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Veterans awarded Medals of Honor

COMMENTARY

Sexual Assault Awareness Month: It's about respect

By Capt. Andrew Caulk

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
Community Advocate

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

Joint Base San Antonio will host a number of events throughout April and across all military installations. A proclamation ceremony takes place at 3 p.m. April 4 at the Evans Theater, building 1396 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, where people can learn how to help stop sexual assaults.

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

Joint Base San Antonio 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.

The culture is not necessarily military specific. We also need to examine our national culture and talk about respect.

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

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

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

Caring for each other is crucial if we

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

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

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

A call to action to build a respectful environment is the theme of the Department of Defense SAAM Theme for 2014 – "Live Your Values: Step UP and Stop Sexual Assault."

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

Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Awareness Month events

- **"Can I Kiss You?"** – Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Medical Education and Training Campus Student Center Auditorium, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-1496.
- **Proclamation Ceremony** – Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 4, 3 p.m., Evans Theater, building 1396, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Senior leaders from each service branch will come together to mark April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month for the JBSA community.
- **"Step Up against Sexual Assault" Run/Walk Events** During the month of April at various JBSA locations, there will be a run or march to show support to survivors of sexual assault and spread the message that sexual violence is not tolerated in the JBSA community. For times, locations and dates, contact 808-6316 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 652-4386 at JBSA-Randolph or 671-7273 at JBSA-Lackland.
- **"Take Back the Night"** at San Antonio Rape Crisis Center April 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7500 US Hwy 90 West. The JBSA community is supporting the event. Live music, guest speakers, food trucks and booths will be on sight. Call 521-7273 or visit the The Rape Crisis Center on Face-

book at <https://www.facebook.com/TheRapeCrisisCenter>. To represent JBSA and volunteer, call 808-6316.

- **"Drive OUT Sexual Violence"** Golf Tournament April 24, 12:30 p.m. tee time, Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a T-shirt and goodie bag. Call Bill Hall at 671-7273 or email 502abw.cvk.ola@us.af.mil.
- **"Choose Respect"** Teen Dance April 25, 8-11 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Youth Center, building 584 and 585. Teens, ages 13-18, are invited to a dance and lock-in. Requires parent permission slips. Slips available at JBSA Youth Centers. Call 652-4386.
- **Healing Hands Art Project** Several art pieces created by survivors of sexual assault will be displayed at various locations and SAAM events during April. Call 808-6316.
- **Sexual Assault Awareness Information Tables** Sexual assault awareness information will be distributed at various JBSA locations throughout April. Staff will share information about sexual assault realities, victim services and prevention tips.

ON THE COVER

The newest living recipients of the Medal of Honor stand during a ceremony March 18 at the White House in Washington, D.C. From left are Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris, Master Sgt. Jose Rodela and Sgt. Santiago J. Erevia. For the complete story, see page 12.
Photo by E.J. Hersom

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41st ANNUAL AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND RUNS THROUGH MAY 2

The annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign for Joint Base San Antonio runs through May 2. The campaign supports four charities: Air Force Aid Society, Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, Air Force Village and Air Force Enlisted Village. For more information contact the following AFAP installation project officers:

- JBSA installation project officer or assistant IPO: 1st Lt. Amy Torres, 671-5492; Master Sgt. Roland Thomas, 925-4896
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- JBSA-Fort Sam Houston assistant IPO: 1st Lt. Julie Casanova, 295-4985

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

Commander's Call scheduled

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

502nd ABW enlisted promotion ceremony

The 502nd Air Base Wing monthly enlisted promotion ceremony takes place 3 p.m. Monday at the Bob Hope Theater on JBSA-Lackland.

Women's History Month luncheon

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

National drug Take-Back Day

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph will sponsor the Drug Enforcement Administration National Drug Take-Back Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at the JBSA-Randolph Exchange pharmacy. For more information, call Capt. Quan Tram at 652-4189.

JBSA seeks volunteer game officials

The Joint Base San Antonio Sport and Fitness programs are seeking volunteers to officiate intramural sport games at all three JBSA locations. For more information, call the sports office at 221-1367.

Saving energy pays off



Photo by Mike O'Rear

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

In accordance with Air Force energy reduction goals and in compliance with White House and Department of Defense directives, the JBSA Energy Savings Performance Contract project included carrying out a massive energy conservation retrofit project. In 129 buildings on JBSA-Lackland, older and inefficient magnetic ballasts, lamps, incandescent bulbs and high-energy discharge lamps were replaced with newer and more efficient fixtures. The 502nd Air Base Wing launched an energy campaign Feb. 13 designating 2014 as an Energy Action Year throughout Joint Base San Antonio.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH MISSION PARTNERS

Changes coming to deployed Airman pay

Starting June 1, Airmen deployed to several locations will see significant changes to pay programs.

The biggest change includes the discontinuation of imminent danger pay, or IDP, in multiple countries.

The DOD-wide announcement impacts Airmen deployed to 15 countries.

"The IDP recertification process is an assessment that includes input from combatant commands, joint staff and the military services," said Lt. Col. Kevin Naman, Air Force Compensation and Travel Policy Division. "The resulting discontinuation of IDP at a certain location by no means diminishes the hard work and sacrifices our Airmen make at these locations daily."

Locations where IDP designation is discontinued include:

- The six land areas and the airspace above Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro

- The nine land areas of East Timor, Haiti, Liberia, Oman, Rwanda, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

- The water and air space above the Persian Gulf

The IDP changes will not impact deployed members' combat zone tax exclusion status except for Airmen serving in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Personnel serving in these locations will no longer be eligible for the CZTE, which includes pay exclusion from gross income and extension

of most tax action deadlines.

Reductions in IDP will be offset somewhat by increases in Hardship Duty Location Pay. HDP-L monthly rates will increase to \$150 in East Timor, Haiti, Liberia, Montenegro, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The HDP-L rate for Airmen serving in Bahrain will be established at \$50.

Members deployed to the impacted locations cannot be grandfathered into the previous pay entitlements.

"These adjustments are going to be effective on June 1 so the best way to prepare is to know how your location will be impacted," Naman said.

Airmen deployed in the following locations will see no changes June 1 and

will continue to receive IDP. Those include:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Burundi, Chad, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Greece (Athens only), Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Yemen, Mediterranean Sea and Somalia Basin.

If Airmen have any questions about their pay, Naman encourages them to visit their local financial services office.

(Courtesy of Air Force Public Affairs Agency)

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

AETC the "First Command" for Air Force Women

By Capt. Jennifer Richard

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

In the 67-year history of the Air Force women have achieved countless milestones, from breaking the sound barrier, entering the Air Force Academy, operating forward deployed in combat roles, to reaching the ranks of chief master sergeant and general.

The women who broke many of these barriers share a common history – a membership in Air Education and Training Command, a command comprised of Air University and the former Air Training Command.

AETC today is known as the "first command," since it is the first command to touch the lives of almost every Airman. For female Airmen throughout history, AETC (or ATC and AU) often served as the command through which they achieved several "firsts" for women.

Following are just a few examples of trail-blazing Air Force women and their experiences as part of AETC:

Esther Blake – First woman to enlist in the Air Force (1948). Blake enlisted on the first minute of the first day regular Air Force duty was authorized for women, representing the many women who served continuously during the transition from the Army Air Forces to the Air Force. In October 1948, Lackland AFB began basic training for the newly authorized Women in the Air Force.

Jane Leslie Holly – First female commissioned through AF Reserve Officer Training Corps program (1971). Holly graduated from Auburn University in

Women in Flight



Courtesy graphic

Auburn, Ala. Auburn University was one of four universities selected as initial test programs for commissioning women through Air Force ROTC.

First female Basic Military Training Instructors (1975). Three female instructors participated in a test program to serve as BMT instructors at Lackland AFB.

Joan Olsen – First female U.S. Air Force Academy cadet (1976). Olsen was the first female admitted into the Air Force Academy, making the Air Force the first of the three service branches to admit women into its academy.

First female class of Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training trainees (1977). Ten women became members of the first group of female undergraduate pilot students, completing Phase II T-37 training and then beginning Phase III, flying the supersonic T-38 Talon.

Capt. Jacqueline Parker – First female to graduate from Test Pilot School (1989). Parker completed Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, Calif., becoming the first female graduate. She also became the first female F-16 pilot in the Air National Guard in 1994.

Lt. Jeannie Flynn – First female selected for combat pilot training (1994). Flynn was the first mission-qualified female fighter pilot after she successfully completed training in the F-15 Eagle. Flynn was also the first female fighter pilot to graduate from the USAF Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nev.

Col. Teresa Peterson – First active duty woman to command an operational flying wing (1998). Peterson served as commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus AFB, Miss., from July 1998 to June 2000. Peterson later commanded the 305th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire AFB, N.J.

Capt. Jammie Jamieson – First combat-ready female F-22 fighter pilot (2008). Jamieson completed the F-22A Transition Qualification Course at Tyndall in April 2008 after three years of flying the F-15C.

For additional information about AETC history, visit <http://www.aetc.af.mil/library/history/index.asp> or contact aetcho.inbox@us.af.mil.

JBSA-Randolph Chapel Regular Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday

8:15 a.m. service, Main Chapel

11 a.m. service, Religious Activity Center (building 975)

CATHOLIC

Monday-Thursday

11:30 a.m. daily Mass, Main Chapel

Saturday

5:30 a.m. Mass, Main Chapel

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Mass, Religious Activity Center (building 975)

11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Chapel

JBSA-Randolph Chapel Lenten and Easter Schedule

Chapel Services - Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Currently 5:30 p.m. every Friday until April 11, Chapel One

Lenten Lunches

Currently every Wednesday until April 16

Catholic: Mass at 11:30 a.m., Main Chapel

Protestant: Service at 11:30 a.m.,
building 103 conference room.

Lunch from 12-12:30 p.m., building 103

Holy Thursday

April 17, 5:30 p.m., Chapel One

Catholic Good Friday Mass

April 18, 5:30 p.m., Chapel One

Protestant Good Friday Service

April 18, 3 p.m., Chapel One

Easter Vigil

April 19, 8:30 p.m., Chapel One (no confessions)

Easter Sunday

April 20, Regular Mass and service times,
regular locations

Freedom Flyers to share war stories at 41st reunion today

By Alex Salinas

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The 41st Freedom Flyer Reunion, an annual gathering of pilots shot down and held captive during the Vietnam War, begins 9 a.m. today at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Fleenor Auditorium with presentations by former prisoners of war and those involved in their repatriation.

Starting in 1973, when conflict in Vietnam ceased and American troops were withdrawn, the 560th Flying Training Squadron trained the repatriated pilots and provided them a celebratory "freedom flight" to commemorate their return, which allowed them to continue their flying careers. The squadron has since hosted the yearly reunion to connect the POWs.

"Since the early days of the Freedom Flyer Reunion, the Randolph community has been extremely fortunate to be able to listen to the stories of some true American heroes, and this year's symposium will be a great opportunity to do the same," Maj. Edward Balzer, 560th FTS assistant director of operations, said. "This year's speakers include four former POWs as well as the operations officer of the 560th FTS during Operation Homecoming and a former POW escort officer."

Sharing their stories are retired Air Force officers Ken Cordier, Edward Hubbard, Richard E. Smith, Elmo C. Baker,



John H. Yuill, Edward Hanson and Rocco De Felice.

The speakers, who were detained in Hanoi prisons, spent a combined total of more than 24 years in captivity, where living conditions were filthy, food was meager and some men were illegally tortured for information.

"With today's focus on doing more with less, force shaping and budget issues, this celebration reminds us what has shaped our Air Force throughout history and what will ultimately see us through these uncertain times: the dedication of remarkable people," Lt. Col. Michael Simon, 560th FTS commander, said. "For 41 years, the Freedom Flyers' story has stood as an inspiring example of heroism and sacrifice, one that, now more than ever, we'd do well to emulate."

After the speaking presentations, a wreath-laying ceremony will start at noon at the Missing Man Monument in Washington Circle, followed by a T-38 missing man formation flyby. Additionally, an aerial review flyby is planned for 6 p.m., which will include aircraft flying over the Taj Mahal, Balzer said.

Drivers should expect Washington Circle and its surrounding parking spaces to be closed from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

All Department of Defense ID cardholders and their families are welcome to attend the entire event. For more information, contact Balzer at 652-0790 or edward.balzer@us.af.mil.





Joint Base San Antonio

FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

April

Auto Hobby

Auto Hobby Shop offers Texas vehicle safety inspections

The JBSA-Lackland Auto Hobby Shop performs Texas vehicle safety inspections for \$14.50, pass or fail. For more information, call 671-3549.

Vehicle air conditioning service offered

The JBSA-Lackland Auto Hobby Shop services vehicle air conditioning systems just in time for hotter weather. Take advantage of rates starting at \$40 for this service. For more information, call 671-3549.

Bowling

Skylark hosts bowling with Easter Bunny

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center gives patrons the opportunity to bowl with the Easter Bunny April 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7.95 and includes bowling, shoe rental, goodie bag, a beverage and snack. For more information, call 671-1234.

Snack bar special available on Good Friday

The JBSA-Fort Sam Bowling Center offers \$1 off catfish baskets Good Friday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 221-3683.

Easter Bunny bowls with youth

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers youth a chance to bowl with the Easter Bunny April 19, noon to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child and includes two games of bowling (rental shoes included), a picture with the Easter Bunny and a goodie bag. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowling has leagues for everyone

Ladies only, senior citizens, Christian fellowship, youth and couples team leagues can be found at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Summer leagues run May 19 through Aug. 11. Leagues play at various times, Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 221-3683.

Patrons celebrate Month of the Military Child with bowling

Youth, ages 12 and younger, bowl for free at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center April 27, noon to 5 p.m., when accompanied by an adult (18 yrs old and older) that also bowls. Shoe rental not included.

The JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center offers \$1.60 per game Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., in celebration of Month of the Military Child.

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers a bowling

special to celebrate the Month of the Military Child every Sunday in April, 1-4 p.m. Youth, ages 12 and younger, bowl for free when accompanied by an adult (18 years old and older) that also bowls (shoe rental not included). For more information, call 652-6271.

Patrons enjoy great deals at the bowling center

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

Sunday bowling fun for the entire family

Families get a bowling lane for one hour, a large pizza, sodas and bowling shoes for just \$45. This special takes place every Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call 221-3863.

Pro shop hosts clearance sale

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center Pro Shop conducts a clearance sale during April. Items such as select bags, bowling balls and shoes are reduced 30 percent, while supplies last. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Easter meals available for take out

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club features meals for take out April 9-19, which are perfect for Easter celebrations and family gatherings. Patrons can choose from a 9-11 pound glazed Virginia pitted ham, 12-14 pound roast turkey or 9-11 pound roast pork loin stuffed with dried fruit as the main entrées. Patrons can also choose to include sides such as corn bread stuffing, rice pilaf, whipped potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, cranberry sauce, green beans almandine, corn O'Brien, rolls and apple crumb pie. Orders must be placed at least two days in advance and the last day to order is April 17. Prices for meals depend on meal choices and range from \$45-\$75 for members and \$50-\$80 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Celebrate Easter early with a lunch buffet

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club holds a pre-Easter lunch buffet April 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the food court. Patrons dine on champagne basted turkey breast with cranberry chutney, baked ham with orange glaze, almond-crusting tilapia, rosemary-crusting roast beef, an assortment of sides, soups, salads, desserts and beverages. The cost is \$9.95 per person. For more information, call 645-7034.

Patrons listen to rhythm and blues and jazz music

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts R&B and jazz music April 18, 5 p.m., outside on the patio. There is also a themed buffet available for \$9.50 per person. Club members receive \$1 off the buffet price. For more information, call 652-3056.

Patrons enjoy lunch with the Easter Bunny

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a lunch with the Easter Bunny April 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families enjoy music, games and a buffet lunch with the special guest, featuring kid-friendly items such as chicken tenders, pizza, macaroni and cheese, mini burgers and more. The cost is \$6.95 for adult members, \$4.95 for child members, \$7.95 for adult nonmembers, \$5.95 for child nonmembers and children ages 5 and younger eat for free. Purchase tickets at the cashier cage. For more information, call 645-7034.

Gateway Club hosts Easter brunch

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts an Easter brunch in the Fiesta Ballroom April 20, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of entrées are offered including rosemary-crusting prime rib, chicken Bordeaux, seafood Newburg with white steamed rice, roasted pork tenderloin stuffed with dried fruit, glazed baked Virginia ham, champagne-basted turkey, a breakfast bar, sides, salads, desserts and beverages. Patrons enjoy music provided by DJ Stevie Mac and a visit from the Easter Bunny while feasting on the buffet. The cost is \$18.95 for adult members and trainees, \$9.95 for child members, ages 6-11, \$21.95 for adult nonmembers, \$10.95 for child nonmembers and children ages 5 and younger eat for free. For more information, call 645-7034.

Reservations for Mother's Day Brunch begins

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club hosts a Mother's Day Brunch May 11. Seating times start at 10:30 a.m. and are every half hour up to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$24.95 per adult for members, \$12.50 for members' children ages 6-12, \$27.95 per adult for nonmembers and \$14.50 for nonmembers' children ages 6-12. Children five and younger eat for free. All mothers and grandmothers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a spa treatment gift certificate. The drawings will be held the next day and the winners will be notified. Reservations open April 21 for the delicious brunch. For more information, call 652-4864 or 658-7445.

Community Programs

Shoppers find bargains at flea market

The JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall hosts a flea market April 5, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Child Development Programs parking lot. Rent a space for \$15 or come out and shop for bargains. For more information, 652-5142, option 2.

Patrons enjoy bargains

The JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall hosts a Bargain Warehouse April 9, 8-9 a.m. for E1-E6 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all other DOD ID cardholders at building 1072. Only checks and cash are accepted as payment. For more information, call 652-5142, option 2.

Dogs and owners search for Easter eggs

Canines and their owners are invited to the JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt April 18, 6-7:30 p.m. Easter eggs filled with treats and prizes are hidden throughout the Community Center courtyard for patrons to find at this free event. Dog owners are also welcome to enter their pet in contests such as Best Easter Bonnet, Best Easter Egg Basket and Most Easter Eggs Found. Additionally, patrons can have photos taken of their dogs with the Easter Bunny. For more information, call 671-2619.

See the newest in spring and summer fashion

The JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center hosts a spring and summer fashion show April 26, 3-6 p.m., featuring the latest styles in men's and women's fashion. Tickets are \$10 per person. A food and cash bar is available during the event. For more information, call 671-2619.

Patrons participate in Community Extravaganza Fair

The Community Extravaganza Fair, takes place April 28, 9-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road. DOD ID cardholders are invited to visit with representatives from post agencies and local businesses to learn more about JBSA and the San Antonio area. For more information, call 221-2307.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents "Doo-Wop City"

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theater presents "Doo-Wop City." This hit musical revue features more than 60 hits from the 50's and 60's and runs through May 3. For reservations, call 222-9694.

Fitness and Sports

Fitness Center appreciates customers

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center hosts Customer Appreciation Day April 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fitness center staff will provide tours of the facility to familiarize patrons with the workout areas. For more information, call 652-7263.

Patrons enjoy lunchtime circuit training

Get a challenging workout during lunch at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center's two-hour

SEATING TIMES

- 10 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.
- 11 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.
- Noon
- 1 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m.
- 2 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m.

APRIL 20 at the PARR CLUB!

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circuit training class April 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This class is free with incentive prizes and giveaways. to keep participants motivated. For more information, call 221-1234.

Rambler 1.5-mile run challenges patrons

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center challenges patrons to a 1.5-mile run April 10, 7:30 a.m. at the jogging trail. For more information, call 652-7263.

Runners and walkers participate in 5K

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts the "Run the Hill" 5K run/walk April 11, 7:30 a.m., which begins at Stapleton Park on Security Hill. Patrons can sign up on the day of the event. For more information, call 977-2353.

Fitness centers hosts varsity basketball tournament

JBSA-Lackland hosts the third annual National Military Varsity Basketball tournament April 11-13 at the Chaparral and Warhawk Fitness Centers. Eight conference teams and four at-large teams compete in this year's tournament representing all services. For more information, call 671-2401 or 671-2016.

Patrons celebrate Fiesta with a 5K

All JBSA members are invited to celebrate Fiesta with this colorful run. This unique 5K run takes place at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus April 13, 8 a.m. This colorful 5K is open to all DOD ID cardholders and costs \$25 per person. For more information, call 808-5709.

Bikers enjoy 10K bike ride

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center hosts a 10K bike ride April 19, 7:30 a.m., at Eberle Park. For more information, call 652-7263.

Patrons compete in the Fiesta Cardboard Boat Regatta

Show off your craftsmanship and ingenuity by being a part of the fun and entertaining Fiesta Cardboard Boat Regatta April 19, 10 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool. Teams consist of four participants and one alternate. Prizes are awarded to the first and second place winners. Individual awards will be awarded in the following divisions: Titanic Award (most spectacular sink), Pride of the Fleet Award (most creative design), Team Spirit (most enthusiastic) and Ugly Duckling (ugliest boat). The cost per boat is \$15 and rules and regulations are in place for boat designs. The deadline for sign up is April 11. This event is open to all DOD ID cardholders ages 13 and up. For more information, call 221-1234.

Patrons learn boxing fundamentals

The JBSA-Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center offers a beginner boxing class to patrons, ages 13 and older, on Mondays and Tuesdays, 6 p.m. The cost to participate is \$50 a month, which covers instruction twice a week. For more information, call 671-2401.

New class offered at fitness center

The JBSA-Lackland Kelly Fitness Center offers Pound Fitness every Monday and Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Patrons are challenged to a series of core, leg and upper-body conditioning moves with cardio interval training incorporated into drumming. The cost is \$2 per person. For more information, call 925-4848.

Golf

Golfers invited to scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly "Warrior Four-Person Scramble" April 4 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The cost for the scramble includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner, gift

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Randolph Oaks hosts Masters Blind Draw

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts the "Masters Blind Draw" tournament April 12. The tee times are 7-9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$10, plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4570.

Gateway Hills hosts golf tournament

JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course invites golfers to compete in the GHGC Masters Tournament April 26 and 27. The cost to participate in this individual tournament is \$30. Points earned in this tournament are eligible towards the 2014 Gateway Cup Championship at the end of the year. For more information, call 671-3466.

Golfers improve swing

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers golfers the opportunity to improve their game and lower their scores. Golfers can make appointments with Brian Cannon or Charles Bishop for golf lessons. For more information, call 652-4653.

Golf course available for special events

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers special event packages for retirements, promotions, weddings and sports outings. For more information, call 652-4852.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Discounted Disney on Ice tickets available

JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel offices offer discounted tickets with no TicketMaster fees to the Disney on Ice performances scheduled for April 9-13. Patrons are encouraged to take advantage of discounts early for the best selection in seating. Lower-level seating prices start at \$15. Seat prices are based on availability. For more information at Lackland, call 671-3133. For more information at Randolph, call 652-5142, option 1.

Information, Tickets and Travel offers trips to casino

The JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel offers several trips to the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder, La., throughout the year. Remaining trips are scheduled for May 13-14, July 15-16 and Sept. 16-17. Each trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, a voucher for \$23 from the casino and tour guide. The bus departs at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m. the next day. Cost is \$60 for double occupancy or \$120 for single occupancy. Sign-up deadline is two weeks prior to trip date and payment is required at sign up. For more information, call 652-5142, option 1.

Book a summer European tour

Book summer European travel via Trafalgar Tours with JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel for travel between June 1 and Aug. 31. The Italian Scene-themed package includes an 11-day vacation starting at \$3,500 per person. The

Spanish Experience trip features 10 days traveling throughout Spain starting at \$3,000 per person. The Greek Island Explorer includes an 11-day trip starting at \$3,800 per person. And, the European Experience features 15 days exploring several European countries starting at \$4,300 per person. Fares include air and land travel. For more information, call 671-7111.

Discount tickets offered to customers

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office located in the Sam Houston Event Center sells discount tickets. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 808-1378.



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Library

Story time entertains and teaches

The JBSA-Randolph Library offers story time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. It is a great opportunity for children to listen to wonderful stories, participate in a simple craft and to interact with other young children to start building social skills. Story time themes and dates are April 2, Bats; April 9, Elephants; April 16, Easter; April 23, Earth Day and April 30, Turtles. For more information, call 652-5578 or 652-2617.

Military & Family Readiness Center

Bundles for babies

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center "Bundles for Babies" program is an Air Force Aid Society

program for active-duty members (of any rank), DOD employees, NAF employees and their spouses who are expecting a baby. Presentations are given on budgeting for baby, dental and pediatric care, new parent support and more. The class is April 4, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Active-duty attendees receive a "bundle" of baby supplies at the workshop. For more information, call 652-5321.

Spouses invited to Heart Link

All spouses new to the military or JBSA-Randolph are invited to attend Heart Link, April 10, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Heart Link topics range from Air Force customs and courtesies, to how to read a Leave and Earnings Statement and includes 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 is provided. For more information, call 652-5321.

Volunteers recognized for hard work

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center seeks volunteers to come out and be recognized April 11, 2-3:30 p.m. This is open to all active-duty military, DOD civilians and family members who volunteer; either on JBSA-Randolph or in the local community. For more information, call 652-5321.

Child safety seats inspected

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fire Department inspects children's safety seats April 17, 1-3 p.m., for recalls, functionality and proper installation. Registration is required and children must be present for proper weight and height measurements. For more information, call 221-0349.

Patrons learn skills to recover from divorce

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center offers "Recovering from Divorce" April 18, 3-4 p.m. This class helps participants identify the stages of grief and loss, physical reactions, ways for adults to cope with divorce and ways to help children cope with divorce. For more information, call 652-5321.

Financial readiness is important for everyone

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center offers service members and their families' classes to help them face uncertain financial times. Available classes include: credit and debt management, budgeting, saving and investing, consumer awareness and more. Registration is required for all classes. For information on dates and times or to register, call 221-2380 or 221-2418.

Spouses take part in pre-deployment resiliency training

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center offers pre-deployment resiliency training for families that are preparing for deployment. For more information on specific dates and times, call 221-0946.

Outdoor Recreation

Variety of items available to rent

JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of rental items ranging from tables and chairs to boats and campers. For more information, call 925-5532.

Wide variety of equipment for rent

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Recreation Center has equipment rentals for everyone's needs. Camping, trailer and towing, water fun, sports and hiking, barbecue and party equipment for around the house and garden; ORC has it all. Additionally, ORC has a recreational vehicle storage area and lemon lot. For more information, call 221-5224 or 221-5225.

Sportsman's range available for target practice

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Sportsman's Range is available for shooting and target practice. It is open every Saturday and Sunday; weather permitting, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through June 1. The cost to shoot is \$5 per person a day or \$20 for an annual pass and the range is open to all DOD ID cardholders. For more information, call 295-7577.

Patrons enjoy discounted bike rentals

The JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake has bike rentals for the entire family. Rent a bike for one day and keep it for the weekend during April. Just pay a one-day rental fee and get the second day free. Helmets must be worn and are available for free with bike rentals or for rent by themselves. For more information, call 830-964-3576.

Archery Range open for shooting

The Archery Range at JBSA-Camp Bullis is open Thursday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They have targets which range from 10-60 yards and the cost is \$3 for a daily pass or \$20 for an annual pass. They also offer 3-D archery competition the fourth weekend of each month. The cost is \$10 for the fun shoot and \$15 for the competition shoot. For more information, call 295-7577.

Youth Programs

Youth register for T-ball

The JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs open registration for T-ball April 1-30. Little Renegades is a parent/child program that helps build confidence in children 3-5 years old while they are having fun and learning basic baseball skills. Parents can register for Little Renegades at Youth Programs (building 585). All children must be three years old by May 1. The cost is \$35 per child and the program runs for six weeks beginning in mid-May. For more information, call 652-3298.

Youth Programs honors military children

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs hosts the Celebrate Kids Fair April 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. Arts and crafts, bouncy castles, information booths, interactive games and more are available at this free event. This event is sponsored by Gunn Automotive Group and Air Force Federal Credit Union. For more information, call 671-2388.

Baseball opens for the season

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs hosts the baseball opening day celebration April 5, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Sports Complex in the Dodd Field area near building 1630. Following the opening ceremonies, there will be games, fun activities, demonstrations, music, food and information about the community. For more information, call 221-5151.

Youth get ready for Famaganza

The 502d Force Support Squadron and Gunn Automotive Group present Famaganza April 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs (building 585) celebrates the Month of the Military Child with activities to include face painting, inflatable's, games, arts and crafts, entertainment, information booths with giveaways, and demonstrations. This is a free event and lunch is included. This event is also sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 652-3298.

Youth can participate without a membership

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs offers patrons a chance to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation without paying membership April 6-12. For those interested in joining, membership is \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298.

Registration opens for summer camp

School-age summer camp registration for youth, ages 5 to 12 years old, takes place in April at all three JBSA Youth Programs. April 8-11 is reserved for Priority 1 (single or dual active-duty) only. April 15-18 is reserved for Priority 2 (active-duty or DOD/NAF civilian with full-time employed spouse or full-time student). April 22-May 16 is for all other eligible families, DOD contractors, reservists and Coast Guard with full-time employed spouse or full-time student, as spaces are available. The school-age summer camp takes place June 9-Aug. 22. For more information, call 221-5151 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs, 671-2388 for JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs and 652-2088 for JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs.

Youth enjoy movie night

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs invites children to a movie night April 11, 8-9:30 p.m., featuring a youth-friendly movie. The cost is \$3, which includes admission to the movie, a beverage and snack. For more information, call 671-2388.

Parents get a night off

The JBSA-Randolph Child Development Program offers "Give Parents a Break" April 11, 6-11 p.m. The fee is \$20 per child. Fees may be waived with a "Give Parents a Break" referral. Advance registration is required. For more information, call 652-5321.

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs and the JBSA-Lackland Child Development Program hold "Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out" offering child care April 25, 1-5 p.m. The fee is \$15 per child. For more information, call 671-2388 for Youth Programs or 671-1072 for the Lackland CDP.

Youth enjoy Easter egg hunt

This year's Easter egg hunt takes place in conjunction with Fiesta and Fireworks, April 13, 2-3 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston MacArthur Parade Field. The egg hunt is for youth ages 10 and younger. For more information, call 221-5151.

One-day camp offered for youth

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs holds a one-day camp for middle school and high school youth April 18, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 and includes breakfast, lunch and a snack. For more information or to register, call 221-3502.

Teens participate in open talk forum

This open forum is geared towards teens discussing relevant topics with staff. The event discussion is April 23, 5-6 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center. For more information, call 221-3630.

Youth have fun at skate night

Middle school and high school age youth enjoy music, fun and roller skating at skate night April 25, 6-8 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center. For more information, call 221-3630.

Middle School Teen Center offers babysitting class

The next babysitting course begins April 28. Each babysitting course consists of seven different classes with a graduation at the end of the course. The classes are held every Monday through Wednesday at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center. The cost of the course is \$35. For more information, call 221-3630.

Instructional programs available for youth

Certified instructors offer instruction in their areas of expertise for youth of all ages. Classes offered include piano, drums, tumbling, dance and more. The classes and locations vary throughout JBSA. For more information, call 221-3381.

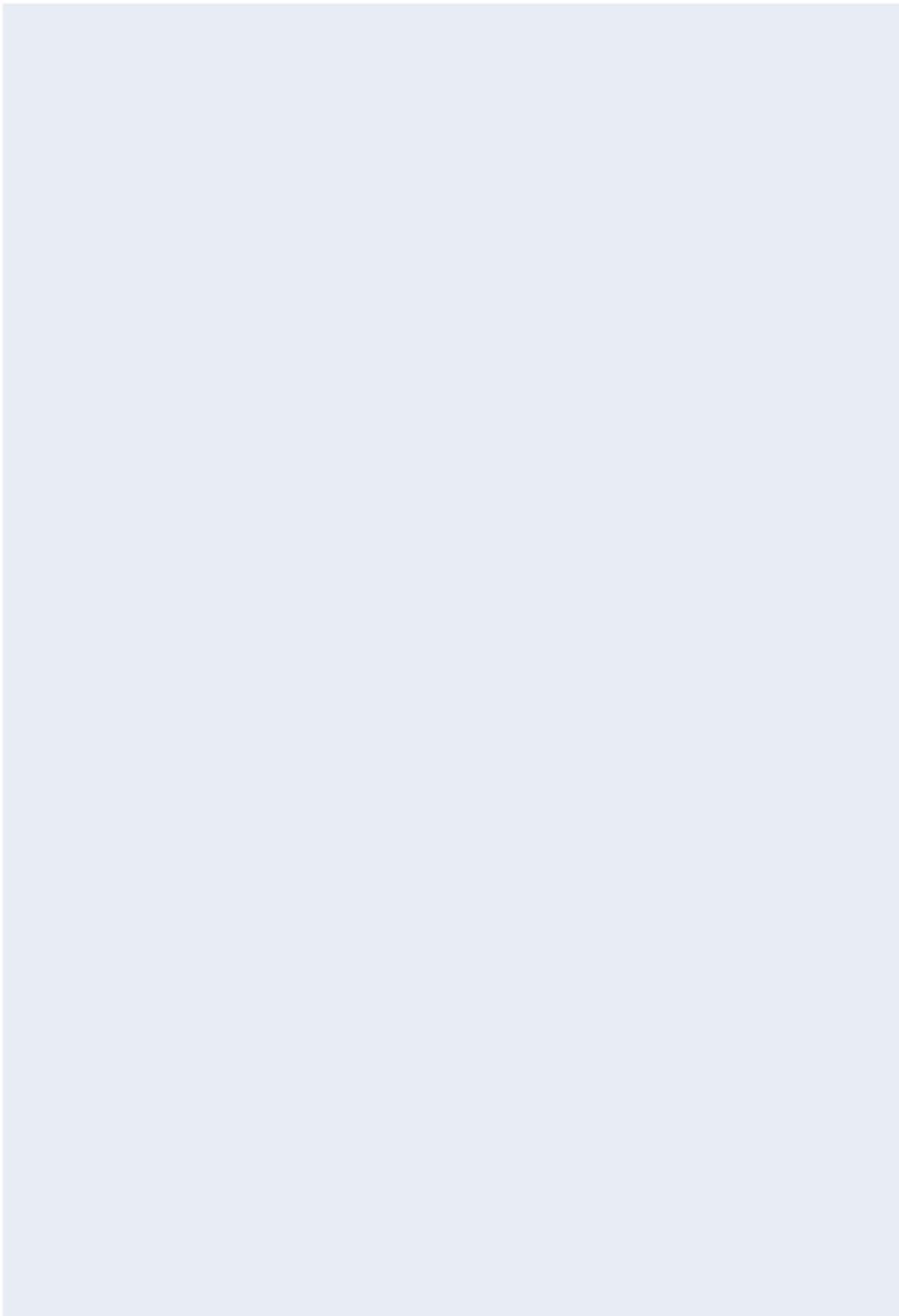
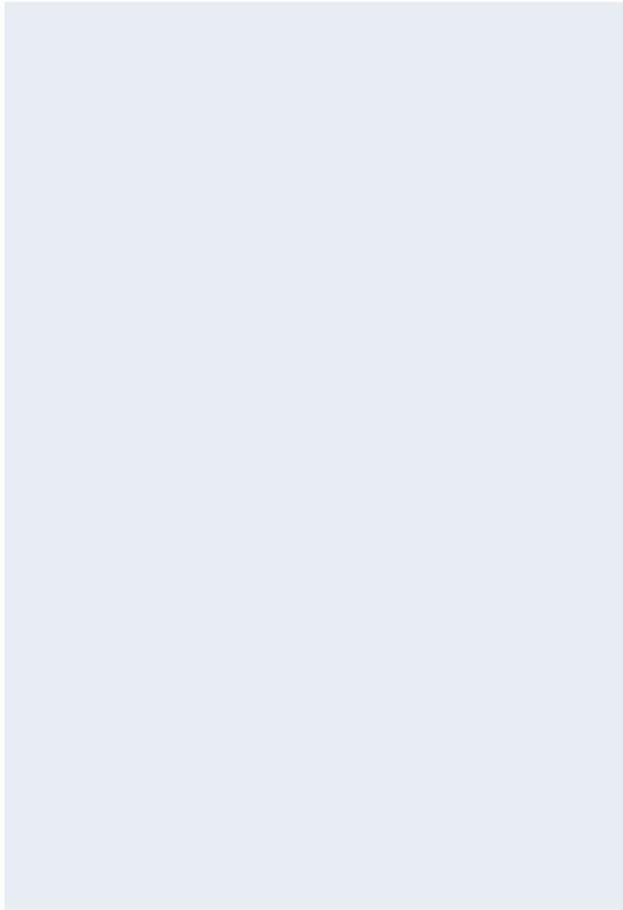
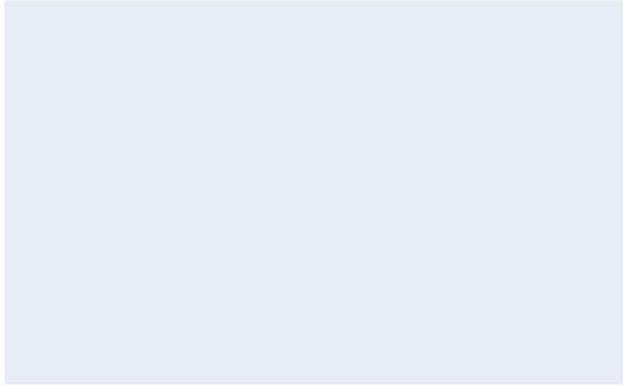
Variety of classes offered for youth

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs offers instruction in dance, guitar, piano and martial arts. Class dates and times vary according to age. Enrollment is ongoing and limited space is available. For more information, call 671-2388.



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Two SA residents make history during Medal of Honor ceremony

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

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

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

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

"We are here this morning to celebrate the heroism of 24 selfless individuals – 24 Soldiers whose acts of gallantry in battle merit our highest recognition," said Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel at a cere-

mony the following day in the Pentagon.

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

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

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

Alone, Rodela assaulted and knocked out the rocket position. After successfully returning to the battalion's perimeter, he continued to command his company, despite painful wounds, throughout 18 hours of continuous contact with enemy fire, until he was evacuated.

When asked about how it felt to finally receive such an honor for actions that



Photo by E.J. Hersom

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

took place more than four decades ago, Rodela was very straightforward.

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

In particular, Rodela said it was for

his friends Staff Sgt. Rudy Chavez and Sgt. 1st Class Joe Haga, the ones who originally inspired him to join Special Forces and earn the Green Beret. Chavez and Haga were both killed in

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Word on the Street

In observance of Women's History Month: "What woman do you find inspirational in your life?"



Staff Sgt. Cassandra Tiggs
802nd Force Support Squadron
customer service technician

"My commander, Lt. Col. Ericka Rabe. I've had a lot to deal with and she just gave me a lot of advice. She's awesome."



Capt. Cameron Barnes
Air Education and Training Command
program manager

"The woman I find most inspirational would be my grandma, because she was so selfless and took care of me."



Katrina Scott
435th Flying Training Squadron
office manager

"Sandra Day O'Conner, a retired U.S. Supreme Court justice, because she didn't let others tell her what she could or couldn't do based on her gender."



Oliver Henderson
502nd Air Base Wing
Traffic Management Office counselor

"Coretta Scott King, because she stood by Martin Luther King Jr. She was supportive, dedicated and had the power to overcome obstacles."

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action during their tours.

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

While serving with 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), during a search and clear mission near Tam Ky City in the Republic of Vietnam after his platoon had penetrated an enemy defensive perimeter, Erevia was delegated to remain behind and care for the wounded while the rest of the platoon pushed on against the adversary.

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

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

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

With his supply of hand grenades now exhausted, Erevia fought his way to the final bunker, running and firing both rifles simultaneously and killing the fortification's defender with point-blank fire.

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

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

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

"They say dead people probably don't get as much recognition as the live ones," he said. "But there were a lot of brave people out there. To those guys, I would say this medal is for you."

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

However, after a thorough review, President Barack Obama decided their actions merited an upgrade to the Medal of Honor. Retired Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Morris was the only other living Soldier to receive the upgrade and was also honored at the ceremony.

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

Fire Safety is Everyone's Business

Safety tips to prevent brush, grass and forest fires:

- Place cigarette butts in metal containers. Do not throw them on the ground or into vegetation.
- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Reduce the risk from sparks by being sure nothing is dragging from your vehicle, keeping tires properly inflated and being careful when using lawn mowers or other equipment.
- Don't let a target shooting hobby start a wildfire. Avoid steel bullets outside as they can spark when they hit rocks or other hard objects. Observe all laws and restrictions about where, when and what to shoot.
- Be aware of and comply with, any local ordinances or permit requirements pertaining to outdoor or open air burning. This includes campfires, brush fires, fire pits, chimineas, and outdoor fireplaces. Closely attend all outdoor fires. Be sure to put out the fire completely before leaving.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. When conditions are windy or dry, it is too easy for open burning to spread out of control.
- Do not use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids to burn brush, trash, or other waste.

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