space needed to fly high-speed, high-volume trainer operations. Our community leaders stepped up, including the mayors, city councils, city managers, mission partners and other

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strong supporters, and together made great strides to protect our community and the flying mission at JBSA-Randolph.

Finally, I am grateful for the strong commitment and values that we share. In Military City USA, Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and the thriving communities that support us share the same level of commitment to our nation, and the values of integrity, service and excellence needed to defend our nation.

These values form the framework for success in everything that we do, and

provide us with unity of effort as we work in complex command structures and partnerships to achieve our diverse mission sets. In the coming year, there will no doubt be more challenges that could weaken us by pulling us apart, but our steadfast commitment to these shared values will ensure our strength and success through unity of effort.

Richest blessings to you, your families and loved ones this holiday season, as we keep those deployed in our prayers and care for their families at home.

ON THE COVER

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's iconic landmark, the Taj Mahal, is lit up with red and green lights for the holiday season and a decorated tree adorns the center of Washington Circle. Enjoy the holidays and remember to support our service members who are far away from loved ones at this time.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade

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Wingspread Holiday Schedule

Today's issue of the Wingspread is the last issue for 2014 and the first issue for 2015 will be Jan. 9.

Call 652-4410 for more information.



JBSA-Randolph Holiday Season Gate Hours

Only the Main Gate will be open Dec. 25-26, weekends and Jan. 1-2.

Air Force Fitness Management System slated for upgrade

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

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

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

The new system – AFFMS II – will improve accessibility and fitness program managers' ability to manage fitness program records. In addition, it will feature more stringent security controls to protect members' information.

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

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

Strickland advises Airmen who would like to maintain a copy of their fitness history prior to July 2010 to go to the current AFFMS site by Dec. 30 and download or print their pre-July 2010 information. Records can be printed or saved as PDFs, he said.

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

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

NEWS

Ceremony formalizes T-38 maintenance team's squadron status

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

An organization of more than 300 civilians responsible for the upkeep of the Air Force's aging T-38 fleet formally became a squadron during an activation ceremony Dec. 11 in Hangar 76 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Brig. Gen. Carl Buhler, Ogden Air Logistics Complex commander, presided over the ceremony, recognizing the efforts of the technicians, supervisors and support staff of the 575th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as well as director Robert Lewin.

"Over the past three years, this team's hard work and dedication have served to prove to our Air Force that you definitely possess the capability, the drive and the motivation to continue providing world-class support for our war fighters' training mission," he said. "And so, just under seven weeks ago today, the fruits of your labor were affirmed when the Air Force recognized and activated this operating location to its rightfully earned status as an Air Force squadron."

The new squadron, formerly the 571st AMXS Operating Location-A, is a geographically separated unit assigned to the Ogden ALC's 309th Aircraft Maintenance Group at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Contractor Lear Sigler Inc. turned over the T-38 depot at JBSA-Randolph to the Air Force in 2010. Since that time, the team has grown and more than 500 aircraft have undergone maintenance, modifications and repairs at the unit's facilities, which comprise five hangars and two support buildings.

Buhler outlined the unit's accomplishments, in-

cluding the on-time completion of modifications to 110 consecutive aircraft in fiscal 2012 and producing the 300th consecutive on-time jet in fiscal 2013. He also talked about an extensive project the squadron is embarking on.

"Just last week, you began full production on the Pacer Classic III modification, a \$240 million maintenance structural mod for 150 T-38s that will extend the life of those airplanes to the year 2029," he said.

Buhler commended the efforts of Lewin, who joined the 571st AMXS OL-A after a 20-year career in the Air Force as an enlisted member and officer who held leadership roles at the flight, squadron and numbered Air Force levels. Among Lewin's accomplishments during his active-duty career was earning the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award as the best company grade maintenance officer in the Air Force in 2008.

Buhler served as maintenance officer of the Air Force Thunderbirds when Lewin was a crew chief for the demonstration squadron.

"To me, personally, the best leaders are ones that I can trust and I trust Rob implicitly," he said. "And I trust him to lead this squadron in the direction that our Air Force needs it to go in."

Lewin, whose family attended the activation ceremony, also celebrated the accomplishments of the squadron and looked to the future.

"It's not one person or one unit responsible for the success of this squadron, but the collective efforts of an amazing team we've created," he said. "I look forward to a long and collaborative relationship for years to come."



Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Brig. Gen. Carl Buhler (left), Ogden Air Logistics Complex commander, passes the guidon to Robert A. Lewis, 575th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director, during the activation ceremony Dec. 11 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Battlefield Airmen careers featured in new app

By Tech. Sgt. Hillary Stonemetz
Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

A new app puts information about Battlefield Airmen careers at the fingertips of recruiters and applicants and is available now on iTunes, Android and AIRFORCE.com. The app was created by GSD&M, the Air Force's advertising agency, headquartered in Austin.

"Air Force Special Operations Command and Air Force Recruiting Service worked together to create an information based mobile application whose purpose is to educate candidates on AFSOC's unique career field opportunities and what it takes to succeed," said Elissa Pate, GSD&M account supervisor.

The free app features videos, photos

and stories of Battlefield Airmen such as pararescue jumpers, combat controllers, tactical air control party and special operations weather. It also allows the user to connect with a local recruiter, interact with online advisors, apply to join the Air Force and access the <http://www.AIRFORCE.com> mobile site.

"The videos, photos and information are shareable and useable," said Lt. Col. Kristi Beckman, AFSOC Public Affairs director. "Potential recruits not only learn about our warriors, but also about just what it takes to become one, physically and mentally.

"AFSOC is a little-known secret within the big Air Force enterprise," she said. "Our men and women are the quiet professionals; much of the world doesn't hear about them.

From our special tactics warriors to our Special Operations Air Advisors, there are incredible jobs that many young people might be interested in. A phone app is an extremely popular source of information for potential recruits and it just takes one share to get someone interested."

Beckman said that AFSOC special tactics Airmen are "absolute heroes" and are among the most decorated in the Air Force since Vietnam.

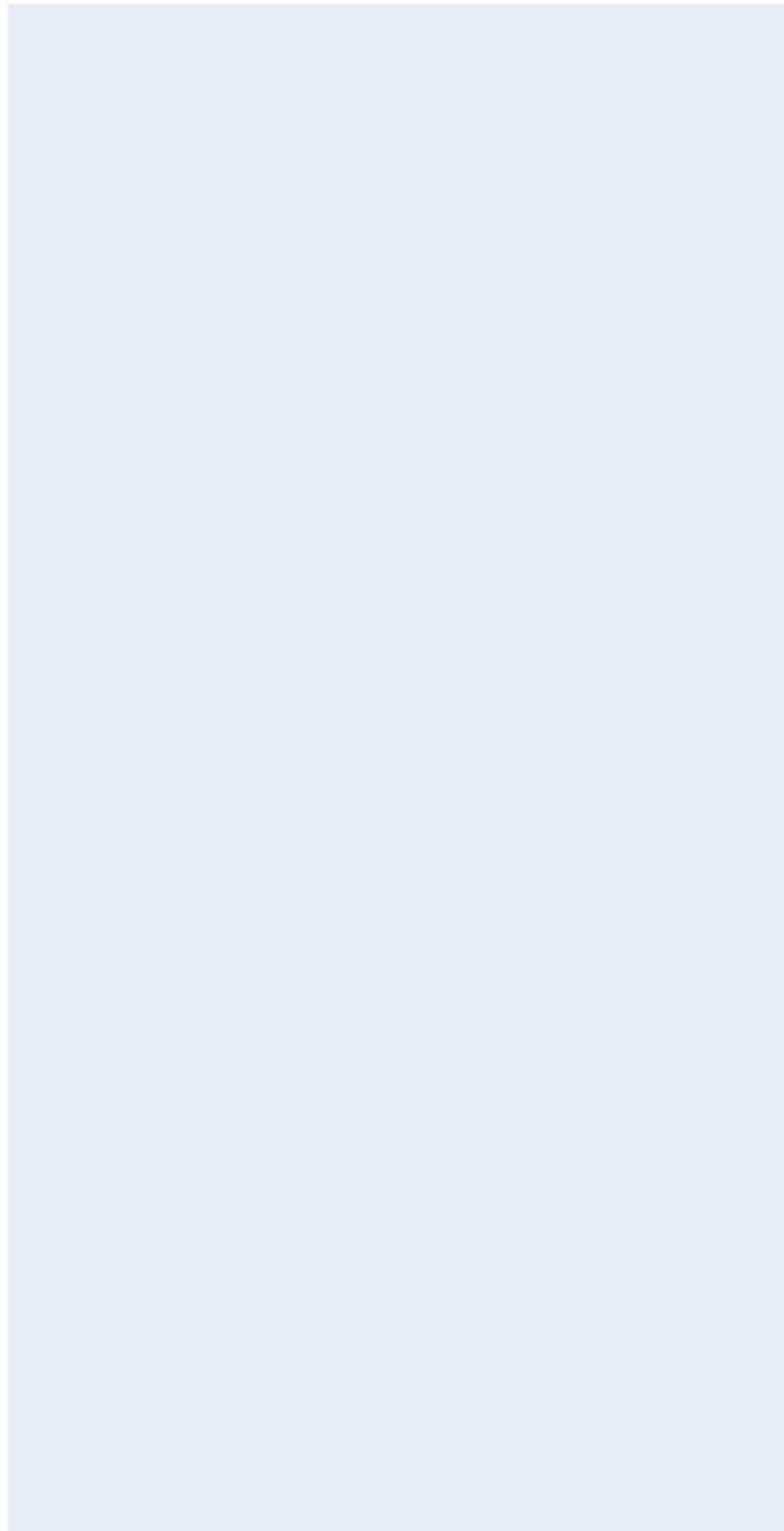
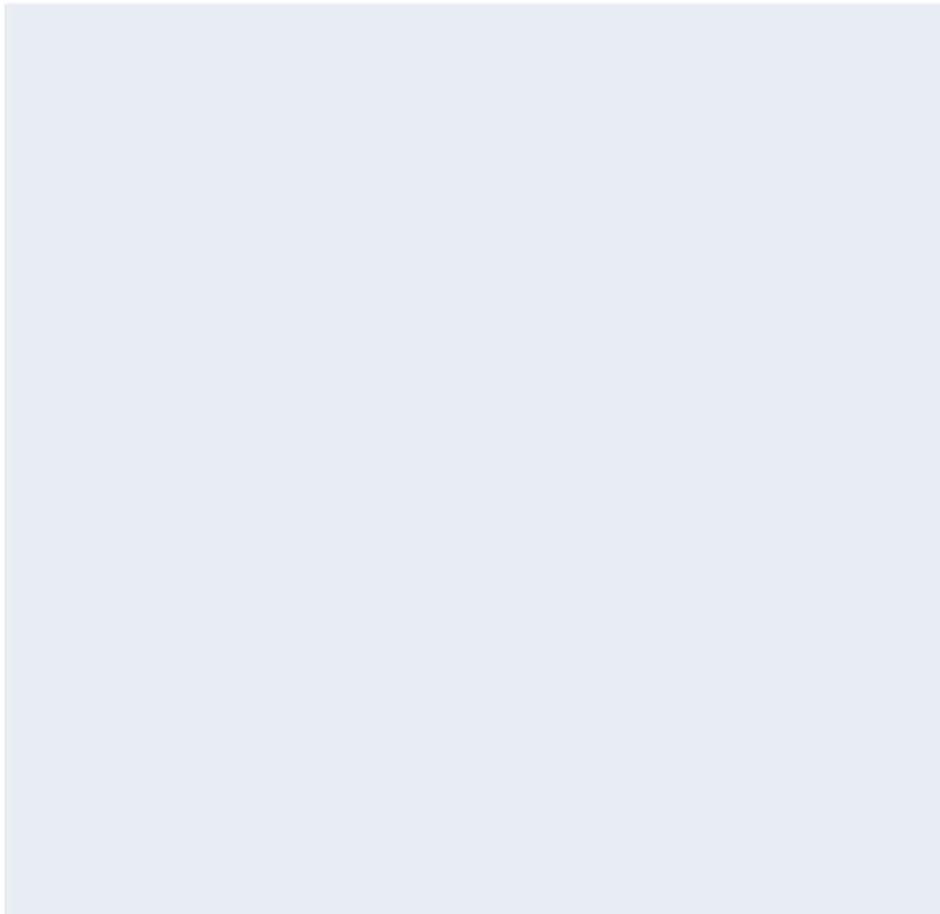
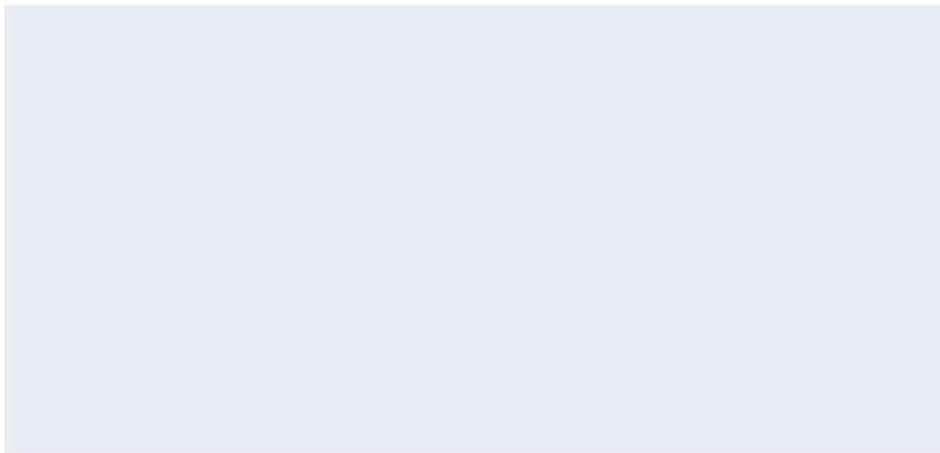
From special operations weathermen who jump out of planes to combat controllers who are Federal Aviation Administration-certified air traffic controllers, Beckman added that "it takes a special kind of person to make it into these career fields and we're hoping this app will be just one more way we

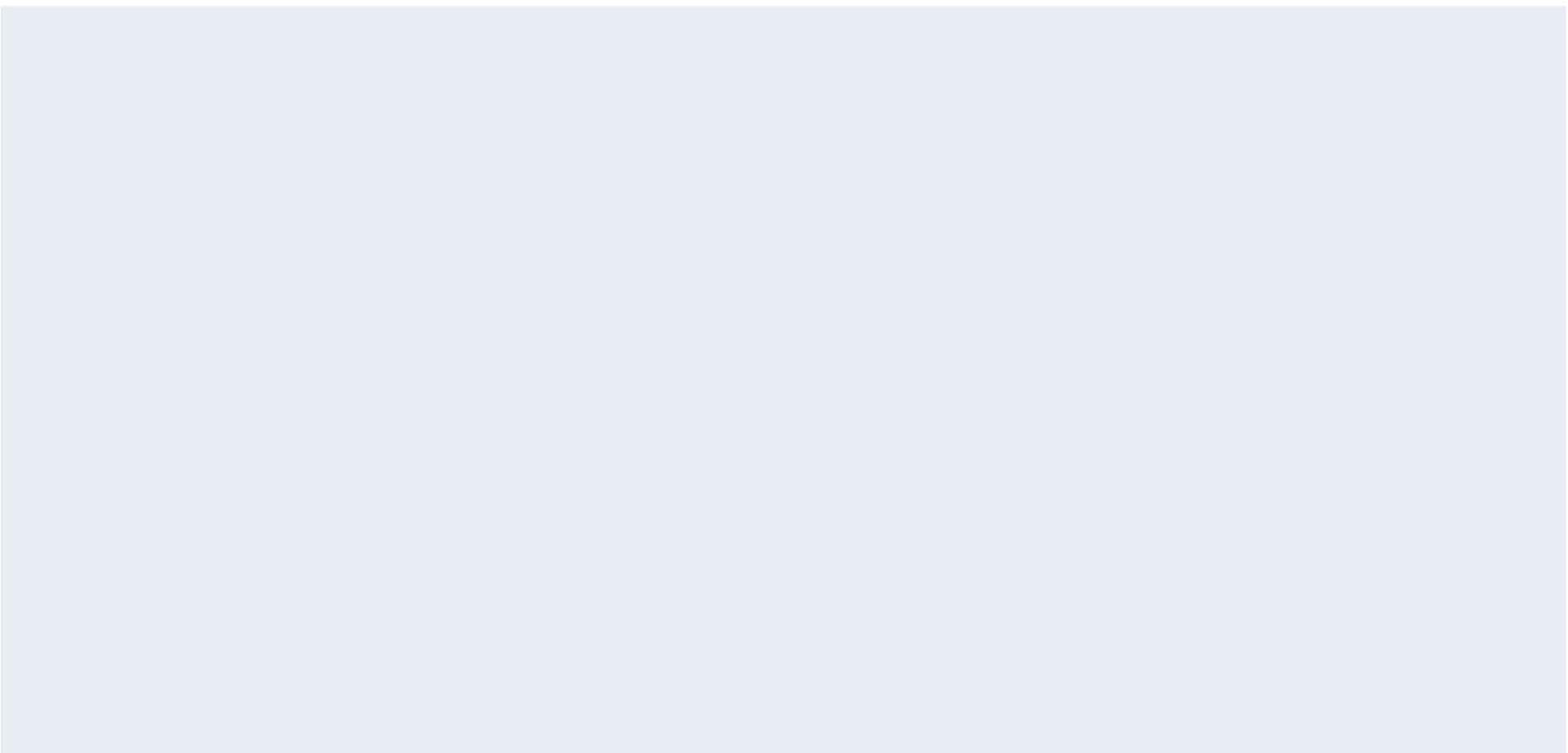
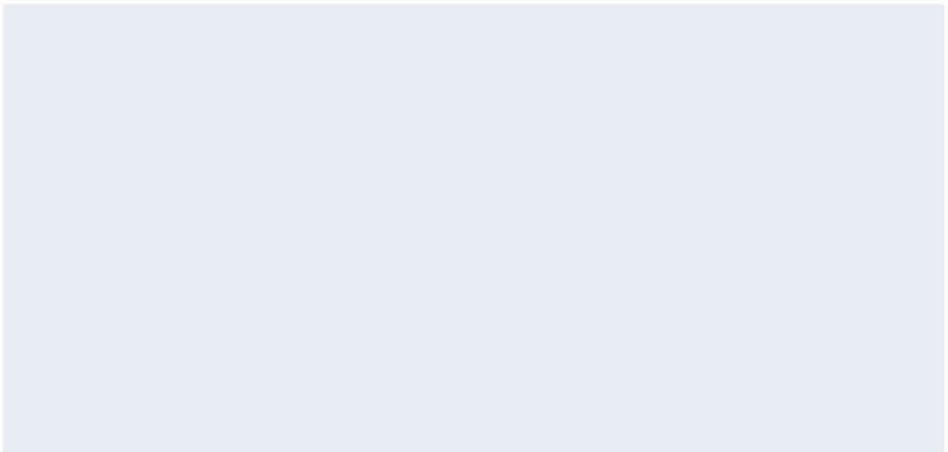
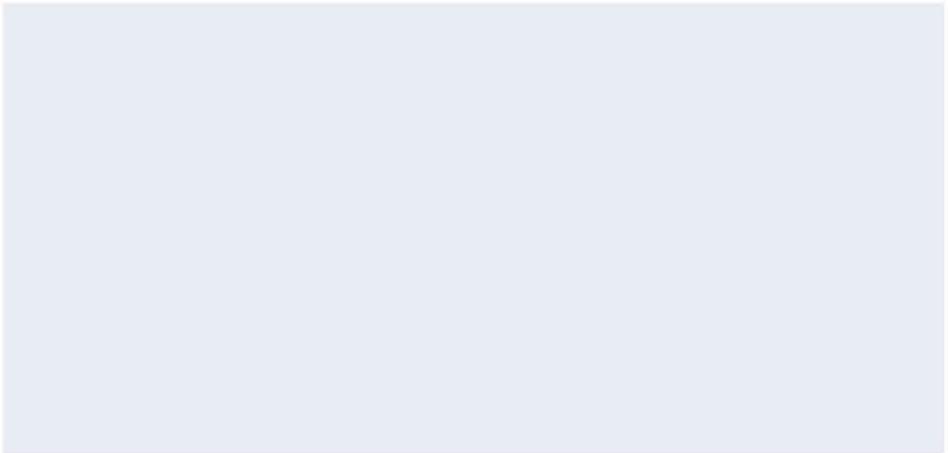
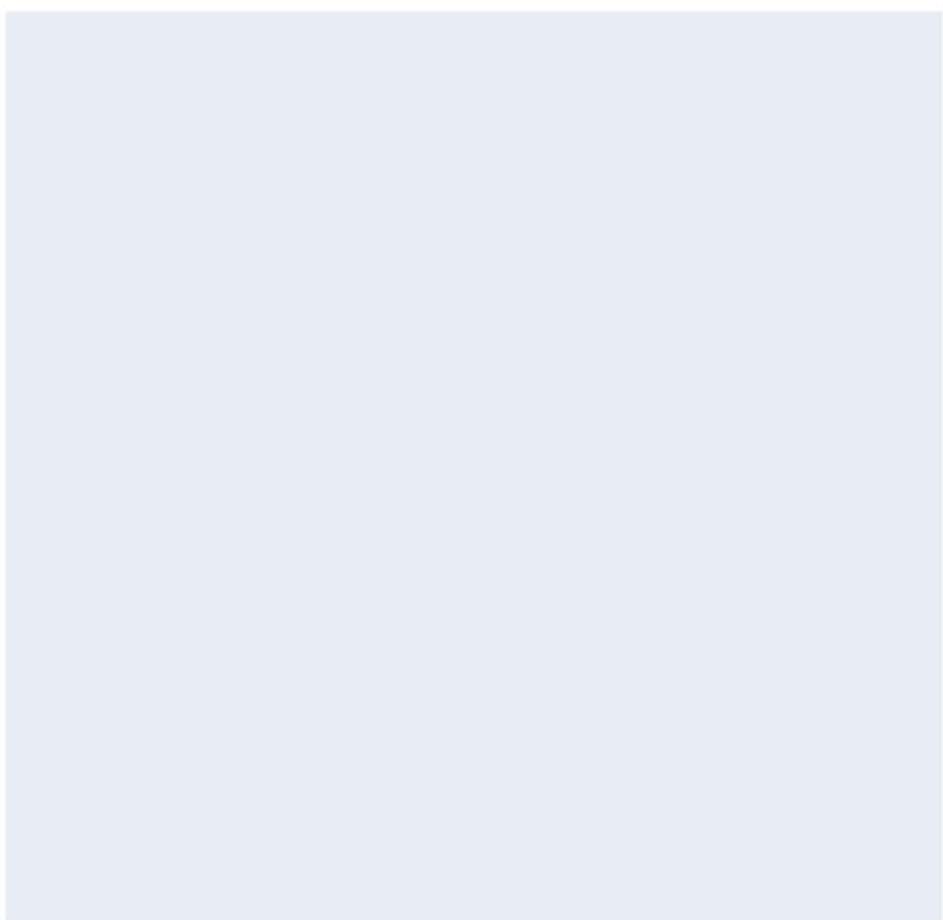
can find that individual.

"That snowboarder who knows no fear, the scuba diver who swims with great white sharks, the skydiver with countless jumps – those young people looking for more. Those young people might be looking for a way to continue their fearlessness, but also fulfill their sense of duty and service to our great country," Beckman said.

Although it's too early to tell if the app has helped recruit Battlefield Airmen, Beckman said recruiters can help by commenting on the app as a way to provide feedback and sharing the app with those they think have what it takes to be a special operations Airman.

To download the AFSOC app, visit <http://www.airforce.com/afsoc/support/>.







Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

January

Arts and Crafts

Professional framing available

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

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

Bowling

Start the year off with a roll

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

Everything is better with strawberry ice cream

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

Bowl for less over the holiday weekend

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

Save on bowling while leagues go west

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

Patrons enjoy \$1 bowling games

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

The gang's all here

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

Savings continue at bowling center

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

Rock-n-roll into the New Year

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

Saturday nights rock at Skylark

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

Community Programs

Tops in Blue looks for top talent

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

Bargain hunters find good buys at warehouse sale

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

"The Murder Room" takes place at Harlequin Theater

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

Patrons learn the who, what, when and where

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

Gamblers invited to play at Monte Carlo Night

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

2015 brings opportunities for more casino adventure

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

Clubs

Playoff games are best viewed at the club

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

Take a chance to be extravagant

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

Celebrate birthdays at bingo

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

The taste of the islands comes to town

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

Club members honored at appreciation night

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

Gateway Club offers entertainment throughout month

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 645-7034.

Fitness

Resolve to run 5K to start the new year

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

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

A new year, a new you

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



MONTE CARLO NIGHT

JANUARY 30 6:30 - 11 P.M.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club

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

Tell trainers thank you

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

Patrons lose big in 2015

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

Patrons learn proper lifting techniques

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

Coed teams compete in wallyball tournament

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

Achieve a new healthy lifestyle

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

Patrons invited to lift

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

Patrons run and have fun

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



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\$5 per person!

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- Beverage

Golf

Start the new year with golf

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

Warriors scramble to win

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

Tee off to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

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

Information, Tickets and Travel

Discover natural beauty close to home

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

Heroes and villains fill up the Alamodome

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

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

There is something fishy around here

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

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY Parr Club

Jan. 16 • 5-9 p.m.

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



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

Get Valero Alamo Bowl tickets before they are gone

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

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

See the Spurs work their magic

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

Patrons enjoy fun at discounted rates

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

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

Library

Story time is a hit with preschoolers

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

Learning a new language is easy

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

Outdoor Recreation

Save money while having fun at lake

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

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

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

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

Winter boating is more fun with a discount

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

Sportsman's Range open for shooting

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

Patrons shoot at indoor archery range

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

Boater's receive discount with off season discounts

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

Archers aim for competition fun

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

Sportsmen plan hunts with internet help

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

Student Activity Center

Gamers test football skills in Madden tournament

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

Football fans party and cheer for favorite teams

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

Disc jockey entertains students with today's new music

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

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

Students practice singing skills with karaoke

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

Youth and Children

Youth display art at annual exhibit

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

Parents get a well deserved night off

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

JBSA-Randolph hosts "Give Parents a Break" and "Kids Adventure Night" Jan. 24, 1-5 p.m. Register by Dec. 31. The afternoon event takes place at the CDP Annex for children younger than 2 years old and at Youth Programs for children over 3 years old. It is free for GPAB waiver holders and \$20 per child for all others. To register, call 652-4946.

Youth stay up late for basketball

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

Day camp provides safe entertainment for kids

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

Programs offer youth opportunities to get involved

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs encourages youth, ages 9 and older, to renew Youth Programs membership cards for 2015. The cards are used to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation during the year. Check out the preteen game room or Teen Zone, attend club meetings or join in activities.

The membership card does not include instructional classes, league sports or School Age Care Programs. Stop by for a monthly calendar of Youth Programs or check out <http://www.myjbsa-fss-mwr.com> to see what is offered. For those interested in joining, membership is \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298.

Babies and toddlers enjoy music and movement

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

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

Youth learn new skills in special classes

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

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

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

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

Youth and young adults go for the gold

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

Creative outlets are provided during drop-in care

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

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Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Visitor Control Center Holiday Hours

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Visitor Control Center holiday hours are as follows:

Closed: Dec. 25, Dec. 26, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2

Passes will be issued at the JBSA-Randolph Main Gate when the VCC is closed. Sponsors must meet their visitors at the Main Gate. Visitors must present an acceptable form of photo ID – driver's license and current proof of insurance is required, if driving. All Entry Authorization Lists for special occasions must be turned in no later than three duty days prior to special events, or five days if the guest list contains more than 100 people. Specific requirements and formats are available on the JBSA website homepage at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/library/visitorinformation.asp>. For more information, call 652-2838.

Transportation survey

The Texas Department of Transportation and the 502nd Air Base Wing are asking Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph commuters to participate in the Active Travel Demand Management Travel Options Study survey to better understand regional congestion patterns.

The survey link is <http://tinyurl.com/JBSAcommute>. The data collection phase runs through mid-January.

The study is sponsored by TxDOT and the purpose of the study is to promote travel option programs to employers, employees and other stakeholders along the most congested corridors in the San Antonio area. The goal is to describe the benefits, both for employers and employees, of alternative scheduling such as telecommuting, flex-time, compressed work weeks, and ridesharing options such as carpooling, vanpooling, and using public transportation.

The project team will document strategies already in place, and provide recommendations and a framework for the travel options that will work best for employees.

The commuter survey portion of this study is a means of understanding individual commute patterns – how long it takes and how individuals go about meeting their travel needs on a daily basis. As congestion increases in the San Antonio metro area, officials with the 502nd Air Base Wing and TxDOT are interested in learning about what other options you might be interested in. The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to provide valuable feedback.

For more information, call 652-3477 or 652-5307.

Randolph senior's hard work pays off in selection for all-star game

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Bryan London II is one of just a handful of Randolph High School football players in the school's history who cracked the starting lineup as a freshman.

Now, with four years of hard work and all-district accolades behind him, the 17-year-old senior is joining a lineup of the best football players in the San Antonio area as a participant in the 2015 San Antonio Sports All-Star Football Game at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 3 in the Alamodome.

The multi-sport athlete, who has earned all-district honors as a linebacker and running back, will join 100 other high school seniors selected for the all-star game, which will follow the 2015 U.S. Army All-American Bowl, a showcase for the best high school players in the country. Players for the San Antonio Sports all-star game were nominated by their high school coaches and chosen by a selection committee.

"I was pretty excited to be chosen for this game," Bryan said. "It gives me another opportunity to show what I can do – that I can play with the bigger schools."

Bryan will play for the East squad coached by Reagan High School's David Wetzell. Jerren Scott, a running back at Cole High School in the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District, will also represent the East team.

Pete Wesp, Randolph's head coach for the past two decades, saw Bryan's potential early.

"He started here as a freshman and he's been a starting linebacker ever since," he said. "There are only so many players who start their freshman year – maybe five in all my years here. That speaks volumes."

Wesp said Bryan has progressed as a football

player and team leader.

"He's a good role model," he said. "He has great work habits and the ability to get the other kids to work hard. He inspires them."

Bryan, who was defensive most valuable player in District 14-3A this year, said he assumed a leadership role in his junior year.

"I had a big sophomore year, so it was easy to make that transition," he said.

Bryan led the Ro-Hawks in tackles as a sophomore despite missing three games. He led the team in tackles, rushing and receiving as a junior, and in tackles, interceptions and forced fumbles this year.

Bryan has been a two-way performer for the Ro-Hawks, but he favors playing linebacker.

"On defense you can be relentless and play fearlessly," he said.

Bryan started playing football when he was 6 years old.

"I was an offensive lineman till eighth grade," he said. "I picked up basketball in seventh grade, trimmed down and got more athletic."

Bryan has also excelled as a basketball player at Randolph, earning all-star honors as a junior. In addition, he competes on the track team and in power lifting.

Bryan is the son of retired Army Sergeant 1st Class Bryan London, an inspector general at the U.S. Army Medical Department Office of the Inspector General and Kimberly London, a nurse consultant at San Antonio Military Medical Center. He also has four sisters, including Bryttney, a junior at Randolph who plays volleyball.

A new chapter in Bryan's life will begin after graduation. He's verbally committed to play football at Texas State University in San Marcos, where he will major in civil engineering and minor in kinesiology.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer

Bryan London, Randolph High School senior, plays linebacker and running back on the varsity football team and has been chosen as a participant in the 2015 San Antonio Sports All-Star Football Game to be played Jan. 3.

All forms of tobacco use compromise oral health

By Tech. Sgt. Karen Nelson
59th Dental Group

It is common knowledge that tobacco use has significant negative effects on the body. In fact, it is one of the leading causes of preventable illnesses and death in the United States, and now studies have shown that tobacco use also has an effect on your oral health.

Many people are shocked when they discover the effects of tobacco use on the oral cavity, said Kelli Arricale, 59th Dental Group registered dental hygienist. Tar and nicotine found in tobacco not only stain teeth and cause bad breath, but also slow the healing process after a tooth extraction or other surgeries and can lead to periodontal disease, leukoplakia, and oral cancer.

According to the American Academy of Periodontology, tobacco use has been identified as a risk factor in the development and progression of periodontal disease. Recent studies have also linked tobacco use to approximately 75 percent of periodontal disease among adults.

According to the American Dental Association, some signs of oral cancer are gray, red or white patches in the mouth, tenderness or numbness, and difficulty in chewing and/or speaking. If you notice any of these signs, contact your dentist or health care provider as soon as possible to schedule a full evaluation.

Smokers are also at a higher risk for other oral health problems including tooth decay and gingivitis. Gingivitis is an early stage of periodontal

disease in which the gums may feel tender, swollen and bleed easily upon brushing and/or flossing. Leukoplakia is a whitish, thick patch that can be found on the gums, tongue or insides of the cheek and may lead to the development of oral cancer.

Ceasing tobacco use is the only way to reduce your risk of tobacco-related health problems. In addition to negative effects it has on your oral health, tobacco use also increases the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and lung cancer. Quitting tobacco products can be difficult due to the addictive quality of nicotine. It is important and helpful to have a support system such as family and friends to help you beat the addiction.

Smoking cessation classes for active

duty service members are available through the Clinical Health Psychology department located at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, JBSA-Lackland (292-5968). For more information on the effects of tobacco use as well as helpful tips in quitting, visit the following sites: the American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org>, the American Dental Association website at <http://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/az-topics/smoking-and-tobacco>, the American Lung Association Quit Line, toll-free number 1-877-695-7848 and/or website <http://www.lung.org/>, or UCanQuit.org.

No matter how you choose to quit, make today the day you choose to live a healthier tobacco-free life for yourself and your loved ones.

Operation Cookie Drop sweetens holidays for JBSA-Randolph Airmen



Far left: Operation Cookie Drop participants (from left to right) Jennifer Gimbrone, Mai Lan Isler, Col. Matthew Isler, Tech. Sgt. Christopher McDonald, Master Sgt. Matthew Alanza, Chief Master Sgt. Troy G. Palmer, Jr. and Col. Michael Gimbrone sort cookies during Operation Cookie Drop Dec. 10 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Chapel One Kitchen Annex. Homemade cookies were delivered to Airmen assigned to JBSA-Randolph. Left: Eva Chambers and her son, Elijah, donate cookies during Operation Cookie Drop Dec. 10 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Chapel One Kitchen Annex.

Photos by Johnny Saldivar

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph
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offers

Tobacco Cessation classes

on a regular basis.

For current information or to sign up,
call 652-2300.