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COMMENTARY**TAKING A STAND****Help win the fight against sexual assault**

By Gen. Larry O. Spencer
Air Force Vice Chief of Staff

Just as Airmen broke the sound barrier and pioneered new paths to space, Airmen will pioneer new ways to prevent sexual assault in the Air Force.

Preventing this crime is not easy; if it were, you, America's Airmen, would already have eliminated it from our force. As we begin this new fiscal year, I ask for your help in pioneering new ways to prevent sexual assault in the force. To be clear, pre-

venting sexual assault focuses on the individual that commits the crime and how to intervene before a crime takes place.

Whether the campaign is called "Inherent Resolve," "Airmen Powered by Innovation," or "Every Airman Counts," your ideas are at the forefront of solving every challenge the Air Force faces, and eliminating sexual assault is no different.

In the past several years, we have made great improvements in our sexual assault response programs.

We added more sexual assault response coordinators and funded full-time victim advocates at each installation. We stood up a special victims' capability that is comprised of specially trained investigators, prosecutors and legal support personnel to appropriately prosecute these sex crimes. We also significantly increased our victim advocacy capability with special victim counselors that are



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available to all sexual assault victims and whose sole purpose is to represent the victim in any legal proceedings or assist in any other legal and policy matters a victim may need.

We have also spent a great deal of time training and educating every Airman about sexual assault prevention and response. This education starts from the day an Airman walks into a recruiting office, and continues throughout their career.

However, our job is far from done. While we've made progress in victim advocacy and appropriately holding offenders accountable, there is still significant work to do in preventing sexual assault before it happens. Together, we all need to get better at recognizing the characteristics of the perpetrator and the subtle situations in which we can stop harassment, assault and violence before it happens.

This is where I need your help.

From Jan. 12-16, we are conducting a Sexual Assault Prevention Summit at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and will bring in Airmen from across the force to participate. While only some of you will be given the opportunity to attend in person, I want all of your ideas on how we can better prevent sexual assault. Please visit the Air Force's "Every Airman Counts Blog" at <http://afsapr.dodlive.mil/> and submit your ideas and any other thoughts you have about creating an Air Force free from sexual assault.

It's going to take all of us working together and exploring innovative ideas to come up with a practical toolkit that we can all use to effectively prevent this horrible crime from taking place in the Air Force.

I appreciate you taking the time to make the difference and to bring us to the next level in the fight against sexual assault.

ON THE COVER

Lt. Col. Robert Bryant III (right), 559th Flying Training Squadron commander, greets retired Lt. Col. Richard Cole (center), former Doolittle Raider, Nov. 14 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. At left is Lt. Col. Jeremy Seals, 559th FTS director of operations. For the complete story of Cole's visit, see page 6.

Photo by Johnny Saldivar

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JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention, Response

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

Stage 3 water restrictions implemented across JBSA

502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 10-day average of the Bexar County index well J-17 and Comal Springs – two of the three official springs/wells monitored for recording groundwater elevations in the San Antonio Pool of the Edwards Aquifer – met Stage 3 levels as of Nov. 14.

The Joint Base San Antonio Base Civil Engineer has declared Stage 3, in accordance with the current JBSA Critical Period Management Plan and Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The biological opinion limits JBSA water consumption from the Edwards Aquifer in order to protect eight endangered species which live in the aquifer and its associated springs. These species can only survive when aquifer levels and spring flows are adequately maintained.

The changes from Stage 2 to Stage 3 facing base residents and personnel are substantial in that we must continue to follow and comply with water restrictions. Stage 3 is a critical stage in that it is continually being observed for rapid changes.

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

All the Stage 2 restrictions are still in place. Water restriction measures are listed in the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan available online at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-130809-013.pdf>.

In Stage 3, the watering days are:

- Address/facility number ends in 0 or 1, Monday;
- Address/facility number ends in 2 or 3, Tuesday;
- Address/facility number ends in 4 or 5, Wednesday;
- Address/facility number ends in 6 or 7, Thursday;
- Address/facility number ends in 8 or 9, Friday.

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

Violations may be reported to JBSA Water Conservation Manager Benjamin Martinez at 671-5337.



John Collins, Randolph Elementary School teachers' aide, assists school children and their parents across the street Nov. 17 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Speeding problem prompts extra patrol near school bus stop

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The 902nd Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph is stepping up its patrol effort south of the Taj Mahal on Northwest Drive and Main Circle because of a speeding problem that poses safety risks to children boarding school buses in the vicinity.

In addition to increasing patrols, the 902nd SFS has placed speed-detection carts – trailers that post the speed of oncoming vehicles – at two locations on Main Circle. One is located on Northwest Drive heading into Main Circle for southbound traffic; the other is stationed farther south on Main Circle for northbound vehicles.

“It’s been brought to our attention that people have been speeding through that area as they leave Washington Circle and head for Main Circle,” Staff Sgt. Larry Holmes, 902nd SFS NCO in charge of police services, said. “We’re doing our best to place extra patrols out there.”

Holmes said the measures taken by the 902nd SFS are efforts to protect the safety of children who board Randolph Field Independent School District buses

on Northwest Drive south of its intersection with C Street West.

“That area has been mandated by our commander as one of the focal points for enforcement on base,” Holmes said.

The speeding problem typically occurs between 7-7:30 a.m., “when people are trying to get to work on time,” he said.

Holmes said 902nd SFS officers have been ticketing motorists for speeding in that area in recent days and the extra patrols and speed carts seem to be having an effect on drivers’ habits.

“People are now paying attention to the rules of the road,” he said. “I’ve also noticed that people react differently when they see speed carts.”

Master Sgt. Elmer Smith, 902nd SFS NCO in charge of operations, said speed-detection carts have been placed at other locations as well. Additional measures for traffic enforcement have also been implemented.

He advised motorists at JBSA-Randolph to be mindful of their responsibilities.

“It is important for motorists to hang the phone up and drive the speed limits because, first and foremost, it is the law,” Smith said. “All individuals who possess the ability to drive on any Air Force instal-

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lation have agreed to adhere to all regulations to include Air Force Instruction 31-218 and Air Force Manual 31-116, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision.”

The speed limit on JBSA-Randolph is 25 mph in commercial areas and 15 mph in housing areas, he said. The 15-mph limit also applies to the vicinities of Randolph Elementary School and Randolph Middle/High School.

“Although not every place is marked as others, it is important to know those facts,” Smith said. “Another important speed limit to be aware of is 5 mph in parking lots.”

Speeding and other traffic violations result in the accrual of points that can

lead to the revocation of base driving privileges. Civilian offenders are also subject to fines.

Allana Hemenway, Randolph Elementary School principal, said she appreciates the 902nd SFS’ attention to student safety.

“The 902nd SFS has been very helpful and has assisted us with keeping our students safe,” she said. “They have provided a visible presence at the school during drop-off and pickup times.”

Smith said traffic enforcement is something they’re not taking lightly.

“It is our job to protect our Department of Defense members and their families,” he said.

Area officials tour 12th Flying Training Wing



Photos by Laura McAndrews

Jack Monreal (left), 12th Maintenance Directorate maintenance support branch chief, explains the workings of a T-38C Talon engine to Johnny Casias, Selma assistant city manager, Monique Vernon, Kirby city manager, Dick Neville, Universal City mayor pro tem, Ken Roberts, Selma city administrator, and Rick Cortes, Seguin assistant city manager. City employees from around Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph toured the 12th Flying Training Wing Nov. 5 to learn how the flying mission impacts the U.S. Air Force.

Maj. Matthew Reynolds, 12th Operations Support Squadron assistant director of operations, explains the cockpit of a T-38C Talon to John Foreman, Seguin assistant director of planning and codes, and Ken Roberts, Selma city administrator, Nov. 5 at a 12th Flying Training Wing maintenance hangar.

Doolittle's co-pilot retells story of daring raid at JBSA-Randolph

By Robert Goetz

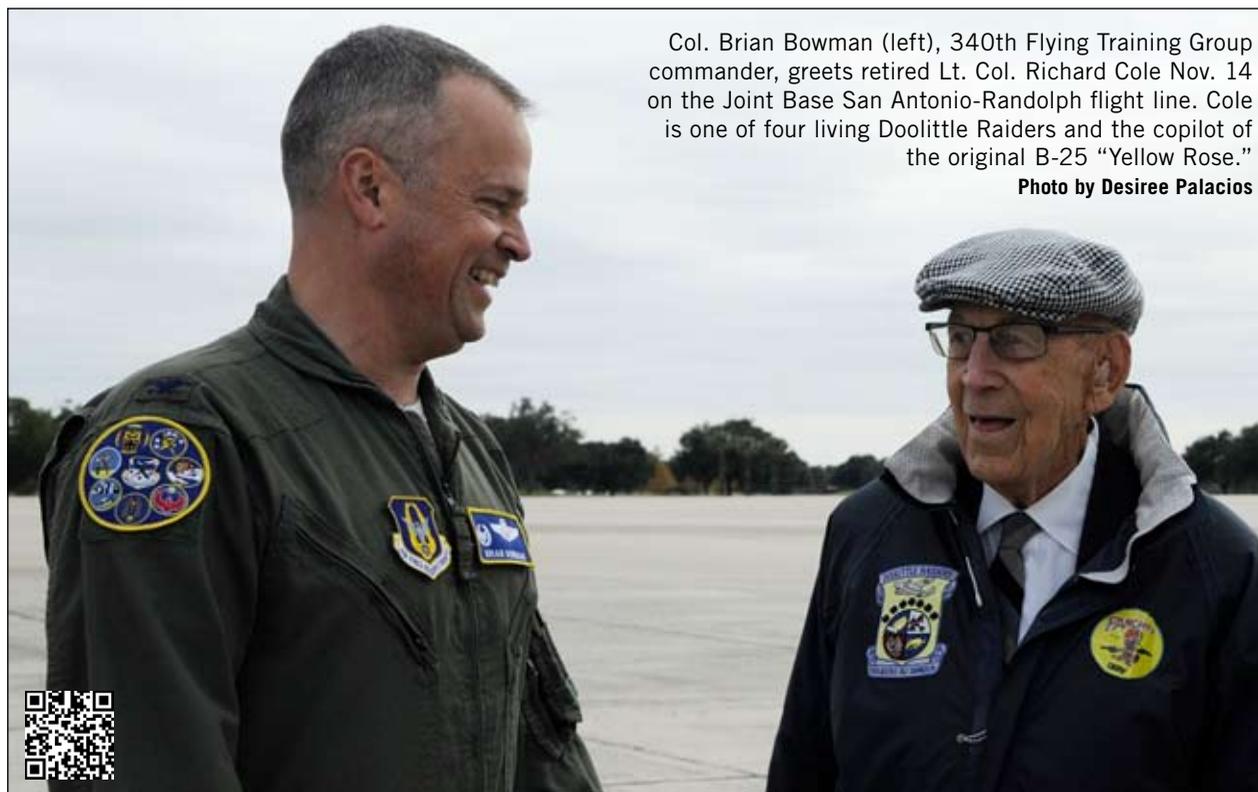
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A retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who served as co-pilot alongside acclaimed aviator James "Jimmy" Doolittle during the daring April 18, 1942, raid on Tokyo relived those tense hours Nov. 14 in Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Fleenor Auditorium.

Addressing questions during the 435th Fighter Training Squadron Leadership Series, retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole recalled Doolittle, the pilot who led the mission to Tokyo that served as a counterpunch to Japan's surprise Sunday morning attack on Pearl Harbor four months earlier. He also recounted his role in the operation, which started with takeoff from the Navy aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hornet and ended when he reunited with Doolittle in the Chinese province of Zhejiang after bailing out of their B-25 bomber.

Cole said he was "in awe" of Doolittle, who was a lieutenant colonel at the time of the Tokyo raid and rose to the rank of lieutenant general in the Air Force Reserve before being promoted to full general by Congress. He said Doolittle was well educated, personable and an inspiring leader.

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Col. Brian Bowman (left), 340th Flying Training Group commander, greets retired Lt. Col. Richard Cole Nov. 14 on the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph flight line. Cole is one of four living Doolittle Raiders and the copilot of the original B-25 "Yellow Rose."

Photo by Desiree Palacios

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“He was about the finest human being you could ever want to meet,” Cole said.

The 99-year-old Cole, who addressed 12th Flying Training Wing leaders, instructor pilots and students, and other members of the JBSA-Randolph community, impressed the audience with his attention to detail and his embodiment of Air Force core values.

“There were several things that impressed me – his humility about what he accomplished, his mental sharpness and ability to recall specific details of the event, and the fact that he considered his actions during the mission as simply doing his job,” Maj. Jason Bianchi, 435th FTS upgrade instructor pilot, said.

Bianchi, who introduced Cole at the leadership series session, said the retired colonel showed that one of the first steps to great leadership was being a respectful subordinate.

“He was a lieutenant when he flew with Doolittle, so he was a great follower and that’s where great leadership starts,” he said.

Bianchi said one of Cole’s comments – “That was a time when a second lieutenant didn’t speak unless he was spoken to” – was “a testament to the utmost respect he showed to the senior officer and commander during the raid.”

The session began with the presentation of two short films that focused on the Tokyo raid – a

vintage newsreel-style account and a video titled “The Last of Doolittle’s Raiders,” a recent retelling of the mission by the five surviving Doolittle Tokyo Raiders at the time. Cole is now one of four surviving members.

The raid, which was immortalized in the book “Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo” by mission pilot Ted Lawson and the 1944 movie of the same name, comprised 16 aircraft and 80 aircrew members. The Army Air Corps fliers succeeded in their bombing missions, striking targets such as aircraft factories, industrial facilities and oil storage tanks while eluding Japanese fighter airplanes and anti-aircraft fire.

Following the mission, many of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders bailed out over China after crossing the East China Sea. Chinese nationals led 65 of them to safety. The Japanese captured eight men and later executed three of them; one man died of beriberi and malnutrition. Four members of the raid landed in Russia and were held in captivity before escaping to Iran. Three others died upon bailout, two by drowning.

Physical damage to Japan was minimal, but one pilot in “The Last of Doolittle’s Raiders” noted that the raid “shook the Japanese tremendously.”

One of the challenges of the raid happened at the beginning: The pilots had to take off in less than 250 feet of runway on the carrier and be-

come airborne with only about 75 knots of air speed. In addition, weather conditions were bad and the mission began earlier and farther from the Japanese mainland than planned, which made conserving fuel crucial.

“That did cause some concern,” Cole said. “There was nothing you could do about it but be very vigilant with use of the fuel.”

Cole also related some anecdotes about the raid, including his interaction with Doolittle during the journey to Tokyo.

“Colonel Doolittle was not too talkative on this trip,” he said.

Cole said he bailed out of the B-25 successfully, but probably too enthusiastically.

“I pulled the ripcord so hard I gave myself a black eye,” he said.

After he drifted down in his parachute, he became entangled in a pine tree, where he spent the night before walking west to safety the next day.

Cole’s day at JBSA-Randolph began when he met with Airmen and civilians in front of the “Yellow Rose,” a replica of the B-25 he co-piloted with Doolittle.

Bianchi said he was “humbled by the presence of a living legend.”

“Sitting next to Lt. Col. Cole and hearing him tell the stories of his mission was surreal,” he said.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Visitor Control Center

Holiday Hours

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

Closed –

Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving

Nov. 28 for Air Education and Training Command Family Day

Dec. 25 for Christmas

Dec. 26 for AETC Family Day

Jan. 1 for New Year's Day

Jan. 2 for AETC Family Day

Closing early –

Dec. 13, the VCC will be open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Passes will be issued at the Main Gate when the VCC is closed. Sponsors must meet their visitors at the Main Gate. Visitors must present an acceptable form of photo ID – driver's license and current proof of insurance is required, if driving. If you are planning an event on JBSA-Randolph over the holidays, remember that all Entry Authorization Lists (EALs) for special occasions must be turned no later than three duty days prior to the event, or five days if the guest list contains over 100 people. Specific requirements and formats are available on the JBSA website homepage at the link provided below.

- <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/library/visitorinformation.asp>

For more information, call 652-2838.

JBSA candidate to host AFIMSC

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Air Force officials recently announced Joint Base San Antonio; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia; Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; as candidate bases to potentially host the headquarters for the new Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center.

The Air Force evaluated ten installations against the approved criteria before choosing the candidates.

"The new AFIMSC aligns Air Force-wide installation support authorities, responsibilities and resources under one accountable commander. The consolidation will drive standardized processes, eliminate overhead and drive down costs," said Timothy K. Bridges, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations. "It makes good business sense to centralize installation support the way we already centralize other support functions such as science and technology, test and sustainment."

Air Force Materiel Command will conduct detailed, on-the-ground site surveys of each candidate base. Site survey teams will use a range of operational and facility requirements to assess each location. Additionally, they will develop cost estimates to beddown the AFIMSC HQ for each candidate base.

Once the site surveys are completed, the re-

sults will be briefed to the Air Force Secretary and Chief of Staff to select preferred and reasonable alternatives. The Air Force plans to announce preferred and reasonable alternatives and continue the Environmental Impact Analysis Process through early 2015.

"The Air Force is committed to a deliberate and open process to address AFIMSC HQ basing," said Bridges. "As we progress through the basing process, we will share information so interested communities are aware of what to expect."

AFIMSC, which reports to AFMC, will consolidate installation management functions currently being performed at every major command and will serve as the single intermediate-level headquarters for the delivery of installation support capabilities.

On Oct. 1, AFMC became the parent organization for several existing field operating agencies to include the Air Force Security Forces Center, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Air Force Installation Contracting Agency, Air Force Cost Analysis Agency's Financial Management Center of Expertise, Air Force Financial Services Center, and the Air Force Personnel Center Services Directorate. These entities are currently attached to AFIMSC (Provisional) and will be reassigned to AFIMSC once it becomes a permanent unit.



Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Event

December

Arts and Crafts

Auto Hobby Shop offers vehicle services

Did you know the JBSA-Lackland Auto Hobby Shop is a full-service facility? Visit them for all your vehicle maintenance and repair needs. Some of the services include vehicle safety inspections for \$14.50 and air conditioning service plus Freon (134A only) for \$30. For more information, call 671-3549.

Professional framing available

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

Bowling

Roll into holiday fun with bowling

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

Students stay safe and get deal

Students wearing their reflective belt into the bowling center Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m., receive free shoe rental. For more information, call 221-3683.

Patrons enjoy \$1 bowling games

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

Enjoy bowling with Santa and the Grinch

Patrons are invited to bring their children to the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to visit with Santa and the Grinch. The cost is \$10 per child and includes two games of bowling, rental shoes, refreshments, goodie bags and photos. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-6271.

Families enjoy bowling special

Bring your family to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Dec. 14, noon to 4 p.m., and get a bowling lane for one hour, a large pizza, sodas and bowling shoes for just \$40. For more information, call 221-3683.

Families enjoy super bowling special

Bring your family to the bowling center for lots of bowling fun. Families and military students with a group of 2-6 people can get a bowling lane for one hour, a large one topping pizza, sodas and bowling shoes for just \$50. For more information, call 221-3683.

Bowling special gives patrons a break from holiday stress

Have bowling fun during Christmas break at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Dec. 22-26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 per game per person with \$2.50 shoe rental.

Bowling costs \$1.50 per game, per person with \$2.50 shoe rental Dec. 24, noon to 6 p.m., or treat the family to the rent-a-lane Christmas special, 1-6 p.m. This special includes two hours of bowling, a 16-ounce soda for each member and a large pizza for \$40. Shoe rental is not included.

Patrons can also bowl for \$2.50 per game, per person and \$2.50 rental shoes Dec. 26, and Dec. 31, 1-5 p.m., and Jan. 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 652-6271.

Champions tune-up at bowling tournament

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center hosts the Military Bowling Championship Tune-Up Tournament Dec. 26, 7 p.m. The tournament is a four-game scratch singles format. The cost is \$30 and prizes are awarded to first, second and third place winners. To sign up, call 652-6271.

Bowl in some fun at New Year's Eve celebration

Celebrate the New Year at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Dec. 31, 8 p.m., at an adults-only party. Enjoy three games of Colorama bowling with cash prizes. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a complimentary glass of champagne for each person to toast in 2015. Breakfast is available afterwards. Make reservations early since the event fills up quickly. For reservations, call 652-6271.

Bowling center holds pro shop sale

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center features 20 percent off all items in the pro shop in December. No other discounts apply. Patrons are encouraged to shop early for the best selection. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Holiday meals available for takeout

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club offers holiday meals for takeout through Dec. 20. Customers may choose a 9-11 pound turkey or 12-14 pound ham with an option to include sides as part of the meal. Meal packages include turkey or ham, stuffing, whipped potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and an apple pie. Orders must be placed at least two days in advance. Pricing for meals vary for members and nonmembers starting at \$40. Please add \$15 to pick up freshly prepared hot meals, specifying at time of order. The last day to order is Dec. 18. For more information, call 645-7034.

Kendrick Club offers bingo fun

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club offers bingo fun Sundays at 3 p.m. and Monday-Thursday at 7 p.m. Patrons may play Bingo Extravaganza Dec. 1 with \$15,000 in total

jackpots and Super Bingo Extravaganza Dec. 15 with \$20,000 in total jackpots. Both extravaganza events include a complimentary buffet at 5:30 p.m.

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

Pizza and beer make Tuesday nights easy

Patrons get a 16-inch two-topping pizza and two pints of draft beer at Gil's Pub in the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Dec. 2 and 16, 4:30-8 p.m. The price is \$11.95 per person for members and \$14.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-3056.

Feast on holiday lunch at Gateway Club

The JBSA-Lackland Club features a holiday lunch buffet Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet for \$9.95 per person. The buffet features turkey with wild rice sausage stuffing, cranberry chutney, glazed ham with rum raisin sauce, fried chicken, blackened tilapia, roast beef au jus and assorted sides, salads, desserts and beverages. For more information, call 645-7034.

Club hosts variety night

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts variety nights in the Lone Star Lounge, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., featuring Doggin' Dave Productions. Enjoy dancing or listening to a variety of music and drink specials. For more information, call 645-7034.

Santa loves kids, games and food

Kids, ages 12 and younger, play "Bingo with Santa" at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids play five games of bingo for free for chances to win prizes and enjoy a complimentary buffet with chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, cookies and fruit punch. Adults may enjoy items from the Gil's Pub grill menu. For more information, call 652-3056.

Join the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for brunch with Santa Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will be available for photos, have candy canes for the children and listen intently to all their Christmas wishes. All patrons are invited to enter drawings for gifts. For more information, call 652-4864.

Club members celebrate December birthdays

Club members celebrate December birthdays at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Dec. 17, 4:30-7:30 p.m., with a free buffet. The buffet includes salad, two vegetables, two starches, two entrées, soup, cake and ice cream. The cost is \$13.95 for adult guests and \$7.95 for children 6-12. Club members that are not celebrating a birthday are also invited and the cost is \$11.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children 6-12, and children five and younger eat for free. Bring club cards along with a Department of

Defense ID cards for verification. For more information, call 652-48664 or 658-7445.

Bingo fans are appreciated

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts an appreciation party Dec. 18, 5 p.m., for bingo players. Patrons dine on a complimentary dinner with roasted turkey, honey-glazed ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables and desserts. Door prizes are awarded throughout the night. For more information, call 652-3056.

Mix up the holidays at the club

Celebrate the holiday season at the Christmas Mixx with holiday drink specials, great music and a visit from Santa at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Dec. 19, 5 p.m. Consider having office gift exchanges during this time at Gil's Pub or the Nite Club. To make table reservations, call 652-3056.

The party starts here

Patrons start the New Year celebration with bingo at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Dec. 31, 3 p.m. Bingo players that present a bingo receipt enjoy a complimentary champagne and dessert bar. For more information, call 652-3056.

Club hosts New Year's party

Ring in the New Year at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Lone Star Lounge Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Doggin' Dave Productions provides music entrainment. For more information, call 645-7034.

Champagne and brunch set the mood for Sundays

Enjoy a champagne brunch at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Sunday. The brunch costs \$20.75 for members, \$22.75 for nonmembers and \$12.95 for children ages 6-12. For more information, call 652-4864.

Community Programs

Tree lighting ceremonies kick-off the holiday season

Joint Base San Antonio celebrates the beginning of the holiday season at the annual holiday tree-lighting ceremonies.

Santa visits with children at the tree-lighting ceremony at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club main entrance Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 671-2806.

See the lighting of the tree and enjoy a reading of the Texas version of the "Night Before Christmas" at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston ceremony Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m., at the flagpole on Stanley Road. Sip hot refreshments, create Christmas crafts, play in real snow and watch the kids delight in a visit from Santa and the Grinch. This community event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 221-1718.

JBSA-Randolph's tree-lighting ceremony takes place Dec. 4, 6 p.m., at the Taj Mahal. The event includes entertainment, light refreshments and a visit from Santa. Washington Circle traffic will be re-routed beginning at 4 p.m. This event is sponsored by Broadway Bank and First Command. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 565-3993.



Skylark Bowling Center, Luke Blvd., Bldg 6476

BOWL WITH THE GRINCH

December 13
12-3 p.m.

Hang out with the Grinch and enjoy

- one game of bowling
- shoe rental
- donuts and milk

all for \$5 per child 12 & younger

For more information call 671-1234
www.myjbsa-fss-mwr.com

FORCE

Musicals set to highlight the holiday season

Take a journey back to the '50s and '60s at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theatre. "Beach Blanket Christmas" plays through Dec. 20. The cast performs favorite Christmas classics and popular songs of the '50s and '60s. Additionally, there is a special Sunday matinee of "Just Us" which includes favorite holiday songs and a special salute to our military Dec. 7, 14 and 21. Both shows are sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

2015 brings opportunities for more casino adventure

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

Fitness

Cycle away holiday calories

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center invites all bikers to cycle away holiday calories on a 10-mile course at Eberle Park Dec. 6, 8 a.m. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-7263.

Marathon completed at participants own pace

The indoor marathon challenge at the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Dec. 8-12, takes place during normal business hours and is a self-monitored program based on the honor system. Participants try to run or walk 26.2 miles within one week. Cards to log mileage are available at the front desk. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-7263.

Bench press competition held at Gillum

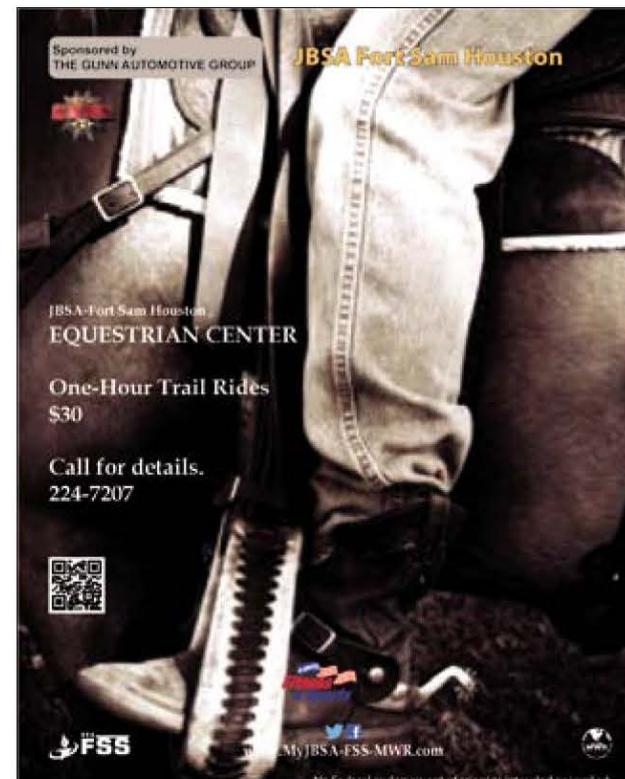
The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts a bench press competition Dec. 8 and 15, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Participants may enter either session. Entry is free. For more information, call 977-2354.

Have fun running through the holidays

Break up the holiday season with a healthy Holiday 5K Run/Walk at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Dec. 13, 8 a.m. This free event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders 18 years and older. For more information, call 221-1234.

Fitness holds 5K run

JBSA-Lackland Fitness and Sports invites all Department of Defense ID cardholders to participate in the Gateway 5K Classic at the Warhawk Fitness Center track Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m. First, second and third place finishers in male and female categories are awarded medals. Children are also encouraged to participate in a one-lap run around the track. Prizes are awarded to the top three youth finishers. The event is free to participate and is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 671-2632.



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Start your New Year resolution without delay

Ring in 2015 with a midnight 5K run/walk at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Dec. 31. Coffee and hot chocolate are available before the run/walk at 11 p.m., snacks and refreshments will be served after the run along with a sparkling cider toast to welcome the new year. T-shirts will be available for purchase as long as supplies last. This 5K is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and non-ID cardholders. Register no later than Dec. 18. For more information, call 221-1234.

A New Year's Day Run takes place Jan. 1, 10 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Pershing Sports Complex. Runners and walkers can choose between a 4-mile race or a 1.5-mile walk. Patrons may register on the day of the event. These events are free and open to all DOD ID cardholders. For more information, call 221-3593 or 221-4887.

Golf

Warrior teams compete for prizes

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly Warrior Four-Person Scramble Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The cost is \$25 for members or \$35 for nonmembers, which includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart fees and dinner. Gift certificates are awarded for the winners of the longest drive and closest to the pin, and for first-second- and third-place winners place winners of the scramble. For more information, call 222-9386.

Swing analysis and clinics offered to golfers

Need a little personal attention to get your golf swing above par? JBSA golf courses can help.

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course offers complimentary swing analysis Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Professional Golf Association teaching professional, Ron Hines. The analysis involves observation and suggestions for swing improvement. For more information, call 671-2517.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club's weekly Adult Golf Clinic take place Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. This clinic is designed for beginner and intermediate golfers and teaches the fundamentals of how to be a better golfer. The cost is \$20 per hour. For more information, call 222-9386.

Enjoy the game more and cut a few strokes off your score with help from the JBSA-Randolph golf course "swing doctors." Call to make an appointment to receive the advice and help from the pros. For more information, call 652-4653.

Pro shop hosts holiday open house

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts a holiday open house in the pro shop Dec. 18, 4-6:30 p.m. The pro shop features special holiday pricing on all golfing needs, as well as complimentary refreshments. For more information, call 671-2517.

Junior golfers improve game through instruction

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course is conducting two holiday junior golf clinics Dec. 26-30. Classes for ages 8-11 are held daily, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Classes for juniors ages 12-15 meet daily, 1-2:30 p.m. Classes are limited to 10 players each. The \$40-per-person fee includes a rule booklet, balls and instruction by PGA teaching professional, Charles Bishop. For more information and to register, call 652-4653.

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Information, Tickets and Travel

Take a holiday tour to the Hill Country

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets & Travel holds a Hill Country Holiday Lighting tour Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to approximately 11 p.m. Transportation is provided to Fredericksburg for shopping and dining, to Burnet for the Walk through Bethlehem, to Johnson City for the light show and to Marble Falls for the famous Walk of Lights. The price is \$37 per person. Advance reservations are required. For more information, call 671-3059.

Celebrate the holidays cowboy style

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets & Travel invites patrons to celebrate the holidays in an old west theme park Dec. 20 and 21 at Enchanted Springs Ranch in Boerne. Enjoy a live nativity scene, a puppet show, races, caroling, pistol show, tractor rides through a wild animal park, crafts, a visit with Cowboy Santa and more. Food and beverages are available for purchase, plus a variety of vendors sell wares. Discount tickets are \$11 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 3-11. For more information, call 671-3059.

Valero Alamo Bowl tickets now on sale

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets & Travel has a limited quantity of discounted Valero Alamo Bowl tickets for \$28.50, regularly \$51 and higher. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets early as tickets always sell out. For more information, call 671-3059.

Fun lovers enjoy popular shows at discounted rates

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

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

Saving money and entertainment go hand-in-hand

The 2015 Entertainment Books are available for \$30 at the JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets & Travel in the Community Services Mall. For more information, call 652-5142.

Library

Story times incorporate holiday themes

The JBSA-Lackland Library features a different holiday story and craft during story time Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 10-11 a.m. Story time takes a break for the holidays Dec. 23 and 30 and resumes Jan. 6. For more information, call 671-3610.

Stories, crafts and songs are also part of the weekly story time at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Dec. 4 and 11, 10 a.m. For more information, call 221-4702.

Special musical guest visits the library

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library welcomes special guest Dr. Owen Duggan Dec. 18, 10 a.m. Duggan is a local singer, musician and composer who has produced two children's music CDs, "The Elephant Never Forgets" and "Puppy Dog Jig," both in the library collection. He sings and plays guitar or banjo for longtime favorites such as "Puff the Magic Dragon," and "The Marvelous Toy," and also performs some of his own compositions. For more information, call 221-4702.

Find holiday cooking recipes at the library

The JBSA-Lackland Library features a display of holiday cookbooks for checkout and perfect for entertaining. For more information, call 671-3610.

Library expands young adult reading

The JBSA-Lackland Library offers a collection of new books for the Young Adult section. The recent addition gives teens more titles to choose from catering to different interests. For more information, call 671-3610.

Learning a new language just became easier

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

Library changes operating hours

The JBSA-Lackland Library operates Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on Sunday. For more information, call 671-3610.

Lodging

Lodging for the holidays

Do you have family or friends visiting for the holidays? Call JBSA-Randolph Lodging to make a reservation. Space available reservations for the Christmas holidays can be made for up to five days, space permitting, by calling 652-1844.

MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS

Successful interviewing takes skill

Don't face a job interview unprepared. The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Interview Workshop helps prepare for all upcoming job interviews. The class, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, focuses on how to research prospective employers, how to answer questions and how to dress. Call 652-5321 today to sign up.

Learn to manage emotions

Participants learn positive and negative effects of anger, signs that anger is escalating and methods for controlling anger at the anger management class at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Dec. 12, 3-4 p.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

Patrons learn resumé writing techniques

Patrons learn techniques that help in preparing a non-federal style resumé during a resumé writing class offered by the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Dec. 15, 9:30-11 a.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

Take away the credit card's control

Struggling with high interest credit card debt and looking for new ways to bring down the balance? The debt management class at JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Dec. 16, 9-10:30 a.m., will demonstrate how to gain control. Call 652-5321 to sign up.

Single parents receive support

Meet other single parents at the JBSA-Randolph Religious Activity Center, building 975, Dec. 18, noon to 1 p.m., who can relate to you and learn about things that matter most to single parents. Bring ideas or suggestions for discussion. No need to sign up. For more information, call 652-5321.

Outdoor Recreation

Get set for the holiday season with outdoor equipment

Rent equipment to get yards in shape for the holiday season from JBSA Outdoor Recreation Centers. They have rakes, wheel barrows and trailers to make yard cleaning a cinch. Start the holiday meals off right by renting a turkey fryer, dutch oven or barbecue smoker. For more information on pricing and availability call any of the ORC offices. For JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 295-7529; for JBSA-Lackland, call 925-5532 and for JBSA-Randolph, call 652-5142.

Winter boating is more fun with a discount

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

Water lovers can rent boats at the JBSA-Recreation

Park at Canyon Lake for half price including all required safety equipment in December on a first come, first serve basis. Participants must complete the Boater's Safety Course through the State of Texas, through the JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake or at any of the JBSA Outdoor Recreation offices. For more information, call 830-226-5357.

Save money for a getaway close to home

Rent a cottage Monday through Thursday for \$75 a night at the JBSA-Recreation Park at Canyon Lake. The cottages include a full kitchen, living room with a TV/satellite and blu-ray player, three bedrooms and bathroom. Each cottage accommodates up to eight people and linens are provided for the bedrooms. For more information, call 830-226-5357.

Holiday costumes available to rent

JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation offers Santa, Mrs. Claus, an elf and Grinch costumes to rent for holiday party entertaining. Be sure to reserve these costumes early due to high demand. For more information, call 925-5532.

Sportsman's Range open for shooting

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

Youth and Children

Parents get a well deserved night off

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs and the Child Development Program hold "Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out" offering childcare Dec. 6, 1-5 p.m. Children are provided with activities, games and snacks. The fee is \$15 per child or free with a GPAB referral. For more information, call 671-2388 for Youth Programs, or call 671-1072 for the Lackland CDP.

JBSA-Randolph hosts "Give Parents a Break" and "Kids Adventure Night" Dec. 12, 6-11 p.m. Register by Dec. 10. The evening takes place at the CDP Annex for children under 2 years old and at Youth Programs for children over 3 years old. It is free for GPAB waiver holders and \$20 per child for all others. To register, call 652-4946.

Crafting fun for the entire family

Youth, ages 5 and older, can have a fun day of creating gifts for the holidays during Winter Craftapalooza at JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up no later than Dec. 4 for this free family event. For more information, call 652-3298 or 652-2088.

Winter Ball helps make the holiday special for youth

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts a Winter Ball Dec. 12, 6-9 p.m. This special holiday event is for youth ages 9-12 and cost \$3 per person. A light snack will be provided. For more information, call 652-3298 or 652-2088.

Youth delight in holiday camps

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs offers holiday camps Dec. 22-30 for children ages 5-10. Activities include arts and crafts, computer lab, outside play, drama, techno games and other fun activities. All children enrolled in after school care can register at building 1703. Children not enrolled need to register at Parent Central, building 2797. Fees are based on total family income. For more information, call 221-5151.

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Program holds registration through Dec. 8 for the Dec. 22-26 holiday camp and through Dec. 15, for the Dec. 29 to Jan. 2 camp. Children ages 5 years (in kindergarten) to 12 years old are provided a full day of supervised fun, games, activities, meals and more. The cost varies according to household income. For more information, call 671-2388.

Registration for JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs holiday camp closes Dec. 12. The camp runs Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. For more information, call 652-3298.

Youth invited to display art

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs holds the annual Boys and Girls Club Fine Arts Exhibit Jan. 8-9. The deadline for submitting artwork is Dec. 19. For more information, call 652-3298 or 652-2088.

Kids get creative in special classes

Get kids involved in a creative classes at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs.

Youth ages 6-18 can learn to glaze, dry brush, antique and paint using acrylics and other mediums at ceramic classes on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon, throughout December. The fee is \$10 per hour with all materials provided.

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

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

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

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Tree-lighting ceremony

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's tree-lighting ceremony is 6 p.m. Thursday at the Taj Mahal, building 100. The event includes entertainment, light refreshments and a visit from Santa. Washington Circle traffic will be re-routed beginning at 4 p.m. For more information, call 565-3993.

Holiday in Blue concert

The United States Air Force Band of the West Concert Band from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland will present a concert at the Edgewood Theatre for Performing Arts 3-5 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7-9 p.m. Dec. 8. These performances are family friendly and open to the public, free of charge.

For more information, call 671-3934 or visit <http://www.BandoftheWest.af.mil>.

Storage for contingency/deployment entitlement

Storage for contingency/deployments of 90 days or longer is no longer authorized, if the member concurrently receives Basic Allowance for Housing in the commuting area of the permanent duty station, per Air Force Instruction 24-501, Personal Property Moving and Storage, paragraph 1.6.2.2, dated Oct. 10.

This is a major change from the previous entitlement, which authorized storage at government expense by utilizing squadron funds without regard to BAH entitlement provided to the service member. Any future requests received by the installation transportation officer from commanders for storage based on a deployment must reflect the member is not receiving BAH for local housing. There is, however, a grandfather clause to allow continued storage at government expense for members who have approved storage even though they are receiving BAH. For further clarification or questions contact the Personal Property Processing Office JBSA-Lackland, at 671-2821, PPPO-JBSA Fort Sam Houston at 221-1605 or PPPO-JBSA-Randolph at 652-1848.

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Federal Employees Health Benefits open season dates set

By Janis El Shabazz
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the Federal Flexible Spending Accounts Program runs through Dec. 8.

During open season, employees and retirees will have the chance to review their current plans and make any changes they desire for the following year.

Eligible employees who are not a part of FEHB may enroll during open season.

The average premium rate for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will increase by 3.2 percent in 2015, according to U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials.

"There are two significant changes to health care and limited expense spending accounts," said Erica Cathro, AFPC Human Resources Specialist. "For the first time, employees will be able to enroll in the flexible spending account program for a \$100 minimum deposit and can

carry more than \$500 in their health care and flexible spending accounts."

The first opportunity for carry over will be at the end of 2015. Current participants will not be able to carry over funds from 2014 to 2015; however, they will still have a grace period through March 15. Dependent care FSAs will continue to have a grace period each year but participants cannot carry over funds from one year to the next.

There are no significant changes to the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program.

In other FEHB news, some plans are opting out of the program and terminating their enrollment codes or reducing their service areas. Employees can find a listing of these plans, premium costs, comparison guides and individual plan brochures on the OPM website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/index.asp>.

Cathro reminds employees that they should thoroughly review OPM Open Season guidance before making their selections.

For more information about this and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>. For detailed information on making open season elections, select "search all components" from the drop down menu and enter "7665" in the search window.



Courtesy graphic

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph chief selects



The 2014 Chief Master Sgt. Promotion Release results were announced today at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Air Force officials selected 479 of 2,525 eligible Senior Master Sergeants for promotion to Chief Master Sergeant for a selection rate of 18.97 percent.

Photo by Melissa Peterson



Two puppies receive their vaccinations and an exam Tuesday at the Joint Base San Antonio Randolph veterinarian clinic. These required vaccinations are given every three to four weeks until puppies are 16 weeks of age.

Photo by Melissa Peterson

Army Public Health Command expands veterinary services

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Services at Joint Base San Antonio veterinary treatment facilities are being expanded to provide more comprehensive care for beneficiaries' pets.

U.S. Army Public Health Command, which governs veterinary services supporting Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps facilities, announced that the transformation of veterinary clinics is being supported with the employment of additional veterinary health care providers and the worldwide use of ROVR, the Department of Defense's Remote Online Veterinary Record system.

"Over the past several years, Army veterinary care has expanded from vaccination and deworming clinics to complete wellness and medical care focused on comprehensive disease prevention with early diagnosis of problems and appropriate treatment," the announcement states. "Veterinary treatment facilities have become hospitals designed to take care of all your pets' health needs."

The transformation also includes a restructuring of some VTF fees to generate

enough revenue to cover operating costs.

Army Capt. Ambre Gejer, veterinarian and officer in charge of the JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph veterinary clinics, said services at military VTFs will more closely mirror those at civilian veterinary clinics.

One important change is that a veterinarian will see each pet at every visit in addition to providing a comprehensive wellness examination each year, Gejer said.

At the JBSA-Randolph clinic, a veterinarian is on duty Monday-Thursday each week, when appointments are scheduled, she said. The clinic is also open Friday for over-the-counter sales.

The JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph facilities remain wellness clinics for dogs and cats with services that include vaccinations, deworming, blood work and treatment for minor problems involving pets' eyes, ears and skin. The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston VTF also has X-ray capabilities, but no JBSA facility provides emergency care for privately owned animals, Gejer said.

"I want to encourage people to make appointments with us for preventive medicine needs," she said. "If they have pets with emergency needs or chronic diseases,

"ROVR benefits pet owners because written records are no longer required," she said. "It unifies veterinary services and continues the veterinarian-client-patient relationship even when military families move from one location to another. It provides communication and continuity."

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they should establish a relationship with a civilian facility for continuity of care."

ROVR was implemented a year ago at JBSA facilities as part of a beta test, Gejer said. In May, the remaining military facilities throughout the world became part of the shared online system.

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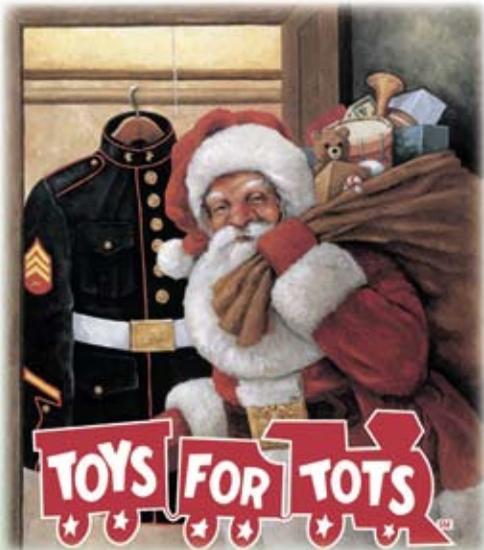
"It's also a searchable system that

is a fantastic database for study purposes," Gejer said.

ROVR tracks the health of pets throughout their lives and will also allow veterinary experts to monitor animal diseases that can pose a threat to public health.

Clinic hours at JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; clinic hours at JBSA-Lackland are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call the JBSA-Randolph VTF at 652-3190, the JBSA-Lackland VTF at 671-3631 or the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston VTF at 808-6101/6104.

Toys for Tots



The annual Marine Reserve toy drive has begun and continues through Dec. 17. Collection boxes are located at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Exchange main entrance and within various organizations on base. Toys will be collected for children from 0-14 years old.

Toy donations must be new and unwrapped and stuffed toys must be in the original container. All toy and monetary donations collected go to assist families in the local area. To place a collection box, call 652-0891.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph

Cookie Drive

Drop off packaged cookies for the annual JBSA-Randolph Cookie Drive Dec. 10 at the JBSA-Randolph chapel. Cookies will be handed out Dec. 11 at the Single Airmen's Dinner and to JBSA-Randolph fire fighters and security forces members.

For more information, call 652-3212.



Attention

Joint Base San Antonio- Randolph residents, employees:

As of Oct. 21, Universal City has implemented a hands-free device only policy while driving within city limits. Any person who violates this ordinance may be fined up to \$200 for each offense.

To obtain a copy of the ordinance, visit <http://www.uctx.gov>.