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COMMENTARY

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

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

A number of years ago, I had the privilege to serve as a chaplain in a training program at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, formerly known as Brooke Army Medical Center. The program included rotations through a number of different sections on the medical campus. I served two rotations at the Center for the Intrepid, a world-class rehabilitation center. Due to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, I met a number of amputees and burn survivors who were adjusting to life after their injuries.

I was new to the hospital ministry and had a lot to learn. As their chaplain, I assumed that my role with these men and women would be to help them through the grief experienced from their loss. My first week there, I felt like I was a visitor at a funeral parlor – you know the awkward feeling you get there? You realize it's important to be there but you don't really know what to say. I was uncomfortable. But, I soon learned my preconceptions were actually misconceptions.

These men and women at the Cen-

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

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

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

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

very naturally between these wounded warriors. The conversations illustrated for me the attitudes they shared – these men and women were facing challenge, not dealing with defeat.

I read a text on positive psychology that year and it referenced a study to understand how cancer patients dealt with grief. Interestingly, the researchers encountered a problem: in their cancer treatment center, they were unable to find a large enough sample of patients struggling with grief. Just the opposite was true of their population: these patients became stronger as they focused their energies and rearranged their lives to battle cancer.

Extraneous activities that may amuse, but ultimately distract from meaningful life were abandoned. Significant relationships too often neglected when life is smooth quickly become a high priority and these relationships become closer and more meaningful.

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

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

ON THE COVER

Air Force Master Sgt. Elliott Weir, 937th Training Group first sergeant, assists a Randolph Elementary School fourth grader with her helmet during Operation FLAGS May 8 at the school campus. For the complete story, see page 13.

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SHIRTS' CORNER

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A mentor can be viewed as a trusted and experienced counselor who makes a personal investment in the growth and development of a less experienced individual.

At different periods in our lives, many people identify and learn from mentors. Mentors become examples for developing problem-solving and decision-making skills, developing interpersonal abilities and providing personal guidance.

The role of a mentor can take many forms, most commonly that of an advisor, role model, coach and advocate.

In the advisor capacity, a mentor shares useful information and offers the mentee avenues for support during transition into any significant role the mentee may enter.

As a role model, a mentor shows the mentee how to attain

Mentoring fosters success

success by modeling proper conduct themselves and their interactions with others.

As coach, a mentor counsels the mentee on how to accomplish goals and provides feedback. A mentor also assists the mentee in developing alternatives to overcome work-related problems or create opportunities for lessons learned. Lastly, a mentor creates an atmosphere where a mentee can learn from their own experiences, mistakes and successes that will guide their future actions.

As an advocate, a mentor enhances the mentee's self-esteem through supportive, non-judgmental, encouraging discussions.

Ultimately, no matter the role a mentor takes, be it advisor, role model, coach or advocate, the lasting goal of any good mentor should be to see a mentee reach beyond and progress through his career; as the success of the mentee is also the success of the mentor.

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Air Force updates force management news

From Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Last week's force management update focused on the latest voluntary and involuntary matrices, officer reduction in force boards and voluntary separation pay information, in a continued effort to bring Airmen the latest, most accurate information concerning the complex and dynamic force management programs.

Additional temporary early retirement authority window

The additional TERA window continued through May 13. This additional window allowed our deployed Airmen and those on short tours an opportunity to apply for TERA along with officers who require an active-duty service commitment waiver not previously authorized (active-duty service commitments associated with rated, health professions and education).

Officer reduction in force board

The officer RIF board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center on Oct 1. RIF matrices were posted to myPers May 5, giving Airmen a better understanding of who will be eligible for the October board

and their individual vulnerabilities by Air Force specialty code and year group. An additional VSP and TERA window for officers in RIF-eligible AFSCs and year groups only will open Thursday through June 30.

Enlisted date of separation rollback phase II

The enlisted DOS rollback program accelerates the DOS of enlisted Airmen who declined to acquire retainability for an assignment, training, retraining or professional military education. The mandatory retirement date for Airmen impacted by this program will be Sept. 1 or Sept. 29 for those separating. AFPC released rosters of impacted Airmen to force support squadrons.

Quality force review board

The quality force review board will convene through May 23 with results released to senior raters by the end of June. Airmen not selected for retention by the QFRB will separate Sept. 29 or retire, if eligible, Oct. 1.

Officer and enlisted voluntary separation pay

The AFPC received more than 1,600 officer and 7,000 enlisted applications, of which more than 3,000 were ineligible for the program. The VSP

window closed May 1 with more than 380 officer and approximately 2,400 enlisted VSP applications approved so far. The AFPC will continue to process the remaining applications in all eligible AFSCs, enlisted grades and officer year groups.

Civilian force management - voluntary early retirement authority/voluntary separation incentive pay

The AFPC recently concluded the survey period round two of VERA/VSIP. Civilian personnel sections will notify employees if they are approved for voluntary early retirement or separation. The AFPC is compiling the numbers and will provide a total number of employees surveyed and approved for voluntary separation/retirement by early May. AFPC officials expect to open a future VERA/VSIP (Round III) survey period as well.

Resources

Updates to information on force management and other personnel programs will continue to be available on myPers. Airmen can use the new force management graphic on the Air Force Portal at <http://www.af.mil/forcemanagement.aspx>, which will take them to updated matrices and force management program details.

To advertise in the Wingspread, call 250-2440.

NEWS

KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

Military members face dilemma with nonrental leases

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It is almost summertime, which means that many service members from Joint Base San Antonio and across the country will receive orders for a permanent change of station.

A common dilemma faced by service members who rent their homes is what to do about their leases, especially if they are in the middle of their contracts.

Both the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Texas Property Code allow service members and their family members to terminate leases, but only if they enter active duty after signing a lease or they sign a lease while on active duty and then receive orders for a PCS or deployment for a period of 90 days or more.

The Department of Justice interprets PCS to include discharge, resignation, and separation under

honorable conditions.

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

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

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

For example, if you provide written notice and

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

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

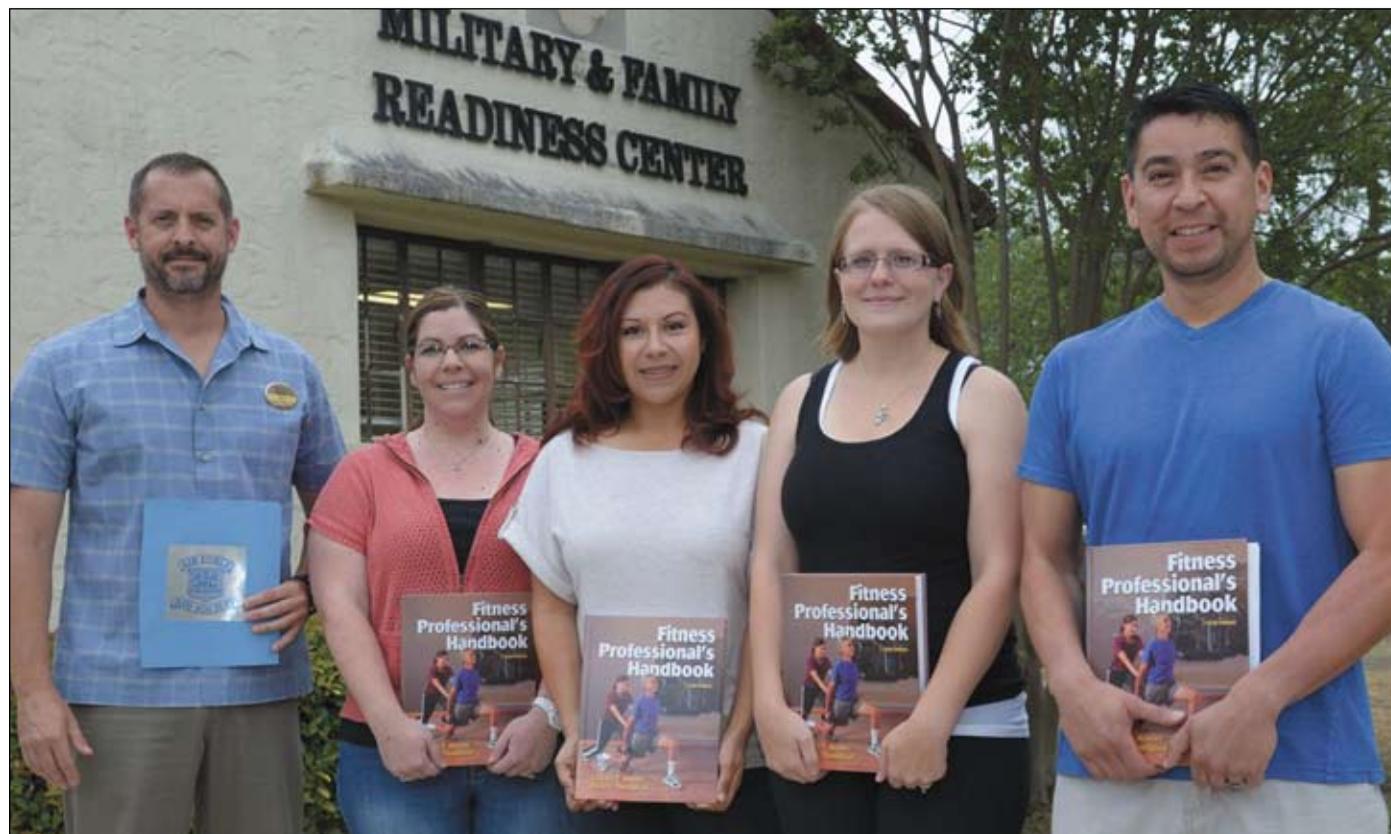
- Read your entire lease agreement, as well as any attachments, and make sure you understand your obligations and rights under the contract, the SCRA and the Texas Property Code.
- Gather all paperwork regarding your lease, your security deposit, pet deposit, requests for repairs and monthly rental payments.
- Obtain a draft of a SCRA termination letter from your command or your installation Legal Assistance Office.

See **LEGAL RIGHTS P5**

Air Force Aid Society scholarship winners

From left: Mike Bell, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Air Force Aid officer, stands with Air Force Aid Society scholarship winners April Johnson, Candice Hollingsworth, Amanda Asselin and Pedro Gonzales, who received scholarships to become certified personal trainers May 6 at JBSA-Randolph. The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the U.S. Air Force. It promotes the Air Force mission by helping to relieve distress of Air Force members and their families and assist them to finance their education.

Photo by Joel Martinez



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

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

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

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

UCs and UDMs can contact the legal office for suggestions if an alternative document template is

not available. Many young troops can suffer severe financial hardship due to no fault of their own if they do not receive the proper guidance and support from their units.

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

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

If you believe that your landlord or your fellow service member's landlord has wrongfully retained the security deposit or violated the SCRA in another manner, go to your installation legal assistance office and get help. Don't forget that active duty personnel

(and Reservist/Guardsmen on Title 10 orders) are entitled to free legal assistance.

When a landlord violates the SCRA, he can be fined or imprisoned, so a phone call from a legal assistance attorney may convince a landlord to abide by state and federal laws. You can schedule a Legal Assistance appointment at your nearest installation.

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

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

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

Stage III water restrictions implemented across JBSA

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

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

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

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

- Address number ends in 0 or 1,

Monday is the watering day;

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

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

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

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

No watering is allowed on weekends.

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

either Saturday or Sunday.

All water restriction measures are listed in the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan available online at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/pao/announce-event/pdf/JBSACriticalMgt-Plan2013.pdf>.

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

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

(Source: 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron)



JBSA-Randolph's 359th Medical Group taking appointments for sports physicals

The 359th Medical Group at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph has begun scheduling annual sports physical appointments for June 28 and July 26. The Saturday exams will be 8-11 a.m. by appointment only and are for healthy children ages 10-18 years who are patients of the 359th MDG at JBSA-Randolph. Any other medical issues will not be included in the sports physical. Parents should schedule a regular appointment to address these medical needs.

If a child is sick on the day of the sports physical appointment, their parent should reschedule the appointment, as clearance cannot be granted during illness. Call the central appointment line at 916-9900 from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Participants should wear comfortable athletic attire and must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or sibling age 18 or older.

The following forms are required at the time of the appointment:

- A completed school sports physical form from the school or downloaded from <http://www.uilTEXAS.org/files/athletics/forms/preparticipation-physical-evaluation.pdf>. This form must be completed before the appointment.
- The child's immunization record. Parents whose child is in the Air Force system may print their shot record from <https://imr.afms.mil/imr/MylMR.aspx> (CAC enabled).

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 p.m. Mass, Main Chapel

Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Chapel

Joint Venture: JBSA Fire Emergency



By Mike Joseph
Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Public Affairs

There was a time when a fire or emergency services call might be answered "Lackland Fire Department" or "Fort Sam Houston Fire Department" or "Randolph Fire Department," depending on the San Antonio military location.

A call for those same services will now generate one response no matter the location: "Joint Base San Antonio Fire Emergency Services." In fact, the transition into JBSA Fire Emergency Services from three separate units has been transparent. It was recently honored as the 2014 best large-base fire department in Air Education and Training Command.

"The entire fire department has put a tremendous amount of energy into consolidating, transforming and sharing best practices this past year," said Michael Grizer, 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron and JBSA fire marshal, via email to senior JBSA leaders. "It is great to see all that hard work recognized."

Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander, echoed Grizer's comments in an email response.

"I firmly believe that our fire pros are the true testament of how to make our joint basing construct work to its fullest extent," LaBrutta said.

The 208 fire personnel in fire emergency services not only embraced the concept of joint basing, they used it to enhance operations at all JBSA locations.

"We were three individual fire departments doing things differently and speaking different languages when Gen. Carter came here in 2011," said JBSA Fire Emergency Services Chief Curtis Williams about Maj. Gen. Theresa Carter, former 502nd ABW and JBSA commander.

"Gen. Carter put us on a timeline to move forward (with the concept of joint basing), and by the time she left in 2013, we were one fire department and one squadron in the making," Williams said. "We're all speaking the same language now. Any fire department can be operating within JBSA and we know exactly where it is based on radio call signs and station number."

Williams said in order for the three locations to operate and think as one, the

eight fire stations at JBSA-Lackland, JB-SA-Randolph and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston were renumbered, along with vehicles and district designations.

To symbolize being united on a combined front, former operating location uniform patches were incorporated into a new department shield.

A firefighter uniform committee was established to standardize uniforms and ensure Air Force and National Fire Protection Association compliance. The conversion process has been more than just visual.

It also carries over to the firefighters.

"We didn't try to take away the identity of each location, but we needed to pull away from the old way of doing things," said Williams, a former chief at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. "All firefighters now identify themselves as Joint Base San Antonio; -Fort Sam Houston, -Lackland or -Randolph is where you happen to work as a firefighter."

To ensure firefighters understand the objectives and mission of joint base, Williams instituted a weekly road show. "My objective is for every single firefighter in JBSA to receive this briefing and understand the impact that they make, who they touch throughout JBSA, who each and every mission partner is," Williams said. "The road show lets our firefighters know that they touch the lives of every single person on JBSA each and every day: 24/7, 365 days a year."

"The briefing is a tool: it's informative and motivational," he said. "It's given by supervisory firefighters and gives me an opportunity to get feedback right on the spot; not so much about the briefing but how a firefighter feels about what he's doing."

Williams, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant who served 23 years and has 46 years of experience in fire safety, also has an additional mission when it comes to JBSA firefighters.

"It drives me to pass on all that I know no matter what level the firefighter, particularly to motivate and mentor," the chief said. "There are people all over this joint base waiting for someone to provide mentorship, and that's the only way I know that we're going to maintain a level of leadership and efficiency in the future."

Joint Base San Antonio Fire Services Hours & Locations

Fire Station 1

Building 2325
1910 Kenly Ave
JBSA-Lackland
671-2921 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station 2

Building 1027
JBSA-Lackland
671-2921 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station 3

Building 200
1125 Medina Base Road
671-2921 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station 4

Building 3830
3201 Schofield Road
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
221-1804 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station 5

Building 1704
3935 Winans Road
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
808-4006 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station 6

Under construction
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Fire Station 7

Building 5020
4716 Wikerson Road
JBSA-Camp Bullis
295-7600 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station 8

Building 700
2080 Fifth Street East
JBSA-Randolph
652-6915 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Station 9

Building 415
JBSA-Randolph
652-6915 • 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Courtesy photos

Fire Safety Tips

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

HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN

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

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS ...

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

FACTS

- According to a National Fire Prevention Association survey, only one of three American households has a home fire escape plan.
- While 71 percent of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 45 percent of those have practiced it.
- One-third of Americans who made an estimate thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8 percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

Content courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association at <http://www.nfpa.org>.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

Mass BAH recertification briefing

The 502nd Comptroller Squadron Financial Services Office will host a Joint Base San Antonio Basic Allowance for Housing mass recertification from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at JBSA-Lackland, building 5616, room 118. Attendees need to bring original or notarized copies of the following: birth certificates of dependents, marriage certificates or divorce decrees. All legal documents that justify entitlement to "With Rate BAH," for example: notarized agreements or dependency determinizations, DD214 for spouse recently separated or retired. Participants will have to fill out a new AF Form 594 that day. For more information, call 652-1851.

Financial services office updated hours

The Joint Base San Antonio 502nd Comptroller Squadron Financial Services Office is closed today for BAH mass recertification at JBSA-Lackland, building 5616, room 118. For more information, call 652-1851 or email finance.callcenter@us.af.mil.

Asian heritage festival

In recognition of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 29 at the JBSA-Randolph Youth Center. All with base access are invited to attend. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Gabriel Svetcos at 925-705-5262.

JBSA-Randolph buildings comply with ADA standards by age, demand

By Alex Salinas

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph
Public Affairs

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph may be old – 83 years old this year, to be exact – but it also keeps up with the times.

With many of its buildings constructed well before 1990, when Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act, JBSA-Randolph has since retrofitted some of them with handicapped-accessible features and designated parking spaces.

“Our goal is to provide accessible facilities to complete the Air Force mission,” Antonio Matos, 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron project management team chief, said. “If people have special requirements, we are the point of contact.”

While ADA law doesn’t automatically apply to pre-1990 structures unless there is a new addition or renovation, some buildings at JBSA-Randolph are unaffected, but only those where ADA needs are not present.

Special requirements, such as handicapped parking additions, restroom stalls for the disabled, ramps and door width extensions, are requested via an Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request.

Once the form is submitted, “we’ll be aware of the issue and it will be recorded in our system,” Matos said.

Instances where individuals, who work on the second floor of a building with no elevators, have become disabled have occurred at JBSA-Randolph. In these cases, the person’s section or unit and civil engineers made accommodations for the person to work on the first floor.

Matos said the newest and some of the most visited buildings, such as the Exchange, BXtra, fitness center and commissary meet current ADA standards, including a clear path of egress from the parking space to the entrance.



Photo by Joel Martinez

Individuals use a wheelchair-accessible ramp May 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. JBSA-Randolph has retrofitted many of its historic buildings with handicap-accessible features and designated parking spaces.

Among the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design codebook is an outline for the number of handicapped parking spaces assigned to a given lot – one handicapped slot for every 25 spots up to 100 spaces. An additional handicapped slot is designated for every 50 spots up to 200 spaces, and another handicapped slot for every 100 spots up to 500 spaces. Two percent of the total is outlined for lots with 501 to 1,000 spaces.

“In a few cases, there may be more of those parking spaces (here) due to a large population

of disabled military veterans,” Matos said.

Handicapped parking violations should be reported to the base defense operations center at 652-5700.

“It’s important that all portions of the traffic code are obeyed,” Master Sgt. Leif Gisselberg, 902nd Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of operations, said.

For more information about ADA amenities, call the 502nd CES customer service line at 671-5555, which is the phone number for all JBSA civil engineering inquiries.

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.

JBSA law enforcement members participate at CSI camp

By Alex Salinas
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Security forces and Air Force agents from Joint Base San Antonio joined Universal City Police Department officers to teach 115 sixth-graders at Kitty Hawk Middle School about investigating and enforcing law May 6 during the school's first-ever Crime Scene Investigation Camp for a Day.

"We wanted the kids to interact with the science behind military and community law enforcement occupations," Lindsey Groark, Southern Methodist University's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program director, said.

Groark said the university sponsors the camp to spark children's interest in STEM disciplines and careers.

After Office of Special Investigations agents India Horne of JBSA-Lackland and Michael Cinco of JBSA-Randolph explained what it takes to be a forensic scientist during a presentation, the sixth-graders were divided into four teams and sent to classrooms where they solved a pretend crime scene through fingerprinting, face recognition and paper chromatography activities.

Deborah Rice, Judson Independent School District Department of Defense

Education Activity project manager, said participants were actively engaged and "learning without even knowing it."

"The excitement the students experienced here will enhance our STEM initiative inside of our classrooms," she added.

The excitement continued as students and teachers watched a 30-minute JBSA-Randolph military working dogs demonstration by Ramon and Troy, who performed drills in basic obedience, detection and controlled aggression.

"A lot of the students have dogs, so we wanted to inspire them to see a recognizable side of peacekeeping and to do something positive with their lives," Staff Sgt. Johnathan Royce, 902nd Security Forces Squadron MWD handler, said. "It was fun to see the smiles on their faces."

Fellow handler Staff Sgt. Michael Moore and MWD trainer Michael Sengphradeth from the 902nd SFS helped Royce with the demonstration and answered questions from the children afterward, which ranged from how many bad guys have they caught to how did they teach the dogs to perform the drills.

Students learned from experts in their respective law enforcement fields about a career often misrepresented by TV shows.



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Air Force Staff Sgt. Johnathan Royce, 902nd Security Forces, commands Ramon, a military working dog, to attack Michael McFalls, Kitty Hawk Middle School Principal, as he simulates being a suspect during a demonstration for sixth graders May 6 at Kitty Hawk Middle School in Universal City, Texas.

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"It was interactive for all of us and very fun," sixth-grader Hunter DeLeon said. "I have a new perspective on the

Air Force opportunities."

Funded by the Office of Naval Research, the camp was free for all students and teachers who participated.

Pride in appearance

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph members rake leaves and prepare to spread mulch at the Air Force Personnel Center Monday during JBSA Pride Week at JBSA-Randolph. This was a week for members of Team JBSA to showcase their pride across all locations (JBSA-Randolph, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Camp Bullis, JBSA-Lackland) and join forces with other JBSA mission partners to improve the appearance of all locations.

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Air Force Master Sgt. Joe Ugarte, 802nd Force Support Squadron, briefs Randolph Elementary School third-graders on a military deployment process during Operation FLAGS May 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Operation FLAGS introduces deployment process to Randolph Elementary School students

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About 300 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders from Randolph Elementary School accomplished a special "mission" called Operation FLAGS May 8 where they experienced what it's like for their active-duty parents to leave for a deployment.

Operation FLAGS, which stands for Families Learning About Global Support, was organized by the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center and made possible with the help of more than 60 JBSA volunteers. The event has become an annual tradition at JBSA-Randolph.

"We walked them through four different stages of deployment to simulate what 'mom and dad' will do at some point in their military careers," Master Sgt. Joe Ugarte, JBSA-Randolph M&FRC readiness NCO, said.

"It's important they understand this aspect of the military early on."

Students began in the school's gym where they were assigned to a squad, received a mission briefing and were handed gear including dog tags, airman battle uniform tops and helmets. Members from the Air Force Band of the West performed in the gym, playing tunes to keep everyone's morale high during this phase.

Master Sgt. Zachary Christman, a 359th Medical Group first sergeant who's been deployed four times, said "this is a good way for kids to learn what their parents go through. It's eye opening."

After the squads marched outside to the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance weapons display and learned about firearms used downrange, they lined up to execute their mission of tracking down a "bad guy" with help from military working dogs and their handlers.

As the youth "redeployed" back into the gym, volun-

teers clapped, cheered and waved flags to signify their homecoming.

Master Sgt. Ty Reyes, an Air Force Personnel Center installation support NCO in charge, said "some of the kids were nervous, some were excited, but they enjoyed seeing the weapons, watching the dogs and catching the bad guy."

From the first to last station, the Operation FLAGS tempo was high. Each squad leader volunteer kept his or her group hollering throughout the event, often sparking friendly competitions to be the loudest squad.

"Everyone was fired up and motivated the students," Edward Padilla, Randolph Elementary School coach, said.

"Operation FLAGS gave children an opportunity to have fun learning an important lesson about what happens to their military parent when they leave them to serve their country on a deployment," Ugarte said.