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COMMENTARY

A service-before-self mentality

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Do you have a service-before-self mentality? Do you take advantage of leadership opportunities? If you were nominated for a Developmental Special Duty, how would you respond if it was in a role you felt uncomfortable with? Would you volunteer to go on a deployment today if the opportunity presented itself?

Back in May 2008, my squadron superintendent, Chief Master Sgt. Whynot, was nice enough to ask me if I wanted to go on a deployment. At the time of the inquiry, I was taking two classes toward my master's degree in human resource management and I had some personal issues I was trying to work through so I answered, "Negative." Subsequently, Chief Whynot and I had a very long and productive conversation about leadership, my role in the organization and the potential barriers or excuses I used as to why I should not go. He helped me work through my concerns and convinced me that I was the right person, at the right time, with the right skills to go on the deployment. So I did.

While at the deployed location, I was the section chief for the aircraft structural maintenance back shop and was responsible for leading 35 Airmen. Collectively, we completed more than 5,000 structural repairs supporting over 100 Coalition aircraft. We had a phenomenal 93 percent quality assurance pass rate and an incredible 99 percent maintenance mission effectiveness rate. Ultimately, we facilitated over 6,300 combat missions and the offloading of 150 million pounds of fuel in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

As a result of our success, I was also able to take care of some great maintainers; some great Airmen! I wrote 11 Air Force Achievement Medals, a Commendation Medal, and members of our unit constantly won Airman/NCO/Team of the Month awards. Furthermore, on a weekly basis, a distinguished visitor, chief or commander stopped by our shop to coin or praise my Airmen for making such a positive impact on the mission. I still receive phone calls and emails from those great Airmen I had the honor and privilege of serving with.

My initial response when the chief asked if I wanted to go on the deployment was not consistent with having a service-before-self mentality. Nobody likes change and I was not the exception. To this day however, that deployment has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career and I will never forget what we accomplished together as a team. In some aspects, I guess you can say the deployment was similar to what we refer to today as a DSD assignment. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and forced me to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. Speaking of DSD assignments, I also had the honor of being a technical school instructor and an additional-duty first sergeant.

As a technical school instructor I was given an opportunity to lead in my career field. After being in the aircraft structural maintenance career field for more than 16 years, I believed in my heart that I could give back and make a difference in some small way by teaching others a craft I cared so passionately about. It was the right decision and turned out to be a great experience.

The assignment broadened my perspective of aircraft structural maintenance repair techniques. I learned more about instructional system development, writing objectives/tests, counseling approaches, time/resource management and communication (writing and speaking) while leading and developing Airmen.

As an additional-duty first sergeant, I interacted with professional military education commandants, career assistance advisors, Family Advocacy representatives, Security Forces, Area Defense Counsel representatives, Military & Family Readiness Center representatives, Office of Special Investigations, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program managers. The exposure and experience was priceless. It provided me with yet another opportunity to learn more about the mission and services of other key agencies, which equipped me with the knowledge to better assist, refer and take care of our Airmen so they could focus on the mission. So here's my leadership perspective and foot stomp when it comes to deployments and DSD assignments:

Deployments and DSD's provide unique opportunities for high-caliber Airmen to lead. Therefore, if you get selected for a deployment or nominated for a DSD, look at it as a leadership opportunity. It will be good for your personal and professional development, regardless of rank. Be motivated about the task of making a difference in your career field, your squadron, your wing and ultimately your Air Force. One day, you will be the right person, at the right time, with the right skills to develop and lead Airmen. Think "service before self" and take advantage of that opportunity.

Initially, you might feel somewhat apprehensive about what the outcome will be or even how effective you may be in your new role. That's OK, in fact, perfectly normal since change inevitably forces people out of their comfort zones. Remember, we have formal and on-the-job training programs to help bridge any gaps to ensure we set our Airmen up for success. Make no mistake about it though, you will be in a prestigious position to mold, shape and grow our future leaders and warriors. Consider it an honor, a privilege and a sign that your leadership sees the potential in you to do more than you ever thought you could.

Complaining or making excuses is easy and mundane. Conversely, challenging yourself to make a difference takes real courage, sacrifice and a service-before-self mentality. If you are selected for a deployment or nominated for a DSD, pull yourself out of that comfort zone and display some Airmanship. Rest assured, it will be one of the most challenging but rewarding experiences in your career and possibly your life.

One never knows what leadership opportunities the future may hold. However, the best way to predict the future is to help shape and create it. Think service-before-self!

ON THE COVER

Senior Airman Miranda Gonzales, 902nd Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, gives a MWD demonstration during National Night Out, Oct. 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. For the complete story, see page 8.

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U.S. military representatives meet National Historical Parks members to receive passes

Photo by Ed Dixon

Marine Sgt. Dawn Casiano signs her "America the Beautiful" National Parks Pass during a Public-Public Public-Private partnership meeting Oct. 7 in the 502nd Air Base Wing conference room at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, while Spec. Torrie Johnson, Hospitalman Yosman Rodriguez and Airman Jessica Carie look on. Mardi Arce, (second from right) superintendent of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Parks and Anna Martinez-Amos, (far right) also with the San Antonio Missions National Historical Parks came to present the passes to representatives of each of the military branches. The passes, which are free to U.S. military members and the dependents of deployed U.S. military members, can be obtained by presenting a military identification card at most federal lands that charge an entrance fee. For more information on the pass or how to obtain a pass, go to http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html.

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NEWS

TAP now part of new military lifecycle model

By Janis El Shabazz
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The redesigned Transition Assistance Program is in its third and final stage and will be integrated into the new Department of Defense Military Lifecycle model, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The MLC, which was implemented Oct. 1, is the latest in a series of improvements to the Transition Goals Planning Success, or Transition GPS. Throughout October, the Air Force will align TAP resources to engage at key touch-points in the MLC model to ensure Airmen prepare for life after the military beginning with their first day on active duty.

"Adopting the MLC TAP model is a proactive approach, poising Airmen to thrive in civilian life," said Lt. Col. Jordan Davis, Air Force Transition Assistance Program manager.

Implementing the MLC is one of four goals developed by the Veterans Employment Initiative Task Force focused on preparing transitioning service members for a post-service career. The four goals include:

- Adopt standards for career readiness
- Implement a revamped TAP curriculum
- Implement a capstone or final assessment
- Implement an MLC transition

The Oct. 1 DOD implementation of MLC TAP supports goal 4. Integrating TAP into the MLC will require that Airmen focus on specific tasks at certain times in their careers.

New Airmen will be required to prepare an individual development plan that they will use as an action plan throughout their military career and that they will transform into a retirement or separation transition plan.

Airmen will be prompted by the Military Personnel System to evaluate their careers and life goals to ensure they are on track. Below are examples of what might be expected at each touch point:

- First permanent duty station: individual development plan, budget, education program review
- Re-enlistment: education program review, budget, career goals, licensure/certification review
- Promotion: budget review, professional resume, military occupational crosswalk
- Performance feedback: financial and career goals
- Mobilization/activation, demobilization/deactivation: budget, education, virtual TAP
- Major life events (such as marriage or birth of a child): review financial plans, review long-term professional goals
- Retirement/separation: TAP GPS

"Integrating TAP objectives into the MLC takes us a step closer to the goal of embedding military to civilian transition planning across the military lifecycle, rather than waiting until Airmen get ready to retire," said Wendy Link, AFPC Airman and Family Sustainment Branch community readiness analyst. "Providing Airmen with this type of training throughout their career ensures they have the time and resources to prepare for a smooth transition from the military."

The 2012 TAP redesign focused on gathering activities necessary to prepare members for life outside of the military into one comprehensive effort. Transition training is now mandatory for all service members who will be discharged after 180 or more active duty days. Core transition training modules include pre-separation counseling, the Transition GPS workshop, a two-part Veterans Administration benefits briefing and a capstone session. The MLC program will add tools to the toolbox that will help Airmen throughout their careers.

The Transition GPS workshop is the only part of the program that can be waived for such circumstances as a separating member who already has confirmed employment. However, before separating or retiring, such Airmen must still meet career readiness standards and have a viable individual transition plan, which will be verified during capstone, Link said.

Separating service members at geographically separated units, those with a short-notice separation and those contemplating retirement can complete the transition program online. Link stressed, however, that while the virtual programs mirror the 'brick and mortar' classes they should be a last resort. Face-to-face training is still the most desirable participation method.

Transition program coordinators constantly review program curricula to ensure tools provided are useful. Two recent updates include a Small Business Administration "Boots to Business" class and the stand-up of a new website.

Boots to Business is a Small Business Administration worldwide three-step training program developed to introduce transitioning service members to business ownership.

"This program is really great for service members with an entrepreneurial spirit," Link said. "Boots to Business ensures every transitioning service member has access to a standardized entrepreneurship training track as well as contact information with small business resources in their local communities."

The new website, https://www.dodtap.mil, replaces the TurboTAP.org page and features an Air Force specific tab directing Airmen to transition information.

"Adopting the MLC TAP model reinforces the Air Force's enduring commitment to caring for Airmen today and tomorrow when they hang up the uniform," Link said. "Helping Airmen set transition mile markers throughout their career also pays substantial dividends for readiness and resiliency. The MLC TAP model enables Airmen to have a clearer view of their horizons so they do not make career decisions in a vacuum. Strengthening and supporting Airmen to be their best makes them more self-assured warriors today and better-informed veterans tomorrow."

For more information about TAP and other services available, contact a local Military and Family Readiness Center. For more information about other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at https://mypers.af.mil.

Oct. 3 courts martial correction

In the Oct. 3 Wingspread article 'Crimes and Punishment,' the charges and outcome listed for Tech. Sgt. Katherine Thomas were incorrect. Below is the correct information:

Tech. Sgt. Katherine Thomas, with the 344th Training Squadron, was tried by a special court-martial Aug. 11-14 at JBSA-Lackland. She was charged with one charge and 29 specifications of unauthorized debit card purchases in violation of Article 121, Uniform Code of Military Justice, regarding allegations that she used for personal purposes the debit card of an organization dedicated to providing services for the benefit of training students.

Thomas pled not guilty to all specifications but was found guilty of 26 of the specifications and not guilty of the remaining three. She was sentenced by a panel consisting of officer and enlisted members to confinement for four months, to a reduction to the grade of E-3 and forfeiture of $400 of her pay per month for 10 months.

Special duty assignment pay changes effective Oct. 1

By Debbie Gildea
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Special duty assignment pay levels for a handful of career fields changed effective Oct. 1 following the most recent Air Force biennial review. In addition, select nuclear career fields have been approved for special duty assignment pay, according to an Oct. 2 announcement.

The biennial review focused on ensuring Airmen in extremely demanding positions, with an unusually challenging degree of responsibility, were identified and reviewed for eligibility under SDAP. The review included three new Air Force specialties evaluated for the first time.

"The purpose of these special pays is to incentivize Airmen to volunteer for and perform duties in a particular career field, location and/or special assignment where the scope of responsibility and required skills exceed those of other Airmen in the same career field and rank," said Brig. Gen. Brian Kelly, force management policy director.

Airmen in the following career fields saw pay adjustments: strategic debriefers; survival, evasion, resistance and escape; enlisted weapons directors (certified and new); forward area refueling point personnel; test parachute program; defense attaché specialists; first sergeants (performing duty at the First Sergeant Academy).

Airmen in two career fields, defense courier operations and airfield management, will no longer be authorized special duty assignment pay.

In addition to the nuclear enterprise AFSCs, four specialties were added to the SDAP list: military training leaders; the Guardian Angel Operations Test Program; Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff executive communications team members; Airmen assigned to a newly established Air Force Special Operations Command unit.

Earlier in the year, it appeared that SDAP for military training instructors and recruiters might be reduced. Neither was affected, and their SDAP remains unchanged.

Members currently serving in a career field removed from the SDAP list will continue to receive pay at a rate of one-half their original SDAP for 12 months following the effective date of termination. Those Airmen incurring an SDAP pay reduction will receive one-half differential pay for the first 12 months. New entrants will start at the new SDAP rate.

To see the full special duty assignment pay list and program changes, go to myPers at https://mypers.af.mil. Select "search all components" from the drop down menu and enter "SDAP" in the search window.

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2014 National Night Out event unites JBSA-Randolph community against crime

By Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Families from the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph community joined together Oct. 7 as part of the 31st nationwide National Night Out event in an effort to become educated on crime prevention, gather information from base and local agencies and as an opportunity to socialize with neighbors.

"It's important for people to get out and meet their neighbors, meet their local police, get familiar with each other and know their neighborhood," Maj. Julia Jefferson, 902nd Security Forces Squadron commander, said. "This sets the foundation of awareness because despite the fact that living on base is typically more secure, we're not going to live on a military base forever."

The 902nd SFS performed demonstrations for compliant and non-compliant arrest procedures involving a military working dog and a taser demonstration with Col. Michael Gimbrone, 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group commander, as the volunteer.

This year's event also featured displays from base agencies such as JBSA-Randolph Mental Health and Family Advocacy in support of Domestic Violence Awareness month and JBSA-Randolph Fire and Emergency Services in support of Fire Prevention Week.

According to the National Night Out website, in comparison to when it began in 1984 with just over 2.5 million people participating across 400 communities in 23 states, National Night Out activities are now attended by more than 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all 50 states, Canadian cities and military bases across the world.

"This event is a success because of people like you who are willing to come out and say 'we want to make a difference,'" Gimbrone said. "The relationships that are established on a night like this don't just last a night; they last for many months and years into the future."

Parents were able to not only learn about general safety practices to keep their families secure, but the event also incorporated children into the displays and demonstrations.

"This was a great opportunity to get out, meet up with the neighbors and see missions of the base that we don't get to see often," Lt. Col. Joel Deboer, 560th Flying Training Squadron commander, said. "Part of the reason we live on base is to enjoy this feeling of 'old America' where the kids can run around and be safe."

Surrounded by the protectors and emergency responders of JBSA-Randolph, families ate, met somebody new and were able to relax while their children learned how to best protect their health and safety throughout the event.

Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Family Housing residents take a ride aboard Randolph's Skywatch Flyer mobile surveillance tower during National Night Out Oct. 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The event is an effort to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships for a safer nation.

Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Photo by Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade

Above: Dan Flores (right), Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Fire Emergency Services captain, hands out fire prevention education pamphlets to Carolyn Wellons and her son, Lemarion Burley, JBSA-Randolph Family Housing residents, during National Night Out Oct. 7 at JBSA-Randolph. Right: Staff Sgt. Larry Holmes (left) and Senior Airman Isaias De Leon (right) help Col. Michael Gimbrone, 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group commander, to the ground after Gimbrone was voluntarily tased by Staff Sgt. Daniel Holland, 902nd Security Forces Squadron trainer, during a security forces demonstration during National Night Out Oct. 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

JBSA-Randolph firefighters teach youth about fire safety

Photo by Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer

Above: The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Fire Department drives their Oshkosh Striker 3000 during the 2014 Live Oak Fire Prevention Week parade Saturday in Live Oak, Texas. The event was the culmination of the week that commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and aims to raise awareness of fire safety. Below right: Children practice how to stop, drop and roll Oct. 9 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Youth Center during a visit from JBSA-Randolph firefighters for Fire Prevention Week. **Photo by Desiree Palacios**

Photo by Melissa Peterson

Above: Sparky the Fire Dog, makes an appearance during the Annual Fire Prevention Week held at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Right: James Smith, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Fire Prevention Inspector, gives a demonstration on proper wear of the seatbelt to 2-year-old James Roberts inside a fire truck during the unit's annual Fire Prevention Week activities. During the week, JBSA-Randolph firefighters traveled to the Youth Center, Randolph Elementary School and the Child Development Center to instruct children on the importance of fire prevention.
Photo by Melissa Peterson

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Airman Speed Mentoring

Junior enlisted members are invited to attend an Airman Speed Mentoring event from 7:30-10:15 a.m. Wednesday, at Arnold Hall, located at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Airmen will rotate between nine tables every 12 minutes and will have an opportunity to meet mentors who were hand picked by NCOs and Airmen to best serve the needs of today's Airmen.

Register at https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AE-15/registration/Registration/Registration.aspx.

NCO professional development seminar

A professional development seminar takes place 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Oct. 24 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex, building 147. The course is for all JBSA NCOs and introduces them to sister and joint-service performance reporting, award writing, leadership and physical fitness standards.

For registration information, call 977-2073 or 977-6228.

Combat Breakfast

A 'Combat Breakfast,' in conjunction with Celebrate America's Military Week, is 7 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Kendrick Enlisted Club to honor wounded service members who have defended American freedoms. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Peggy Poore, Air Force Personnel Center commander. Those interested in attending must reserve a seat by Oct. 30. Tickets are $15 per person.

For more information, call 565-0438 or 824-1134.

Veteran's Day concert

The USAF Band of the West will feature its concert band 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston Street in San Antonio. The concert is free and open to the public. Ticket holders will be let in at 6 p.m. and non-ticket holders will be able to enter at 6:45 p.m. For ticket information, call 925-8763 or visit http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil. Tickets are available https://veteransdayconcert.eventbrite.com and all JBSA ITT and MWR offices.

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Daily workouts 'light' way to energy savings at aircraft shelters

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

A 12th Operations Support Squadron simulator instructor's observations during his daily triathlon training at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph could lead to aircraft shelter lighting efficiencies with the potential of saving the Air Force some $9,000 per year.

David Bernacki, 12th OSS lead Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals weapons system civilian simulator instructor, noticed in June that the 12th Flying Training Wing's aircraft shelters on both flightlines were sometimes illuminated during daylight hours, which he believed was not an efficient use of resources.

He collected data at 25 shelters for more than two months as an initial step in the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century process, an eight-step approach to identify waste, focus activities on eliminating it and maximize resources to satisfy other requirements.

"I knew of the AFSO21 process, so I started gathering data the last few days of June and through July and August," Bernacki said. "I was concerned about the energy usage, and AFSO21 is a good process to address that."

The process of collecting data involved counting all the lights that were still turned on during the day, Bernacki said. Starting at the Rambler Fitness Center, he would run, bike or drive his vehicle past the shelters, which included four used for T-38C depot maintenance, on weekdays and weekends.

Bernacki learned the 12th FTW spent $12,747 for aircraft shelter lighting in 2014, which he determined was $5,555 more than the amount if all lights were turned off during the day.

He also estimated that 10 percent of shelter lights are illuminated during daylight hours on weekdays and 20 percent of lights remain on most of the day on weekends. In addition, the annual bulb and ballast replacement cost is $3,500, or 50 percent greater than required.

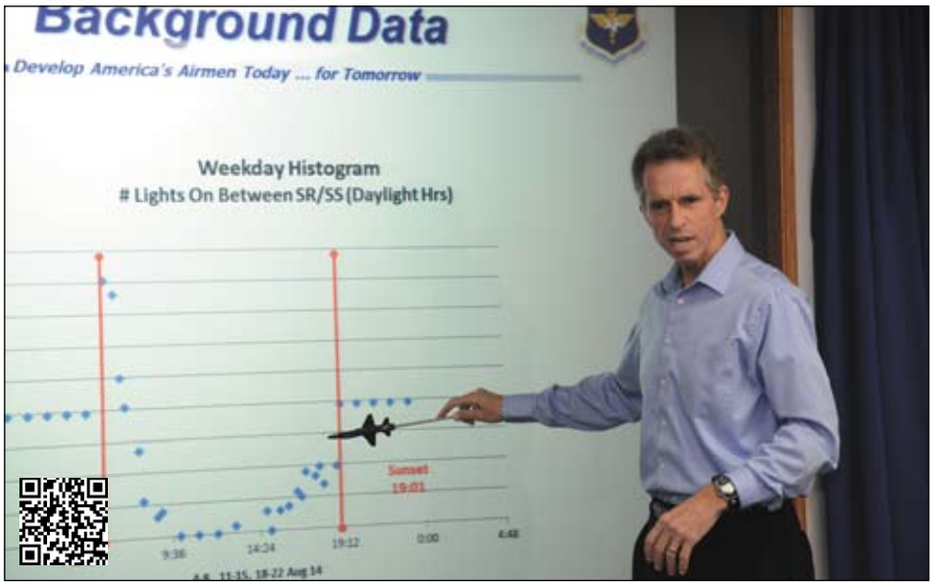

Photo by Joel Martinez

Dave Bernacki, 12th Operations Support Squadron, addresses members during the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Event Sept. 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The committee gathered to establish cost effective energy solutions for the aircraft flight-line shelters.

During his data-collection effort, Bernacki was chosen by the 12th OSS to attend the AFSO21 green belt course July 28-Aug. 1. The green belt is the first level of AFSO21 certification.

To complete his green belt certification, Bernacki served as facilitator for an AFSO21 Continuous Process Improvement event Sept. 22-24 dedicated to brainstorming remedies for excess energy usage at the shelters.

Players at AFSO21 CPI events include a "process owner," who leads an organization or group; a "champion," who has the authority to dedicate resources, assets and people to an initiative; and a team consisting of a lead, facilitator and other members.

Last month's AFSO21 CPI event featured process owner David Long, 12th FTW Aircraft Maintenance Division chief, and champions Robert West, 12th FTW director of maintenance, and Robert Hamm, 12th FTW deputy director of maintenance, as well as Bernacki's AFSO21 black belt mentor, Daniel Woolever, AETC Airman Professional Program manager.

Woolever said Bernacki skillfully conducted the AFSO21 event, identifying a potential process improvement and bringing together a team to work this opportunity.

"During his event, Mr. Bernacki facilitated a cross-functional team to help them find ways to reduce aircraft flightline shelter lighting usage on JBSA-Randolph," he said. "The team found root causes to the problem and then provided solutions to decrease lighting energy consumption with savings of nearly $9,000 per year."

Bernacki said the team developed three action plans; implementation is already underway.

"The first is to design visual controls that explain to what position each light switch will be set to," he said. "The second is to develop an operating instruction to standardize when and how to use the lights, and the third is to research state-of-the-art energy efficiency solutions for a complete automated lighting system."

Woolever commended Bernacki's efforts.

"The Air Force wants every Airman to be innovators and problem solvers, to seek for problems and opportunities of improvement," he said. "Mr. Bernacki did just that."

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Conservation tips help JBSA community save water

By Ruben Ramos
Joint Base San Antonio Base Energy Manager

According to the Federal Energy Management Program, while two-thirds of the Earth's surface is water, less than one-half of one percent of that water is available for human consumption.

As the U.S. population increases, so does water use and the need to conserve water. In the city of San Antonio and its surrounding areas, water has become a valuable commodity due to the growing population.

In an effort to help conserve water, Joint Base San Antonio has conscientiously been involved in the reduction of water pumped from the Edwards Aquifer by initiating water conservation projects throughout the joint base and utilizing effective water management technologies.

Water conservation efforts such as water efficient landscaping, waterless urinals, low flow water fixtures, purchasing recycled water for irrigation and cooling, and adhering to the JBSA Water Conservation Plan's best management practices have contributed to JBSA's water conservation program.

With the shortage of rain fall in the San Antonio area and over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone during the past two summers, water usage from the aquifer has become a hot topic.

As a federal installation, JBSA complies fully with any imposed drought restrictions and cooperates with the State of Texas and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to insure compliance with all regulations.

Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce demand for water. This stretches supplies farther and protects endangered species in the Edwards Aquifer.

The following are some simple water conservation tips that everyone in the JBSA community can follow to help preserve the water supply:

• Verify that facilities are leak-free. If there is a leaky faucet or pipe, report it to the facility manager for correction. A faucet dripping at the rate of one drop per second can waste 2,700 gallons of water per year.

• Avoid unnecessary toilet flushes. Dispose of tissues, insects and other such items in a trash receptacle rather than in the toilet.

• Take shorter showers.

• Turn off the water while shaving or face washing. Brush your teeth while waiting for the water to get hot for face washing or shaving.

• Try to wash full loads when doing laundry and properly set the water level for the size of the load.

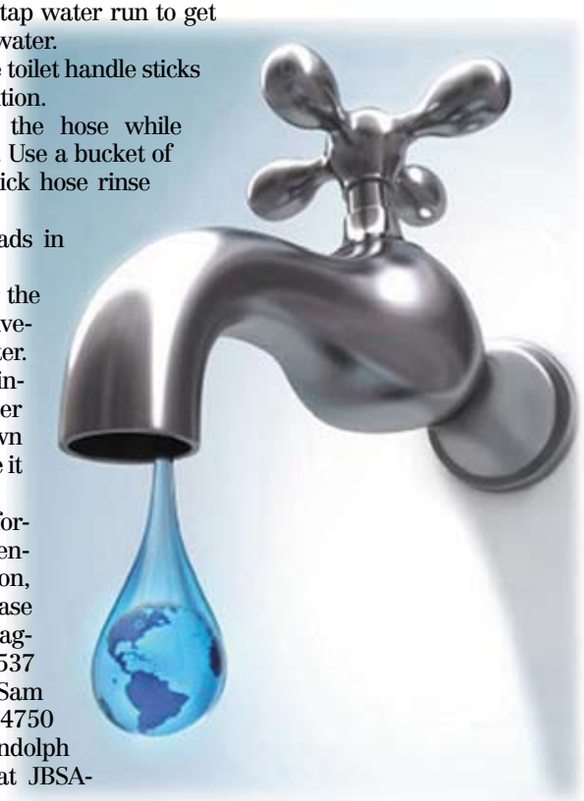
• Store drinking water in a refrigerator rather than letting the tap water run to get a cool drink of water.

• Report if the toilet handle sticks in the flush position.

• Don't run the hose while washing the car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end.

• Run full loads in the dishwasher.

• Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden where it belongs.



For more information about energy conservation, call JBSA Base Energy Managers at 671-1537 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 671-4750 for JBSA-Randolph and 671-0252 at JBSA-Lackland.