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**Daylight Saving Time ends**  
Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday or before going to bed as Daylight Saving Time ends that day.

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## COMMENTARY

# Resiliency: A leadership issue

By Chaplain (Col.) Steve Schaick  
Air Education and Training Command Chaplain

There is good reason for all the talk about resiliency. Simple ideas, when practiced, can have a huge impact on the lives of Airmen and their families. Resilient people not only spring back from the curveballs of life but actually get stronger in the process. Yet all too often when we look to grow resiliency in the force, we turn to the "experts" and expect that a briefing here and there will do it. Indeed, a regular diet of resilience principles can contribute to a more ready force; but resilience is first and foremost a leadership issue.

Nan Henderson, president of Resiliency in Action, suggests there are six things leaders can do to dramatically affect both individual and organizational resiliency. With permission, we have taken these six principles and translated them into operational terms. They are:

- **Grow wingmen**

The wingman idea is central to our Air Force culture. Wingmen take care of wingmen and don't tolerate careless or reckless behaviors such as speeding, alcohol abuse and dangerous stupidity. People sometimes set out to do brainless and dangerous things, not necessarily with the intent to hurt themselves, but to see if anyone cares enough to stop them. Sometimes what we need more than anything is a friend to look us in the eyes and say, "No! Don't do it." Resilience-growing leaders know the importance of growing wingmen.

- **Expect excellence**

A second way leaders create a culture of resiliency is by setting high, but realistic, expectations. Excellence is not only one of our Air Force Core Values, but it builds winning teams. Statistics prove that suicide attempts are dramatically reduced in cities that celebrate a major sporting event victory like a Super Bowl win. Why? Everyone wants to be on a winning team, and winners practice excellence.

- **Encourage service**

Service before self is not only our second core value, but did you know that those who practice generosity and make positive

contributions to others end up contributing to their own resiliency? We are wired for service. Something deep within us longs to make a difference in the lives of others, and when we help others, we grow in our own ability to deal with life's darkest challenges. Organize a service day for a local orphanage, soup kitchen or homeless shelter and watch your unit grow in its ability to take on the mission with passion and courage. Resiliency grows as we put service into action.

- **Grow unit cohesion**

Connected people are more resilient than isolated people. Facebook and Twitter don't build the kind of communities we need most. I recently learned of a squadron commander who bought his morale-challenged unit a meat smoker. Now, about once a week, squadron members fill the smoker with slabs of meat and take turns nursing the coals. And at the appointed hour, Airmen gather around to stuff dinner rolls with smoked brisket as the commander watches the unity and resiliency of his unit grow.

- **Clarify expectations**

Leaders who are unclear about their expectations unintentionally increase the stress of subordinates and diminish resiliency. Good leaders seek not just to be understood, but work hard to keep from being misunderstood. Seek feedback from others in determining the clarity and consistency of your expectations. Be sure expectations are clear and know that your unit's resiliency and ability to fly, fight and win rest in the balance. Resilience-minded leaders ensure their goals and expectations are clear to all.

- **Develop life skills**

Strained relationships and troubled marriages affect mission in incalculable ways. If an Airman shows up distracted and ineffective at work, chances are there's a relationship vissue to blame. Nearly every suicide can be traced to a relationship failure. Good leaders partner with helping agencies to find ways to intentionally grow life skills in their Airmen.

Resiliency is the ability to spring back, learn from and maybe even grow through adversity. Resilience trainers provide critical assistance to the commander, but resiliency is first and foremost a leadership issue.



Graphic adapted from Nan Henderson's "Resiliency Wheel"  
Nan Henderson, president of Resiliency in Action, suggests there are six things leaders can do to dramatically affect both individual and organizational resiliency.

## JBSA Halloween trick-or-treat hours, Pumpkin Patrol

Across Joint Base San Antonio, Halloween ghouls and ghosts will roam base neighborhoods for sweet treats. For the safety of the trick-or-treaters and their families, participants are asked to conduct their candy conquests during specific hours.

Trick-or-treating hours at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Lackland are 5-8 p.m. At JBSA-Randolph, the hours are 6-8 p.m.

The 902nd Security Forces Squadron will be monitoring the base neighborhoods as an additional safety measure during the 2014 JBSA-Randolph Pumpkin Patrol 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31. Any volunteers interested in helping with this event will be required to attend a briefing and be issued gear at 5:30 p.m. at building 235.

To volunteer, call 652-1645.

## ON THE COVER

Gen. Robin Rand (left), commander of Air Education and Training Command, passes the guidon to Maj. Gen. Michael Keltz, commander of the 19th Air Force, during the 19th Air Force assumption of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Oct. 24. For the complete story, see page 3. **Photo by Joel Martinez**

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# New commander takes reins at 19th Air Force

By Tech. Sgt. Beth Anschutz  
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Michael Keltz assumed command of 19th Air Force in a ceremony Friday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Air Education and Training Command officially activated the numbered Air Force Oct. 1, marking another milestone in its flying education and training program for the Air Force, other services and the nation's allies.

Nineteenth Air Force is responsible for the training of world-class aircrews, air battle managers, weapons directors, Air Force Academy Airmanship programs and survival, escape, resistance and evasion Airmen to sustain the combat capability of the United States Air Force.

Gen. Robin Rand, AETC commander, spoke to the reputation of the 19th Air Force mission.

"Nineteenth Air Force will continue to build upon a legacy," Rand said. "This mission is of the utmost importance and failure is not an option."

Keltz said 19th Air Force's legacy is one of

an agile and leading-edge force, and today's Airmen are no different.

"The Airmen of today's 19th Air Force walk in the footsteps of giants," Keltz said. "We're looking to the future, while maintaining the basics of a noble past. We can't forget where we came from."

The numbered Air Force is responsible for flying more than 490,000 hours annually, which is 44 percent of the Air Force total flying hours. Nineteenth Air Force is comprised of 19 training locations, with 16 Total Force wings: 10 active duty, one Air Force Reserve, and five Air National Guard units. More than 32,000 personnel and 1,350 aircraft of 29 different models make up the force.

Keltz said the entire team is responsible for 19th Air Force's future success.

"Nineteenth Air Force is not just about training people; it's a mindset," Keltz said. "We're responsible for building fifth generation Airmen, capable of operating in all dimensions of warfare."

The ceremony ushered in another chapter in 19th Air Force's tradition of excellence and vital role in the Air Force's First Command.



Photo by Joel Martinez

Maj. Gen. Michael Keltz, who assumed command of the 19th Air Force Oct. 24, addresses the audience at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Keltz previously served as director of the Intelligence, Operations and Nuclear Integration Division at Air Education and Training Command.

# 12th FTW, leaders learn about mission support

By Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Col. Matthew Isler, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, and members from the 12th FTW took part in an immersion tour hosted by Col. Michael Gimbrone, 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group commander, Oct. 20 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Gimbrone and the 502nd SFLSG team took the opportunity to showcase the mission and capabilities of the group to members of the 12th FTW, one of the groups primary mission partners.

“As a subordinate unit to the 502nd Air Base Wing, the 502nd SFLSG is responsible for supporting the 502nd ABW mission of providing unrivaled installation support and service to enable mission partner success,” Gimbrone said. “Since the 12th FTW is a major mission partner within JBSA, it is vital that members



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer

Col. Matthew Isler (right), 12th Flying Training Wing commander, and Robert West (second from left), 12th FTW director of maintenance, speak to Airman 1st Class Victoria Conte and Staff Sgt. Samuel Beavers, 902nd Security Forces Squadron Base Defense Operations Center controllers, Oct. 20 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph BDOC. Members of the 12th FTW took part in a 502nd Security Forces Logistics Support Group immersion tour to gain a better understanding of the mission and capabilities of the 502nd SFLSG.

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## Halloween: A time to have fun, a time to be safe

By Robert Goetz  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

One of the most enjoyable times of the year is Halloween – when children of all ages assume fanciful identities and attend parties or invade their neighborhoods looking for tasty treats.

It's also a time when safety is of utmost importance – for trick-or-treaters themselves and for the motorists who are traveling the neighborhoods where children are walking from house to house.

At Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, the 902nd Security Forces Squadron will offer a greater measure of safety for trick-or-treaters – and a greater sense of security for their parents – with its Pumpkin Patrol from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

“Members of the security forces and volunteers will provide mobile and foot patrols to JBSA-Randolph's housing areas,” Staff Sgt. Larry Holmes, 902nd SFS NCO in charge of police services, said. “We'll be predominantly responsible for traffic control and making sure people

don't wander into areas where they shouldn't be.”

Holmes said there are safety rules trick-or-treaters and motorists should follow, no matter where they are on this special autumn day.

“Trick-or-treaters should be aware of the traffic on the streets and make sure they're illuminated in some way so people can see them when it's dark,” he said. “Children should always be accompanied by adults and all trick-or-treaters should travel in groups.”

Holmes recommended that motorists “be on the defensive.”

“If you're going through a residential area, be aware there will be kids out,” he said. “Slow down and be aware of your surroundings and always have your lights on so you can be seen, too.”

Holmes also said motorists should avoid travel in residential areas unless they're traveling to or from their own neighborhoods.

Once their children are home, parents should examine their treats and make sure there are no choking haz-



Graphic by Joe Beach

ards and nothing has been tampered with, he said.

Additional safety tips for trick-or-treaters, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, include looking both ways before crossing the street, using crosswalks whenever possible; walking on sidewalks when possible or on the far edge of the road facing traffic; only visiting well-lit homes; and never accepting rides from strangers.

An alternative to trick-or-treating at JBSA-Randolph is Youth Programs'

Fall Hi-Jinx, set for 6-8 p.m. Friday in building 585.

“Fall Hi-Jinx came about after Sept. 11,” Andrea Black, Youth Programs coordinator, said. “Youth Programs wanted to provide a safe and fun alternative to trick or treating. Hi-Jinx is a free family event; we provide the fun and treats.”

A variety of carnival games are planned, from the Ping Pong Plunge, Witch Pitch and Penny Pumpkin Pitch to the Caribbean Coin Crash, Feed the Monster and Silly Spider Toss.

# When responding to survey, check to ensure it's official

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Airmen around the world are asked to respond to many surveys, some of which are official and legitimate. Others, however, are not official and Airmen should not respond to them.

According to Renee Tealer, Air Force Survey Office, Air Force Personnel Center, Airmen typically get three types of surveys.

Local surveys of unit members on topics that are under the control of the unit commander (such as gym hours, parking, and help desk availability) may be authorized by that commander and require no further approval. Such surveys typically involve local issues of direct interest to the organization or commander, Tealer said.

The second type is an Air Force-level survey about issues or topics that are not purely local.

"Many surveys request information regarding your attitudes and opinions about topics outside of or above the level of your organization. If you receive an attitude or opinion survey that appears to be distributed across multiple locations or organizations, that the survey must have a Survey Control Number from our office," she explained.

If such a survey does not have an SCN, members may not use government resources – like duty hours and work

equipment – to respond.

"In many cases, Air Force entities that send out unauthorized surveys are unaware that they are violating Air Force instruction, but the surveys are unauthorized nonetheless, so Airmen are not authorized to use government time or equipment to respond," Tealer said.

Before responding to what appears to be an Air Force survey, Tealer advises Airmen to look for an SCN from the Air Force Survey Office.

A third common type of survey comes from the Department of Defense level. Such surveys do not require an Air Force SCN, but the DOD has its own survey approval process, she explained.

Surveys approved at higher levels will have a Reports Control Symbol or Office of Management and Budget number. Official DOD surveys are listed under DOD Information Collections at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/collections/collections.htm>.

Airmen who get a survey can check the approved AF surveys list on the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/gc-ss-af/USAF/content/ApprovedSurveys>, or contact the survey office at [af.surveys@us.af.mil](mailto:af.surveys@us.af.mil).

For more information about other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

## Volunteers needed for building care packages

A community service project that includes building care packages for military members from Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, who will be deployed during the holidays, takes place 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Chapel One at JBSA-Randolph. Volunteers should bring items such as food, magazines, personal hygiene items and clothing to assemble into complete care packages. Refreshments will be served.

This effort is the second stage of a project that will eventually involve delivering more than 300 Christmas cards along with the care packages to the deployed military members.

For more information, call 652-6121.

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of the 12th FTW and 502nd SFLSG maintain a strong working relationship. By getting to know each other and learning about each unit's specific roles, responsibilities and capabilities, the leaders involved in the immersion are better able to tap into each other's skillsets in order to focus the efforts of their units toward successful mission accomplishment."

The tour included visits to two of the group's squadrons: the 502nd Trainer Development Squadron and the 902nd Security Forces Squadron.

"I'm impressed by the complexity of the 502nd SFLSG," Isler said. "They handle so many important responsibilities and support an incredibly diverse set of missions. They provide more than 200 mission partners with defense, logistics and transportation support. Executing that mission with coherent command and control, while managing that day-to-day complexity is an amazing feat.

"We are just a one partner in their overall mission, but we are completely dependent on their support for everything we do, including the parts that keep our T-38s flying, installation support, defense, transportation for our operations; every-

thing that we do depends on the 502nd SFLSG."

This event followed a 12th FTW immersion tour Sept. 19, when the members of 502nd SFLSG became better familiarized with the flying mission and capabilities of the 12th FTW.

"Today was about unity of effort, about working together to best support our mission, Airmen and families here at JBSA-Randolph," Isler said. "We are the source of America's air power. We train the instructors that train every pilot that enters the Air Force; we produce every new remotely piloted aircraft pilot and sensor operator, and we are focused on making them the best operators that they can be. Today was an important part to achieve unity of effort as mission partners."

By achieving unity of effort and a better understanding as mission partners, 12th FTW and the 502nd SFLSG will be better able to ensure the future of America's air power.

The 502nd SFLSG consists of the 902nd SFS at JBSA-Randolph, the 802nd SFS at JBSA-Lackland and the 502nd SFS at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, plus the 502nd Trainer Development Squadron at JBSA-Randolph and the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, across JBSA's three major locations.

**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.



# Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

## Monthly Event

November

### Bowling

#### Bowling is better with chocolate

Everything is better with chocolate and almonds, even bowling. Help the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center celebrate Bittersweet Chocolate Day Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first 50 guests who visit the snack bar receive a chocolate bar with almonds along with one free game coupon.

#### Bowlers enjoy Veterans Day bowling special

Come to the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center to enjoy the special bowling rate of \$2 per game, per person with \$2.50 shoe rental Nov. 8, noon to 8 p.m.; Nov. 9, 1-4 p.m.; Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Nov. 11, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 652-6271.

#### Roll into holiday fun with bowling

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center hosts a Thanksgiving Bowling Tournament Nov. 26, 6 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person with prizes for first-second-and third-place winners.

The Pro Shop Black Friday sale saves customers up to 75 percent on bowling balls, bags, shoes and accessories Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to noon.

Patrons continue to celebrate Thanksgiving Nov. 28-30 with a special bowling rate of \$2.50 per game, per person and \$2.50 shoe rental. Families can also take advantage of the rent-a-lane Thanksgiving family day special Nov. 28, 1-4 p.m. This special includes two hours of bowling (shoe rental not included), a 16-ounce soda for each family member and a large pizza for \$40.

Groups of four or more enjoy unlimited Cosmic Bowling Nov. 29, 8-11 p.m., for \$20 per person. This price includes unlimited bowling, free shoe rental, a 16-ounce soda and a large pizza. For more information, call 652-6271.

#### Patrons enjoy \$1 bowling games

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

#### Families enjoy bowling special on Sundays

Families get a bowling lane for one hour, a large pizza and bowling shoes for \$45 every Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. For more information, call 221-3683.

### Clubs

#### Holiday meals available for take out

Relax this holiday season and let the JBSA clubs do the cooking for you.

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club offers holiday meals for takeout Nov. 1-Dec. 20. Customers may choose a turkey or ham as the main entrée. The dinner comes with a variety of sides and a dessert. Orders must be placed at least two

days in advance. The last day to order is Dec. 18 and the last day to pick up is Dec. 20. Pick-up time is Monday-Friday, 2-6 p.m. Cost is based on member or nonmember status. 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. Bingo Extravaganza takes place Nov. 3 and 17, 6 p.m., with \$15,000 in total jackpots, and a complimentary buffet at 5:30 p.m. Randolph members celebrating November birthdays get one free machine, cake and champagne Nov. 11, 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 at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Nov. 4 and 18, 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.

#### Gateway Club offers prime rib

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club offers prime rib Nov. 7, 5-8 p.m., in the Mesquite Dining Room. The meal starts with a trip to the build-your-own-salad bar and a bowl of clam chowder. The featured entrée, prime rib with burgundy au jus, is served by a carver accompanied by chicken gentle home, pork chops Marsala, rustic whipped potatoes with brown gravy, rice pilaf, green beans with red peppers, California blend vegetables, freshly baked rolls and apple cobbler with whipped topping. Patrons enjoy this dining experience for \$17.95 for members and \$19.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Live music available at the club

Rob Carter performs Nov. 7 and the Tobias Band plays Nov. 21, 5-11 p.m., at JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Sky Lounge with complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 5-6 p.m. Admission is \$3 for club members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 658-7446.

#### Brunch offers savings for veterans

Club member veterans in full uniform receive brunch at half price Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in observance of Veterans Day at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club. For more information, call 652-7446.

#### Chef prepares special dinner

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a special chef's dinner Nov. 14 and 21, 5-8 p.m. The Nov. 14 meal consists of bacon wrapped filet mignon with Bearnaise sauce, sautéed jumbo shrimp, twice baked potato, roasted asparagus and a house salad. The Nov. 21 meal features beef tenderloin with port wine sauce, duchess potatoes, broccoli spears and a house salad. Dinner for both occasions cost \$16.95

for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034

#### Boots and barbecue are the hits of the hoedown

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club hosts a hoedown Nov. 15, 5-8 p.m., with a barbecue feast, live entertainment and prizes for best cowboy/cowgirl hat, buckle and boots. The meal includes brisket, smoked chicken, cowboy beans, bacon and potato hash, corn bread and peach cobbler. Entertainment is provided by the Mystic Band and a cash bar will be available. Children ages 5-11 saddle up in a room nearby to enjoy tator tots, macaroni and cheese, sliders, dessert, candy apple decorating and games. Children under the age of 5 must attend with adult supervision. The cost is \$16.95 per person for adults and \$7.95 for children attending the kids' buffet and activities. No coupons will be accepted and no refunds will be issued after 5 p.m. Nov. 12. Reservations are accepted beginning Nov. 3. For more information and to make reservations, call 658-7446.

#### November's child is full of grace

Club members celebrate November birthdays at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Nov. 19, 4:30-7:30 p.m., with a free buffet, which 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 invited as well and the cost is \$11.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children 6-12, and children five and under eat for free. Please be prepared to show your club card along with a Department of Defense ID card. For more information and to make reservations, call 658-7446.

#### Feasting before the holiday is always allowed

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a pre-Thanksgiving lunch feast Nov. 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the food court. The all-you-can-eat buffet features favorite fall menu items such as roast turkey with corn bread dressing and cranberry chutney, honey-glazed ham, roast beef au jus, baked fish with mango chutney, fried chicken, a variety of sides, salads, soups, desserts and beverages. The cost is \$9.95 per person. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### A turkey brunch makes the holiday easy

JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Thanksgiving brunch, Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy entrées such as roasted turkey, prime rib, baked Virginia ham, crab meat stuffed tilapia, roast pork loin. Side selections include salads, a breakfast bar, desserts and more. Pre-sale tickets are available at the cashier cage. The price is \$19.95 for adult members and trainees, \$21.95 for adult nonmembers, \$9.95 for members' children (ages 6-11), \$10.95 for nonmembers' children (ages 6-11) and free for children ages 5 and younger. For more information, call 645-7034.

## Holidays provide great reasons to celebrate

JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club features a number of different rooms, which accommodate various group sizes. The club has a large beverage and food selection and is an affordable option for hosting holiday celebrations. For more information, call 645-7034.

## Community Programs

### One man's trash is another man's treasure

Browse the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston flea market Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Command Pavilion parking lot for furniture, clothing or unique items. Sellers rent tables for \$5 each and chairs for 50 cents starting at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 221-5224 or 221-5225.

### Frame up a picture in time for the holidays

Selected frames are on sale for 25 percent off Nov. 3-14 in the Frame Shop at JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall. Estimates cannot be given over the phone. For more information, call 652-5142.

### Take time to honor our veterans

The 502d Force Support Squadron honors our veterans at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston MacArthur Parade Field Nov. 14, noon to 3 p.m. The event includes entertainment, food and displays. Department of Defense ID cardholders can enter to win prizes such as a large screen TV, Samsung Galaxy notebook, Kindle Fire, gift cards and more. This event is sponsored in part by USAA, Silver Eagle Distributors, Fletcher's Jewelry, USA Living, Sprint and Operation Homefront. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 221-1718.

### Score a bargain when you shop

JBSA-Randolph Outdoor Recreation hosts a flea market Nov. 15, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Child Development Program parking lot. Sellers can rent one 6-foot table for \$15 (additional tables are \$4) at Information, Tickets and Travel in the Community Services Mall, building 895. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts or food and beverage items is not permitted. For more information, call 652-5142.

### Take a journey back to the '50s and '60s

Follow the cast as they take a journey through the '50s and '60s, singing popular girl group songs of the time in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theatre production of "Where the Boys Are." The show runs through Nov. 22 and features songs like "Where the Boys Are," "Stupid Cupid," "Tell Him," "Mr. Lee," "Judy's Turn to Cry" and many others, as well as a tribute to the Beach Boys.

Make reservations for "Beach Blanket Christmas," Nov. 28 through Dec. 20, as the cast performs favorite Christmas classics and popular songs of the '50s and '60s.

Both shows are sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

### 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.

JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 871 • Call 925-5532/33 for more info

## MOTORCYCLE RIDE

### November 15

10 a.m. - Depart from Kelly Field Club  
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FORCE

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.

Watch the magical 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 is 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. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 565-3993.

## Dining Facilities

### Dining facility offers Thanksgiving meal

Active-duty members, retirees and their immediate dependents are invited to Thanksgiving dinner at the JBSA-Lackland Training Annex Dining Facility Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations are required. Contact Sylvia Longoria at 671-2009 or 671-3866 no later than Nov. 21.

## Fitness

### Veterans recognized for service

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts an open house for veterans in recognition of all who have

served this country and in appreciation of their sacrifices. Take a tour Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to learn how the fitness center can help improve quality of life with top-of-the-line equipment and excellent programs. For more information, call 652-7263.

### Competitors show off their muscles

JBSA-Lackland Fitness and Sports hosts the annual Bodybuilding Classic at the Bob Hope Performing Arts Theatre, Nov. 14. Tickets to watch the competition are on sale at the JBSA-Lackland Health and Wellness Center. For more information, call 671-0854.

### Play ball

A double-elimination racquetball tournament at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Nov. 15 and 16, 8 a.m., is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders, 18 and older. The deadline to register is Nov. 7. For more information, call 221-1234.

### Patrons run or walk for a healthier life

Before gobbling turkey, run or walk towards a healthy holiday season and support the "Great American Smoke Out" at the Turkey Trot 5K at the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Nov. 20, 11 a.m. All participants are entered in a drawing to win a turkey. For more information, call 652-7263.

Runners and walkers have the opportunity to win a turkey at the free JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk Nov. 24, 3 p.m., at Stapleton Park on Security Hill. Turkeys are awarded to first-place finishers in both the men's and women's categories. For more information, call 977-2354.

## Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk

November 15 - 9 a.m.

JBSA-Fitness Center on the  
Medical Education and Training Campus

All DOD ID cardholders.  
No registration required.  
Sign in NLT 8:30 a.m.

Prizes for the best Thanksgiving  
costume & turkey call.

For more information, call 808-5713.

JBSA Fitness & Sports

www.MyJBSA-FSS-MWR.com

## Dribble, pass, shoot your way into a league

Basketball leagues are forming for students on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus with play beginning on Dec. 9. All letters of intent are due by Dec. 1. Units may have more than one team. A coaches and rules meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4, noon, in the METC Fitness Center training room. For more information, call 808-5707 or 808-5709.

## Golf

### Golfers gather for military championship

JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts the 2014 Armed Forces Trials and Golf Championship Nov. 2-9. Golfers and coaches from all the military services compete in this event. The qualifying rounds are Nov. 3-4 and championship rounds are Nov. 6-9. For more information, call 652-4653.

### Gobble 'til you wobble

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts an annual turkey dinner Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal features turkey, dressing, a choice of two sides, rolls and dessert for \$8.95. Military in uniform receive a \$1 discount. For more information, call 671-3466.

### Warrior teams compete for prizes

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly Warrior Four-Person Scramble Nov. 7, 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 the first-second- and third-place winners of the scramble. For more information, call 222-9386.

### Golfers begin a new tradition at the golf course

Join JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course for the inaugural Veterans Day two-person scramble Nov. 11 with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Sign in starts at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$80 for a single person or \$140 for a team. The price includes the green fee, cart, range balls, a meal, beverages, gifts, drawing tickets, mulligans, scratch-off games and more. To sign up, go to <http://www.gobiggolf.com> or <http://www.agif-nvop.org>. For more information, call 439-7367.

### Golfers bring home the turkey

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course Turkey Shoot Nov. 22 and 23 gives golfers a chance to take home a holiday bird. Morning tee times are available. Entry fee is \$15 per day, but cart and green fees are not included. Register by Nov. 19. For more information, call 671-2517.

### Celebrate Black Friday with golf

Four-person teams gather for the Black Friday Blind Bogey Scramble at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course, Nov. 28, 1 p.m.. Cost is \$15 per person or \$60 per team plus applicable green fees and cart fees. No handicap is required. For more information, call 671-3466.

### Can't sleep? Count golf balls instead of sheep

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course driving range is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A range ball machine is on site and accepts dollar bills and prepaid range keys. For more information, call 671-3466.

JBSA-Randolph Parr Club  
**Thanksgiving Feast**  
*November 27*  
*Bring the family for a scrumptious feast of Roast Turkey & Carved Brown Sugar Glazed Ham with all the traditional sides, plus more.*  
**For reservations (required) call 658.7445 beginning Nov. 4.**  
*Seating times are every half hour 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*  
**\$24.95 Adult Members**  
**\$28.95 Adult Nonmembers**  
**\$12.50 Member's Children ages 6-12**  
**\$14.50 Nonmember's Children ages 6-12**  
**Ages 5 & Younger are Free**  
*This event is sold out every year, so we urge you to make your reservations early. Once all times and rooms are booked, there will be no additional seating added. Dress is business casual.*  


## Information, Tickets and Travel

### Get discounted tickets for Renaissance Festival

The Texas Renaissance Festival is one of the nation's largest renaissance theme parks where the sights, sounds and tastes of the 16th century come alive. The festival runs weekends through November. Stop by JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel in the Community Services Mall for discounted tickets. For more information, call 652-5142

### New Braunfels festival celebrates German culture

Wurstfest is a 10-day "Salute to Sausage" rich in German culture and full of Texas fun. This unique celebration has a variety of live entertainment, delicious food and lots of fun for the entire family and runs Nov. 7-16. JBSA-Randolph's Information, Tickets and Travel in the Community Services Mall has discounted tickets. For more information, call 652-5142, option 1.

### SeaWorld honors the military with reduced rates

JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel sell reduced-price SeaWorld "Waves of Honor" tickets for active duty, retirees, veterans and spouses of military service members. Eligible members purchase adult tickets for \$33.50 and children's tickets, ages 3-9, for \$28.50. Tickets are on sale through Nov. 11 and must be used by Dec. 21. The military ID card holder must accompany the guests to the park, as park officials will check IDs for validation. For more information, call 671-3059.

### Holiday lighting tour celebrates the season

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel hosts the 6th Annual Hill Country Holiday Lighting Tour Dec. 13.

Travel from JBSA-Lackland ITT to Fredericksburg, then to Burnet for Main Street Bethlehem and to Marble Falls for a stroll through the Walk Way of Lights. The cost is \$37 per person. Sign up early, as limited spots are available. For more information, call 671-3059.

### Exclusive theme park discounts available for fall

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel offers a discounted Fiesta Texas special one-day admission ticket until Nov. 16. Purchase tickets for \$32 per person, ages 3 and older, which is a savings of \$34.99. For more information, call 671-3059.

### A trip to the zoo is always fun

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel sells discounted San Antonio Zoo tickets for \$8.50 for adults and \$6 for children ages 3-11. For more information, call 671-3059.

### Saving money and entertainment go hand-in-hand

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

## Library

### Story time is a hit with preschoolers

Stories, crafts and songs are all part of the weekly story time at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Nov. 6 and 13, 10 a.m. Additionally, a special Thanksgiving story time takes place Nov. 20. For more information, call 221-4702.

### Babies and toddlers love story time

The JBSA-Lackland Library hosts two special story times each Tuesday in November. Story time for children up to 2 years old is from 10-10:30 a.m. and story time for children ages 3-5 is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 671-3610.

## MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS

### Patrons learn resume writing techniques

Patrons learn techniques that help in preparing a non-federal style resume. JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center offers a class Nov. 10, noon to 2 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center. For more information, call 671-3722. The JBSA-Randolph class is Nov. 10, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 652-5321.

### Patrons learn about federal resume process

Learn how to create a federal resume using the USA Jobs Federal system. Topics covered include the civilian hiring process, Office of Personnel Management guidance and terminology, navigating USAJOBS, writing tips and how to search and apply for a job. JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center conducts the course Nov. 12, noon to 2 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center. For more information, call 671-3722. The JBSA-Randolph class is Nov. 20, 8:30-11 a.m., at the Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Troops take on teaching as a second career

The JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center invites military members who are separating and interested in pursuing teaching as a second career to a workshop Nov. 14, 1-3 p.m. The topics covered in the workshop are eligibility requirements, job availability, funding and the certification process through Troops for Teachers. Class sizes are limited and registration is required. For more information, call 671-3722.

## Maintaining stress levels through the holidays

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center offers a class Nov. 14, 3-4 p.m., on how to maintain balance and reduce stress through the holidays. This class will specifically cover strategies for managing holiday stress for the entire family. For more information, call 652-5321

## Members learn budgeting basics

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center invites military members to a Budget Basics class Nov. 18, 2-3:30 p.m. Attendees learn how to create a personalized spending plan and identify where money is spent and how to save for the future. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Learn how to start a small business

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a two-day workshop to enhance future business planning efforts Nov. 18-19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants get the opportunity to participate in an 8-week on line training program offered by Syracuse University. Attendance to the Goals, Plans and Success Transition Assistance Program workshop is a prerequisite for registering for this two day workshop. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Single parents receive support

"Parenting for One" is a brown-bag forum connecting single parents with each other as well as base and community resources. The gathering is designed as an informal, no-threat forum to discuss the issues related to being a single parent. Class sizes are limited and registration is required. The JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center parents meet Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Freedom Chapel Fellowship Hall. For more information, call 671-3722. The JBSA-Randolph parents meet Nov. 20, noon to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Religious Activity Center. For more information, call 652-5321.

## Outdoor Recreation

### Winter boating is more fun with a discount

Fishing, pontoon and ski boats in various sizes are available at the JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation with discounts up to 50 percent November 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 November 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.

## Special Priced Cottages

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.

## Swimming doesn't stop due to cold weather

Enjoy lap and open swimming at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark indoor pool. Lap swimming hours are Mondays, noon to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open swim hours are Mondays, 4-7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays, 12:30-4 p.m. Hours are subject to change. For more information, call 671-3780 or 671-2413.

## 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 to shoot. The cost to shoot is \$10 per Department of Defense ID cardholder and \$15 per non-DOD ID cardholder. DOD ID cardholders may purchase an annual pass for \$60. All DOD ID 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

### Take it to the hoop this winter

Patrons can register for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston winter basketball season for players ages 3-15 Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fees are \$45 for ages 3-4 and \$65 for ages 5-15. Participants must have a current sports physical. This program is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 221-4871.

### Parents get a well deserved night off

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

JBSA-Randolph hosts Give Parents a Break and Kids Adventure Night Nov. 15, 1-6 p.m. Register by Nov. 12. For more information, call 652-4946.

### No membership required to have fun

In celebration of Month of the Military Family, no membership is needed to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation Nov. 10-15 at JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs. This offer does not include instructional

classes, league sports and School Age Programs. Stop by for a monthly calendar of Youth Programs or check out <http://www.myjbsa-fss-mwr.com> to see what is offered these weeks. For those that would like to join, membership is only \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298 or 652-2088.

## Families and spaghetti make a great combination

Join JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Nov. 13, 5-6 p.m., for a free appreciation spaghetti dinner in recognition of the Month of the Military Family. For more information, call 652-3298 or 652-2088.

## Parents thankful for school age camp

Registration for JBSA-Randolph School Age Programs Thanksgiving Camp continues through Nov. 14. The camp runs Nov. 24-26. For more information, call 652-3298 or 652-2088.

## Families enjoy a night out under the stars

The entire family can enjoy fall camping through the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs family campout Nov. 15. Families need to register by Nov. 12 with a \$35 payment per space. The fee includes park entrance, campsite and supplies. For more information, call 671-2388.

## Camp teaches how to bump, set and spike

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Sports Programs hosts a three-day volleyball mini-camp Nov. 24-26 for youth ages 9-14. Registration is \$30 per person. For more information, call 671-2388.

## Kids get creative in ceramic classes

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, November and December at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's School Age Programs, building 1705. The fee is \$10 per hour with all materials provided. Register at Parent Central. For more information, call 221-3381.

## Babies and toddlers enjoy music and movement

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

## STAY CONNECTED

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## Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

### **Storage for contingency/deployment entitlement**

Effective immediately, storage for contingency/deployments of 90 days or longer is not 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.

### **502nd Comptroller Squadron to host town halls**

The 502nd Comptroller Squadron will host three town hall events, one at each Joint Base San Antonio location, for the launch of a new accounting system.

The town halls are scheduled at the following locations:

- 9 a.m., Tuesday, Arnold Hall, JBSA-Lackland
- 9 a.m., Wednesday, Evans Theater, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
- 9 a.m., Thursday, Fleenor Auditorium, JBSA-Randolph

Learn more about the Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System online at <http://go.usa.gov/WPqQ>.

### **Veteran's Day concert**

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West concert band performs 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 also available at all JBSA IIT and MWR offices.

### **2014 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fair**

JBSA-Randolph's Civilian Personnel Section hosts the 2014 Federal Employees Health Fair 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Military & Family Readiness Center Ballroom, 555 F Street, building 693. Health insurance representatives will be present to answer questions and provide information. For more information, call 652-5153.

# Fall provides perfect weather for hiking at JBSA facility

By Robert Goetz  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs



With cooler autumn weather arriving, conditions are ideal for one of the country's most popular outdoor activities.

Hiking attracts millions of people in the United States yearly, and park land dedicated to the recreational activity abounds in the San Antonio area, including the 250-acre Joint Base San Antonio Recreation Park at Canyon Lake.

"A great number of our more than 50,000 visitors per year take advantage of our trail system," Jonathan Clifton, JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake general manager, said. "People can be seen taking a hike on a daily basis, weather permitting."

The three miles of trails are not the park's main attraction, Clifton said, but hiking is still a popular activity.

"Many of our patrons will frequent the trails during their stay," he said. "Many use them for the sole purpose of hiking, but most use them as a means of travel from one area of the park to another. They may take a trail to go from their lodging to the office or down toward the water."

The trail system's heaviest use comes during the peak summer months, when the park is full of visitors, Clifton said, but fall and spring "provide the ideal weather for an enjoyable hike."

The park has rules that also apply to its hiking

trails, Clifton said, including no littering, no collecting of natural resources such as wood or rocks, and cleaning up after pets, but it also has a rule that is specific to the trails.

"Our hiking trails are for that purpose only, so they are restricted from other forms of travel such as motorized vehicles," he said.

No matter where they are exploring the great outdoors, hikers should be prepared for their outings by wearing the right apparel and following common sense safety rules.

"My advice to hikers is to stay hydrated, wear comfortable and sure-footed shoes, wear sunscreen, know your limits physically, let someone know where you will be hiking and carry your cellphone in case of an emergency," Clifton said.

Appropriate gear for hiking includes a map, a compass, warm clothing for cooler weather and a raincoat and pants for inclement weather, extra food and water, a flashlight, matches, a first aid kit and a pocket knife, Staff Sgt. Gary Lund, 502nd Air Base Wing ground safety technician, said.

Proper planning is also important, Lund said.

"Have a set route for hiking and stick to it," he said. "You should not change plans unless it is an emergency."

Hikers should travel in groups, Lund advised.

"You never know when you'll get lost or need a wingman," he said.

Hikers should also know when it's time to return



to their starting point, Lund said. Weather changes, fatigue, unexpected conditions and darkness are all good reasons for turning back.

In addition to the Canyon Lake facility, destinations for hikers in the San Antonio area include McAllister Park, Government Canyon State Natural Area, Friedrich Wilderness Park Vista Loop Trail and Eisenhower Park Red Oak Trail, Lund said.

## Tops in Blue performs at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer

Airmen from Tops in Blue perform in front of a full house Saturday at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Bob Hope Theatre. Tops in Blue began in 1953 as a way to recognize the high caliber of amateur entertainment available within the Air Force and now uses the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest as a casting call hosted at JBSA-Lackland, where they performed for basic trainees Oct. 24.



# Armed forces' best golfers coming to JBSA-Randolph

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Seventy-two of the armed services' best golfers will converge on Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Randolph Oaks Golf Course this weekend for a history-making event.

For the first time, the Armed Forces Men's and Women's Golf Trials and Championship will take place on the same course.

"This year is historically significant in that this is the first time the services' trials and championship have been held at one location," Steve Knechtel, 502nd Force Support Squadron community programs manager, said. "Previously the services selected their teams at multiple locations, then showed up for the rotating championship hosted by one service."

The golf trials and championship will also mark the first time either event has taken place at the 18-hole Randolph Oaks Golf Course.

Players and coaches from the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy teams will arrive Saturday and will stay at JBSA-Randolph for the duration of the event, Knechtel said. The trials are scheduled Monday and Tuesday, and the four championship rounds will begin Thursday and conclude Nov. 9.

The weeklong event will also feature three special functions – the Golf Qualifiers Ice Breaker, a Texas barbecue from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the golf course's clubhouse; the opening day ceremony from 7:30-8 a.m. Thursday on the clubhouse patio; and the awards ceremony and buffet from 6-8:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Parr Club Sky Lounge.

Highlights of the opening-day ceremony are a procession of the service teams, music by the Air Force Band of the West Freedom Brass Quintet and remarks by Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander.

The Air Force, the host service for this year's armed forces championship, chose the JBSA-Randolph course for several reasons, including the condition of the facility, which has seen a variety of improvements in recent years, Chris Bowles, Air Force Materiel Command Services Program golf program manager, said.

The armed forces competition will mark the JBSA-Randolph facility's "third major," Clay Kauha, Randolph Oaks Golf

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**Steve Knechtel**

502nd Force Support Squadron community programs manager



Courtesy photo

Course pro shop manager, said. The course hosted the 2011 Lone Star Conference Men's Golf Championship as well as a PGA playing ability test.

The trials will narrow the 72-player field to 36 who will compete in the championship rounds.

"The goal is to place in the top six for men and top three for women and thereby distinguish themselves as the best of the best and members of the 2014 armed forces team," Knechtel said.

The armed forces team will represent the United States at the eighth International Military Sports Council World Military Golf Championship Nov. 13-21 in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In addition to sending the nine best golfers to the world military championship, the armed forces championship will provide the winning service team with bragging rights.

The Air Force has dominated the men's event, winning the last 10 titles, 12 of the last 13 and 15 of the last 17. Air Force women won consecutive championships from 2006-2010.

Last year at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., the Air Force placed three men in the top six, including the first- and second-place winners; the Air Force won the team event by 29 strokes.

Kauha said this year's trials and championship offer spectators an opportunity to see the armed forces' best golfers.

"They're all really good golfers," he said. "You'll see some scores in the upper 60s."

Knechtel called the event "another opportunity for JBSA to showcase its facilities."