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**COLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2015**



The Robert G. Cole High School class of 2015 poses for a photo to celebrate their graduation. Eighty-eight seniors were honored in a graduation ceremony June 5 at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium. Earning a total of \$3,128,675 in scholarship offers, 38 Cole graduates were offered a total of 96 scholarships: 33 from private organizations, 35 from colleges and universities and 22 from ROTC programs. For article and more photos, turn to pages 18-19.

Photo by Jayne Hatton

**Enrollment for new Westover Medical Home begins Wednesday**

By Lori Newman  
BAMC Public Affairs

The Westover Medical Home on the Northwest side of San Antonio is scheduled to open in August. TRICARE beneficiaries who would like to enroll to the new medical home can do so starting Wednesday. "We encourage people to enroll as soon as possible, so they will be sure to obtain a spot at the new location," said Anthony O'Bryant, clinic administrator. Beneficiaries who sign up for care at the new clinic will need

to see their provider at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Clinic or the Taylor Burk Clinic at JBSA-Camp Bullis until the clinic opens. "People may be a little inconvenienced in the interim, but we feel it will benefit them in the long term," O'Bryant said. The 12,500-square-foot community-based medical home will house 13 board-certified providers with varied backgrounds and a multitude of experience to serve their patients. People will also have the benefits of on-site labo-

ratory capabilities and a drive-through pharmacy. The address is 10010 Rogers Crossing, which is located off State Highway 151 and Westover Hills Boulevard. "We use a team approach to health care with licensed vocational nurses, registered nurses and physicians all working together to take care of our patients," O'Bryant said. The clinic will see patients from two weeks old and up.

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# Manage the risk on Fourth of July weekend

The Fourth of July is a great opportunity for family and friends to relax and enjoy a little summer fun in the sun. Unfortunately, with the excitement that comes with a little time off, there is a tendency to overlook the risk factors that may be involved in activities.

Adopting a risk management plan before setting out for a holiday celebration is an important part of ensuring a safe holiday weekend. Forethought and common sense must be exercised with any activity.

To meet the challenge

of this extended Fourth of July weekend, keep in mind the following tips to minimize risks and prevent injury or even death to you or one of your family members:

### Alcohol

- Moderation, moderation, moderation; drink responsibly and know when enough is enough.

### Barbecue Safety

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for lighting and extinguishing gas grills. Gas buildup has led to explosions where people have been severely burned. For those

charcoal grill users, what really burns the hair off your face is adding lighter fluid to hot coals. Lighter fluid turns to a heavy gas at a relatively low temperature. While liquid lighter fluid burns, evaporated (gaseous) lighter fluid explodes. Follow the instructions exactly and don't ever let lighting charcoal become a game.

### Boating Safety

- Take a boating safety course.

- File a float plan. A float plan includes a description of the boat, a list of who is on board, a

description of the safety equipment on board, along with a description of where you are going and when you plan to return.

- Never exceed the boat's maximum capacity and wear a personal flotation device.

- Keep an eye on the weather and avoid alcohol when operating a boat.

### Swimming

- Swim where life-guards are present. They are trained to identify hazards and assist swimmers.

- Never dive unless

the water depth is known and obstacles are identified. A bad decision can leave a swimmer paralyzed for life.

### Fireworks

- The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 240 people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday. In most cases, it is best to leave fireworks to professionals. If fireworks are legal in your community, it is still important

See **FOURTH, P4**

## JBSA Fire Emergency Services offers safety tips for using fireworks on July Fourth



By **David DeKunder**  
 JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

Fireworks displays will light up the skies in areas around Joint Base San Antonio locations next week as service members and their families observe the July Fourth holiday.

While the sight of fireworks shooting and popping up in the air can provide for a spectacular display, JBSA Fire Emergency Services officials are urging service members and their families to be careful and use common sense if they plan to handle or be around fireworks to celebrate the

holiday.

James Smith, JBSA Fire Emergency Services fire prevention inspector at JBSA-Randolph, said fireworks can cause injuries or property damage if they are not used properly.

Each year an average of 240 people are taken to hospital emergency rooms in the U.S. with injuries from fireworks within the month around Independence Day, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Smith said the possession and use of fireworks are banned at JBSA

locations and within the city limits of several area cities around JBSA locations, including San Antonio.

Weather conditions will determine whether or not fireworks are permitted in unincorporated areas of Bexar County. Service members should know and follow local laws concerning the possession and use of fireworks.

Smith said he advises JBSA service members and families not to use fireworks and instead go to a public fireworks display sponsored by professionals.

But if service members

and their families decide to use fireworks in the areas where it's legal, he said several precautions need to be taken to prevent injuries to those who will handle or be near fireworks.

First, children should never be allowed to play with or ignite fireworks by themselves without adult supervision, Smith said.

The NFPA said that children ages 5 to 14 have the highest risk of being injured by fireworks.

Fireworks should be lit on a smooth, flat surface away from a building,

house, grass and flammable materials, Smith said. Avoid areas with dry grass that could catch fire quickly.

Firecrackers should be lit on the ground, not when they are being handled as to avoid injuries and burns to the hands and other parts of the body. Before lighting a firecracker, Smith said individuals should be kept at a safe distance and out of the range of the fireworks.

If a firecracker doesn't go off the first time, do not try and light it again,

See **FIREWORKS, P4**

## Did you know?

One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.



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## News Briefs

### Traffic Flow Altered Near Fort Sam Houston Elementary

The traffic flow at the intersection of Nursery and Williams Roads near Fort Sam Houston Elementary School on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will be altered through Aug. 23. The project realigns the intersection from a "Y" intersection to a 90-degree intersection, which JBSA civil engineers said will improve traffic flow and safety. Since this construction is timed to take place during the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District summer vacation, it should have negligible impact on the school. Provisions will be made for the shoulders alongside Nursery and Williams Roads to be used as vehicle lanes to allow traffic to continue to flow in both the northbound and southbound directions during construction. Once traffic is diverted to the shoulders, the construction contractor will close the main lanes of Nursery and Williams Roads to rebuild the intersection. Biesenbach Road, in front of the school, will carry eastbound and westbound traffic between Nursery and Williams Roads.

### Harry Wurzbach East ACP, Towers Intersection Blockages

Motorists entering Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston through the Harry Wurzbach East Access Control Point are asked not to block the driveways at the Towers of Park Lane. This ensures the safety of the Towers residents and other motorists, according to the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron. Those who stop in the marked cross-hatching could receive ticket. For more information, call 295-4784.

### Stray Animals Notice For JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Residents

Many stray or roaming animal sightings are near residences. The stray or roaming animals are seeking food, water and shelter. Although this is not necessarily a housing problem, housing officials ask that residents refrain from feeding any animal that does not belong to them or that is running wild on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. If stray or roaming dogs in housing areas or entering the installation are seen, please call the 502nd Civil Engineering Squadron service call desk at

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# Chung earns prestigious Gold Headed Cane Award

By Steven Galvan  
USAISR Public Affairs

For the second straight year, a member of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston has earned the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium Gold Headed Cane Award.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kevin Chung, the USAISR interim director of the combat casualty care research directorate, was presented with the prestigious award during the SAUSHEC Awards and Graduation Ceremony at the Lila Cockrell Theatre at the San Antonio Convention Center June 5.

The SAUSHEC award was established at then-Wilford Hall Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in 1999 and focuses on four areas of excellence: patient care, education, clinical research and operational medicine.

The award was given annually to a WHMC faculty member who was voted by his/her peers and was expanded

to include faculty at the San Antonio Military Health System and the USAISR Burn Center in 2009.

Chung has been at USAISR since 2005 as a critical care physician at the burn center, where he has served as the medical director of the burn intensive care unit and task area manager for clinical trials in burns in trauma before being assigned to his current position. He said that he was honored and humbled to receive this esteemed and competitive award.

"I'm very grateful to the ISR for setting me up for success," said the 1995 West Point graduate.

Being recognized for his outstanding achievements since earning his doctor of medicine degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine seems to be the norm for Chung.

He received the Walter J. Moore Award for the most outstanding graduating resident after completing his residency in Internal Medicine at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center and



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kevin K. Chung (left) is presented the Golden Headed Cane Award June 5 during the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium Awards and Graduation Ceremony at the Lila Cockrell Theatre at the San Antonio Convention Center. Presenting the award were (from left) retired Air Force Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, former USAF Chief of Staff and keynote speaker; Maj. Gen. Bart O. Iddins, commander, 59th Medical Wing; and Col. (Dr.) Evan M. Renz, commander, Brooke Army Medical Center.

the Alexandra S. Xenakis Award for the overall most outstanding graduating resident.

Chung has also received the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States Rising Star Award, the Army Surgeon General's Physician Recognition Award, and the William Crosby Superiority in Research Award, among others, since completing a fellowship in critical

care medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to become an intensivist, which is a medical specialist in critical care medicine.

"I decided to specialize in critical care because I found caring for the sickest patients in the hospital to be very challenging and rewarding at the same time," Chung said.

With deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan,

Chung has cared for the most critically injured warfighters and earned a Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge.

He said that he was proud of his personal achievements, but that the achievement by the team that he has worked with has by far been more gratifying. Chung was a co-inventor of the Burn

See USAISR, P21

## Commissaries serve as Feds Feed Families collection sites

By Jessica Rouse  
Defense Commissary Agency  
Public Affairs

Commissaries are serving as collection points for the Feds Feed Families campaign, which began June 1 and ends Aug. 31 at participating stateside military installations.

During the campaign, participating installations help collect items



most needed by food pantries and then donate them to area food banks.

"This marks our

sixth consecutive year participating in this campaign and what could be better than helping provide food for

those in need around us," said Randy Eller, the Defense Commissary Agency's deputy director of logistics.

Last year, DeCA collected almost 1 million pounds of food donated at commissaries and given to area food banks. That represented 30 percent of the Defense Department's total Feds Feed Families' donations. Many stores featured dona-

tion packages provided by commissary vendors for patrons to purchase and donate on the spot.

"2014 was a great campaign year for us," Eller said. "Our customers should be really proud – a large number of people were helped."

Since the campaign's inception in 2009, more than 24 million pounds

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to use caution. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use. Careless use of fireworks can cause serious pain, injury or death.

**Driving**

- Make sure vehicles are in excellent operating condition before a road trip.
- Carry a roadside emergency kit, first aid kit and extra water.
- Buckle up. It is a simple habit and can mean the difference between walking away from a crash or being carried off on a stretcher; it's also the law.
- Keep children safe. The back seat is the safest place for children to ride, and all children must be restrained with the correct safety equipment.
- Don't speed. Exces-

sive speed reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the road. You never know what's around that next corner: A deer, stalled car, or a pedestrian in the roadway.

- If you are operating a motorcycle--training, protective equipment and maintaining control of the vehicle are critical to safe cycling. We make a number of choices each day but these choices can mean the difference in walking away from a mishap or being carried away. Most military members involved in fatal motorcycle mishaps are the result of excessive speed and loss of control.

- Most importantly, do not drink and drive and don't get into a vehicle with a driver who has been drinking. A designated driver is your best alternative and if

that plan falls through, and you need a plan B, consider using a group such as JBSA Armed Forces Against Drunk Drivers for a safe ride home. They can be contacted at AFADD.JBSA@us.af.mil.

- For situational awareness, the Texas Department of Public Safety has a roadside assistance hotline for use to report non-life-threatening situations on Texas roads and highways. The number, 1-800-525-5555, is printed on the back of virtually all Texas driver licenses and ID cards. Examples of when a motorist should call the Roadside Assistance Hotline include: stranded with car problems, hazardous road conditions, debris in the roadway, suspicious activity at a rest area, and obviously intoxicated or dangerous drivers. DPS then passes the info to the appropri-

ate local police agency.

**Off-road Driving**

- Ensure you have the proper training if you're thinking about off-road driving.
  - Know the conditions and route so speed can be altered as necessary in areas with limited visibility or poor road conditions.
  - Maintain proper speed and wear personal protective equipment
- Whatever your plans are for this holiday, please take some time to consider the risk involved in your activities and take the action necessary to lower that risk to an acceptable level. Tragedy can strike when least expected – identifying and managing risks will help keep you and your loved ones safe this holiday.

*(Source: 37th Training Wing Safety office)*

**FIREWORKS from P2**

Smith said.

"If you attempt to light one and it doesn't go off, don't see what's wrong with it," he said. "You don't know if it's a dud or whether it's a delayed explosion."

Smith said people should know the type of fireworks they are using and what they will do, whether they shoot up, spin around or explode.

Make sure a bucket of water, garden hose or fire extinguisher is accessible in case of a fire.

Smith said firecrackers should never be lit inside homes and vehicles.

He said fireworks should not be thrown or used like a weapon by pointing them at individuals or property. Do not light them in metal or glass containers or put them in a fire pit, where the sparks and embers

could shoot out, possibly injuring and harming people in the vicinity.

Follow the weather conditions, such as if it's dry or windy, to determine if it would be safe to use fireworks in those conditions, Smith said. Never drink alcohol when handling and setting off fireworks and purchase the fireworks from a reliable, licensed fireworks dealer.

Smith said common sense is essential in making sure individuals use fireworks responsibly.

"If it doesn't look right or feel right, don't do it," he said.

For more information about fireworks safety visit the NFPA website at <http://www.nfpa.org/> education or call the JBSA Fire Prevention offices at JBSA-Randolph, 652-6915; JBSA Lackland, 671-2921; and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 221-2727.

## ARMY SOUTH DEPUTY COMMANDER ATTENDS BEYOND THE HORIZON 2015 CLOSING CEREMONY



Brig. Gen. Richard Torres (right), U.S. Army South deputy commanding general, and Lt. Col. Joseph Dermenjian, Task Force Northstar commander, salute during the closing ceremony for Beyond the Horizon in Estanzuelas, El Salvador June 10. Beyond the Horizon 2015 is an Army South-led humanitarian and civic assistance program. At the invitation of the Salvadoran government, Beyond the Horizon teams work closely with host-nation forces and civilian organizations to provide medical, dental and engineering support.



Torres (left) visits members of Task Force Northstar at their operations center at Comando de Ingenieros de las Fuerzas Armadas. Torres visited the area to see the progression of Beyond the Horizon 2015, an Army South-led humanitarian and civic assistance program.



Torres receives a plaque from a Salvadoran student during the closing ceremony for Beyond the Horizon in Estanzuelas, El Salvador June 10.



Torres (center) and Salvadoran Brig. Gen. Armando Mejia (right), the Salvadoran army commander, visit a newly constructed classroom at Estanzuelas, El Salvador June 10. Torres and Mejia visited the area to see the progression of Beyond the Horizon 2015, an Army South-led humanitarian and civic assistance program.

**Photos by Robert R. Ramon**

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671-5555 to establish a work order and report the stray as soon as possible. Civil engineers will set traps for the strays and remove once the strays have been caught. If a wild animal is seen, keep away and make sure that no one is leaving food or water near housing areas. In addition, call Lincoln Military Housing at 221-0948 to have pest control service place a trap around the residence.

### FSHISD Non-Resident Student Transfer Program

Are you active duty military or retired military and work on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston? Do you live off JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with children attending schools in pre-kindergarten through grade 12? If so, your children may be eligible to attend a Fort Sam Houston Independent School District school as non-resident transfer students. The FSHISD is dedicated to serving the unique needs of the military child. While maintaining high academic standards in a caring and safe environment, students excel both in the classroom and in extra-curricular competitions. Students leave high school prepared for college or the work force. The NRT checklist, application, and agreement are posted to the District website at <http://www.fshisd.net>. Parents meeting eligibility categories may complete an application and be considered for approval in the order received based on the availability of space and resources. The completed application and supporting documents can be submitted via email to [NRT1516@fshisd.net](mailto:NRT1516@fshisd.net) or in person at the District Administration Office, 4005 Winans Road. For additional information, call 368-8725 or send email to [NRT1516@fshisd.net](mailto:NRT1516@fshisd.net).

### Closure of Ludington Road

Ludington Road, located in the industrial section of the southeast corner of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, will be closed through Feb. 10, 2016, to rebuild the road. Access to the Army South organizational parking area will be from Parker Hill Road through the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron Operations storage yard. Access to the Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility, building 4115, will be restricted to contractors only.

# Civilian education, training available in 'own backyard'

By Ann Bermudez  
Army Medicine Public Affairs

Civilian education and training just got easier, as far as travel is concerned. The U.S. Army Medical Command is bringing mobile training teams from the Army Management Staff College's headquarters at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to installations for training locally versus traveling on temporary duty.

"I enjoyed that I didn't have to travel TDY to attend the Advance Course," said Rosalinda Jenkins, a human resources specialist at the Army Medical Department Center & School at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. "It was a different form of camaraderie and I got to meet a lot of folks from various commands around JBSA-Fort Sam Houston."

The Civilian Education System plays a critical

role in career development at every level. All eight courses are in demand because they are prerequisites for admission into other military schools and directly impact a civilian employee's career progression.

"I was able to take lessons learned back to my organization," said Christopher Pate, Ph.D, chief of the management analysis branch at Brooke Army Medical Center. "You get out what you put into it, but the benefits are not only for us as individuals, but the Army as a whole."

The Civilian Education System is increasingly important to employees for career progression and entrance into senior leader schools. CES courses are open to most Army civilians and are centrally funded by Headquarters Department of the Army G-37/

Training Directorate.

While the distributed learning phases are open to all Army civilians for self-development, the resident phases are targeted to individuals in specific grade levels to ensure civilians receive progressive career-long professional development.

CES courses include online modules followed by classroom instruction. Until establishing the mobile training teams, classroom time meant temporary duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Each course, ranging from basic level to advanced, is tailored to specific pay grades.

Central funding and flexible course delivery methods, like the mobile training team, makes CES more accessible to local Army civilians, according to developers.

"This is a great opportunity for develop-

ment and networking for civilians," Pate said. "It's also a less expensive way to get people trained all at once. I highly recommend these courses as they get at the core competencies of leaders"

"As civilian employees are looked upon to take on more of a leadership role, CES offers a wonderful opportunity to develop and hone these skills," said Ray Mendoza, a MEDCOM workforce development specialist. "It is incumbent on each of us to be prepared to take on greater leadership responsibility, be it formal or informal."

Mendoza stressed that a mobile training team teaching the course on-site saves money and increases the number of available training slots.

The Army continues to revise the Army Leader Development

Strategy to address the future Civilian Leader Development Program.

The Army is standardizing the educational and training requirements determination process for the Army Civilian Corps in order to optimize civilian leader development and technical competency.

For more information about the latest CES courses, visit the course catalog on the Army Civilian Training and Leader Development Division system at <http://www.civiliantraining.army.mil/SitePages/CourseCatalog.aspx>.

Civilians wishing to register for courses or request more detailed information about credit equivalency and transfers should contact the MEDCOM CES Quota Managers at [usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.civilian-workforce@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.civilian-workforce@mail.mil).

## WREATH LAYING HONORS 4TH SGT. MAJ. OF THE ARMY LEON L. VAN AUTREVE



(From left) Command Sgt. Maj. Alexis King, Army Medical Department Noncommissioned Officers Academy commandant; Sgt. 1st Class Tuan Le and guest speaker retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles assist Rita Van Autreve, widow of former Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve, in placing a wreath at the graveside of her husband during a wreath laying ceremony held June 11 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Van Autreve served as the fourth Sergeant Major of the Army from July 1973 to June 1975. The wreath laying ceremony is held to remember and honor Van Autreve and always coincides with the Army's Birthday.

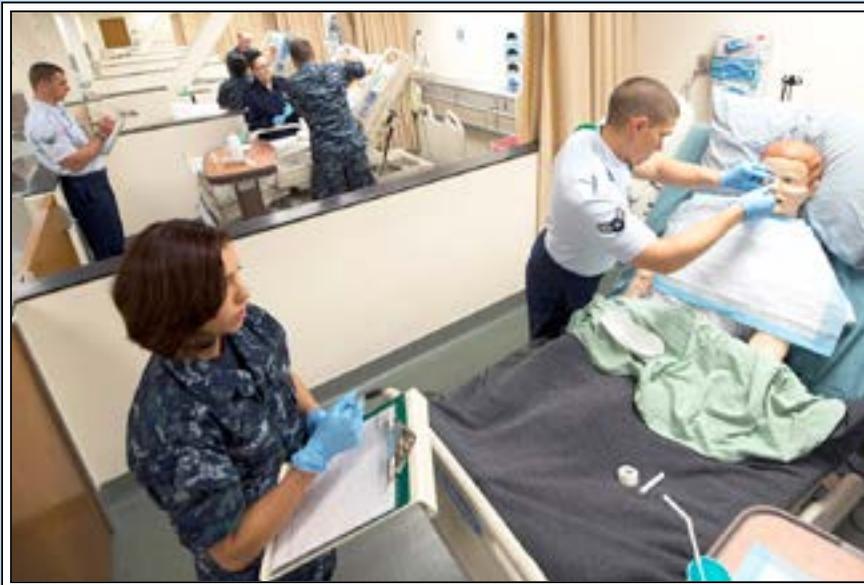


Photos by Esther Garcia

Members of the Army Medical Department Noncommissioned Officers Academy Color Guard lower the nation's flag during retreat at the Sgt. Maj. Leon L. Van Autreve Wreath Laying Ceremony June 11 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The wreath laying ceremony is held to remember and honor Van Autreve, the 4th Sergeant Major of the Army and always coincides with the Army's Birthday.

## PATIENT PRACTICE

Airman 1st Class Tyler Devlin demonstrates patient treatment at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 8.



Airmen and Sailors conduct patient treatment training at the Medical Education and Training Campus on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston June 8.



**Photos by E.J. Herson**

Sailors demonstrate patient transport skills learned at the Medical Education and Training Campus on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston June 8.

# Celebrity Chef Robert Irvine inducted into Order of Military Medical Merit at Army Birthday Ball

By Kirk Frady  
Army Medicine Public Affairs

Celebrity chef Robert Irvine of the reality television program "Restaurant: Impossible" was inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit by Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command and Army Surgeon General during the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston 240th Army Birthday Ball held in San Antonio June 13. Irvine served as the guest of honor for the event.

The Order of Military Medical Merit was created in 1982 by the U.S. Army Health Services Command and is presented to individuals who have made a significant

and exemplary contribution to the Army Medical Department.

"Chef Robert Irvine has contributed greatly to the mission of the Army Medical Department and his efforts directly reflect the tenants of the Performance Triad," Horoho said. "He has been an ambassador for Army Medicine, traveling to several hospitals and locations where he discusses the benefits of good eating and fitness. He has given of himself for many years to support our Warriors both at home and in deployed settings."

As part of the evening's festivities, Irvine participated in a friendly Meals, Ready-to-Eat challenge against a two-person Army culinary team.



Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, Army Surgeon General, presents the Order of Military Medical Merit to television celebrity chef Robert Irvine during the Army Birthday Ball in San Antonio June 13.

The Army team consisted of a nutrition care specialist Staff Sgt. Zach Bridgeman, who received a culinary

degree from Johnson and Wales University and serves as an instructor and writer for diet and nutrition therapy at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The other Army team member, Staff Sgt. Melissa Woods, is also a nutrition care specialist and graduate of the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute and is serving as a research pilot manager in the nutrition care program.

In the end, Irvine was no match for the Army team. Bridgeman and Woods swept the competition and took top honors with their winning recipe made from ingredients contained in the Asian Beef Strip MRE. The teams were judged on taste, presentation, originality and

nutritional value.

A native of England, Robert Irvine joined the British Royal Navy at the age of 15, and his skills in the kitchen soon came to the attention of his superiors.

As part of his service for the Royal Navy, Irvine was selected to work aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia, where the royal family and its entourages regularly dined. During his time training U.S. Navy chefs as part of a guest chef program, Robert worked in the White House kitchens and his creations were served to high-ranking government officials.

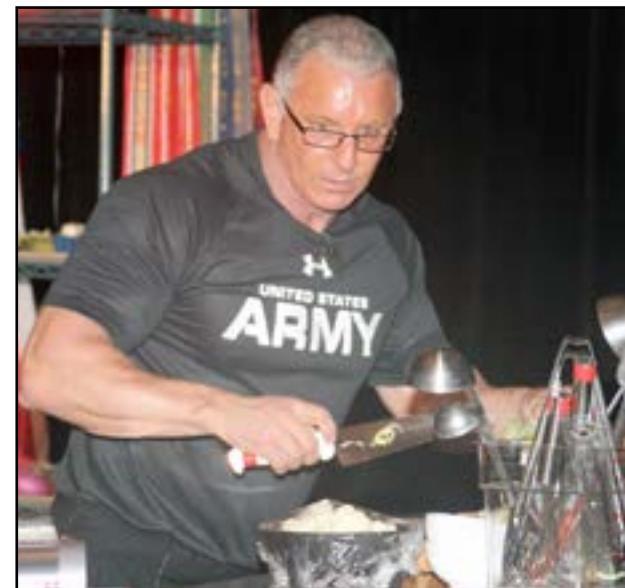
During his career, he has also had the opportunity to serve 6,000 servicemen and women on a U.S. aircraft carrier and plan the menu for a celebrity-studded after-party at the Academy Awards.

## JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON ARMY BIRTHDAY BALL

(From left) Pfc. Kelseyann Laufer, 106th Signal Brigade, joins Maj. Gen. Steve Jones and Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins June 13 in cutting the ceremonial Army birthday cake at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston 240th Army Birthday Ball held in San Antonio June 13. Jones is commanding general of the Army Medical Department Center & School and Wiggins is commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior Army commander of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis.



Photo by Spc. Brittany Mabasa



Photos by Spc. Brittany Mabasa

Chef Robert Irvine, guest of honor for the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Army Birthday Ball held in San Antonio June 13, participates in the Meals, Ready-to-Eat cook-off against a pair of Army cooks.

# Occupational therapy assistant students earn associate's degrees from University of Incarnate Word

By Army Maj. Lorie Fike  
and Navy Lt. John Balsamo  
METC Occupational  
Therapy Assistant Program

Responding to a new national accreditation requirement, the occupational therapy assistant program at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston recently partnered with the University of Incarnate Word to bestow an associate's degree of applied science in occupational therapy to graduates of the program.

The university's selection as the degree conferring institution was the culmination of a lengthy process to connect the occupational therapy assistant program with a

quality civilian academic institution. The program's inaugural class graduated during a ceremony at the Freeman Coliseum May 12.

The METC OTA program is a didactic and clinical program that trains personnel in the art and science of occupational therapy.

The nine METC graduates earning associate degrees were: Army Staff Sgt. Jerry Alcindor, Sgt. Michael Atwood, Sgt. Heidi Burns, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jared Condry, Pfc. Tonean Davis, Spc. Anup Joshi, Spc. Jacqueline Rivera, Spc. Kenneth Stephenson and Spc. Jeanna Zwoyer.

To qualify for the program, students must complete general college prerequisite coursework in English, algebra, humanities

and a social science. They must then complete a rigorous 17-week academic coursework, followed by 16 weeks of clinical fieldwork.

Once students successfully complete these requirements, UIW awards the graduates with an associate's degree. Graduates are then eligible to take their national board examination to become Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants.

The METC-UIW relationship aligns with the presidential initiative to increase the number of military-to-civilian certification programs. This initiative seeks to ensure that service members leaving the military have the skills and training to transition into a competitive civilian work force.



Photo by Lt. Col. Chuck Quick

Maj. Lorie Fike (right), program director for the occupational therapy assistant program at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, congratulates Spc. Jacqueline Rivera on earning her associate's degree with cum laude honors from the University of the Incarnate Word.

# Fisher House holds annual Kindertag event at Morgan's Wonderland

By Lori Newman  
BAMC Public Affairs

The Brooke Army Medical Center's Fisher Houses celebrated Children's Day June 10 with their annual Kindertag event and this year, more than 50 children and their parents were treated to a day of fun and adventure at Morgan's Wonderland.

Fisher House manager Inge Godfrey and the Fisher House volunteers wanted the event to be special for the children, since many of their parents have had to endure long recoveries at BAMC.

"We started this event four years ago at the Fisher House residence and it's expanded and expanded," Godfrey said. "We celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, so why not Children's Day? Children's Day is celebrated all over the world."

Godfrey herself remembers celebrating Children's Day

as a little girl growing up in Germany.

This year, the event included a visit from some exotic animals from Zoomagination.

The kids were able to pet a blue-tongue skink, bearded dragon, ball python, red-tail boa and even got a close-up look at an African crested porcupine.

Sisters Makayla and Mariah Adams, whose father works at BAMC, took full advantage of the activities, zooming around the room in their wheelchairs getting their faces painted, coloring pictures, playing games and seeing the reptiles.

Makayla, 7, said she was having fun. "I like the animals," she said with a broad smile.

"This event is good for us," Joshua Adams said. "My daughters, Makayla and Mariah, are both in wheelchairs, so it gives them a chance to get out and do things, especially here at Morgan's Wonderland."

Each child also received an age-appropriate toy and enjoyed lunch and all the park's amenities.

Karen Matayka said she and her husband Ed have stayed at three different Fisher Houses during his recovery. Today they brought their 2-year-old twins, Alana and Ryan, to enjoy the day's activities.

"We stayed at the BAMC Fisher House for nine months," Matayka said. "It's good to be included in a community that we haven't actually been living in for quite a while. The Fisher House is amazing."



Makayla Adams, 9, pets a blue-tongue skink held by Clarissa Rodriguez from Zoomagination. This was one of many activities the children enjoyed June 10 during the Brooke Army Medical Center Fisher House Kindertag event held at Morgan's Wonderland.



Photos by Robert Shields

Allison Blair (left) paints Alana Matayka's arm as her twin brother, Ryan, waits for his turn June 10 at the Brooke Army Medical Center Fisher House Kindertag event held at Morgan's Wonderland.



Makayla and Mariah Adams enjoy coloring at the coloring table during the Brooke Army Medical Center Fisher House Kindertag event held at Morgan's Wonderland June 10.



# Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

## Monthly Events

July

### Bowling

#### Fall leagues are forming

Sign up now for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center fall bowling leagues. Leagues run Tuesdays through Saturdays for 32 weeks and begin Labor Day week. For more information, call 221-3683.

Sign up at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center to participate in the following fall leagues.

Sunday First Nighters begins Sept. 13, 6 p.m., and is a four-players mixed format with two men and two women.

Sunday Youth Sport begins Sept. 13, 6 p.m., and is for single youth players only, age 15 and older.

Monday Extramurals begins Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m., with a five-player mixed format.

Tuesday Ladies Early Birds begins Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m., with a four-player format.

Tuesday Night Mixed Doubles begins Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m., with a four-player mixed format with two ladies and two men.

Wednesday Rowl Ladies begins Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m., with a three-player format.

Wednesday Vince Best Memorial begins Aug. 26, 6 p.m., with a five-player mixed format.

Thursday Morning Ladies begins Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., with a four-player format.

Thursday Night Mixed begins Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., with a four-player mixed format.

Friday Pioneer Senior League begins Sept. 11, 11 a.m., with a four-player mixed format consisting of members 55 years and older.

Saturday Ben Friedli Youth Memorial League begins Sept. 12, 10 a.m., and is for youth ages 5 and older.

Actual start dates are subject to change. For more information, call 652-6271.

#### Celebrate the freedom to bowl

Spend July 4, noon to 3 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center and take advantage of \$1 games, \$1 hot dogs and \$1 small fries. Shoe rental is normal price. For more information, call 671-1234.

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers a special rate of \$2.50 per game, per person July 3-5. Shoe rental is not included. Enjoy 50 cent hot dogs at the Spare Time Grille while supplies lasts. For more information, call 652-6271.

#### Bowlers take on a challenge

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center offers bowlers a chance to bowl in a 9-pin no-tap tournament, July 25, 1 p.m. Bowlers play five games across 10 lanes for \$25 per person. Sign up is noon the day of the tournament and start time is 1 p.m. For more information, call 671-1234.

### Community Programs

#### Facilities close in honor of Independence Day

All JBSA Military & Family Readiness Centers are closed for the Air Education and Training Command family day and Federal Holiday, July 2-3. JBSA-Lackland M&FRC is closed Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC is closed the first and third Thursday, 1-3 p.m. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-2418, JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722 and JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321.

#### Service members prepare for retirement

Service members planning to separate or retire from the military must attend a mandatory retirement and pre-separation counseling before attending other transition assistance programs. Sessions are held July 8, 22 and 29, noon to 4 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Appointments may be scheduled up to two years prior to retirement or one year prior to separation. For more information, call 652-5321.

#### New spouses learn about Joint Base San Antonio

Military spouses are invited to attend the Spouse Information Fair, July 9, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Spouses can meet and connect with more than 20 military and civilian agencies to learn about available services. Some of the agencies on site include legal assistance, the Exchange and Commissary, health care providers, the 502d Force Support Squadron, school liaison services and child care providers. For more information, call 221-2705.

#### Workshop supports resiliency

Leaders, managers, team members, parents and spouses learn to identify the innate strengths, talents and motivations of a team or family. Sign up for the Four Lenses™ Discover Workshop, July 10, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Learn to map out the strengths of an entire team, work more effectively with natural talents and embrace diversity by appreciating and tolerating the differences in others. For more information, call 221-2380.

#### Troops learn to teach

JBSA military personnel and veterans interested in becoming public school teachers may register for the Troops to Teachers workshop at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Transition Assistance Program, building 2263, July 11, 1-3 p.m. Topics include how to obtain certificates, how to identify financial aid sources, available internships and job placement opportunities. Registration is required and seating is limited. For more information, call 221-1213.

#### Single parents find support

The Single Parent Support Group meets July 16, noon to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Participants discuss various issues related to being a single parent. This month's topic focuses on power struggles. For more information, call 652-5321.

#### Families attend movie night

All families are invited to the free movie night at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, July 18, 6:30 p.m. Attendees can enjoy free popcorn and snow cones while supplies last. No pre-registration is required. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-5763.

#### Summer camp starts with the arts

The JBSA Exceptional Family Member Program hosts "Starts with the Arts" summer camp for JBSA EFMP special needs children ages 5-18 and their siblings. The camp provides an opportunity to engage and inspire through the arts with fun activities in music, dance, drama and visual arts. Registration is ongoing until full. The JBSA-Randolph camp is July 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Religious Activities Center. To sign up, call 652-5321.

#### Youth receive school supplies

The JBSA School Liaison Office hosts the fifth annual Build-A-Backpack Program July 20 through Aug. 5, which provides backpacks full of school supplies for local military children. The goal is to provide the opportunity for children to start school with the supplies needed for success. Squadrons, private organizations, offices and individual groups can help make a difference. For more information, email [jbsa.slo@us.af.mil](mailto:jbsa.slo@us.af.mil).

#### Community hosts information fair

The Community Extravaganza Fair takes place July 28, 9-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd. All Department of Defense ID cardholders can visit with representatives from post agencies and local businesses to learn more about JBSA and the surrounding area. For more information, call 221-2307.

#### Leadership attends Ombudsman basic training

Attend the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center workshop Aug. 11-13, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., building 2797. This three-day workshop is required for all command Ombudsman. Navy commanding officers, executive officers, senior enlisted leaders and their spouses must register by July 28. For more information, call 221-2418.

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## Key spouses attend training

Military spouses who have volunteered or been appointed by a unit commander as a key spouse must attend this training at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, July 30, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This training covers key spouse roles, resiliency, suicide awareness and sexual assault prevention and response. For more information, call 221-2418.

## Clubs

### Chef serves up special dinners

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club chef creates special evening dining experiences in the Mesquite dining room, 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers.

The menu for July 10 features bacon-wrapped filet mignon with Béarnaise sauce, sautéed jumbo shrimp, Duchess potatoes, roasted asparagus with red peppers and a house salad.

The July 17 menu features cod topped with lemon dill sauce and fried jumbo shrimp, rice pilaf, broccoli and cauliflower mix, clam chowder and a house salad.

On July 24, the menu includes prime rib au jus, twice baked potato, broccoli spears with Hollandaise sauce and a house salad.

For July 31, enjoy a porterhouse steak with fried onions, rosemary roasted red potatoes, string beans and a house salad. For more information, call 645-7034.

### The Kendrick Club provides bingo fun

Celebrate our independence during Patriotic Bingo by wearing red, white and blue or patriotic attire July 2 at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club and compete for best dressed patriot. The first-place winner receives \$50 in club bucks, second-place winner receives \$35 in club bucks and third-place winner receives \$25 in club bucks.

Bingo Extravaganza is held July 6 and 20 at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club. Win \$15,000 in total jackpots, with a complimentary buffet at 5:30 p.m. and Early Bird bingo at 6 p.m.

Birthday Bingo is held at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club July 14. Birthday members receive one free machine and cake. Randolph club members only; ID and club card is required. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Fans watch fight at the club

Join Fight Night Frenzy and watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship in Gil's Pub at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club July 11. Enjoy great food and beverage specials along with a chance to win a trip for two to a live UFC fight in Las Vegas. There are also lots of prizes for club members such as Force Support Squadron gift cards, UFC T-shirts and other prizes sponsored by Budweiser. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Anniversary calls for celebration

Everyone is invited to join the JBSA-Randolph Air City Bar & Grill for lunch July 16, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., as they celebrate their three-year anniversary. The first

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 JBSA - Fort Sam Houston  
 JIMMY BROUGHT FITNESS CENTER  
 25 July - 26 July  
 Registration ends 19 July  
 Singles and Doubles Matches will be played in double elimination format.  
 This tournament is open to all DOD ID cardholders 16 yrs and older.  
 For more information, call 221-1234.

five customers get to draw from a basket of goodies for complimentary gift certificates. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Music on the patio makes for a good time

Join the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club on the Nite Club Patio for great music by Soul Funk July 17, 6-10 p.m. Social hour food is served 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Guests are treated to Italian Wine Night

Join the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club July 24, 7-10 p.m., for Italian Wine Night in the Sky Lounge. Indulge with light hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting. Entertainment is provided and a cash bar is available throughout the event. The price for this extravaganza is \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. Guests may make reservations beginning July 9. Reservations and pre-payments are required. Coupons are not accepted and refunds are not available after July 21. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Customers are appreciated

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club honors customers with a special buffet in the Fiesta Ballroom July 28, 5-8 p.m. Entertainment is provided by Doggin' Dave Productions and the cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. The menu features a build-your-own salad bar, beef brisket, fried catfish fillets, herb baked chicken, hush puppies, rustic whipped potatoes with brown gravy, rice pilaf, bourbon baked beans, French-cut green beans, okra gumbo, cornbread, freshly baked rolls, peach cobbler and vanilla ice cream, fresh fruit and homemade pecan brownies. For more information, call 645-7034.

### The club provides opportunities for relaxation

Head over to the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club to wind down and relax throughout the month at Variety Night in the Lone Star Lounge. Doggin' Dave Productions entertains July 10 and 24, DJ J Rock provides music July 11 and DJ LJU takes the stage July 17, 25 and 31. Relax in the lounge or enjoy pool tables and large screen televisions on the patio.

Sing or just enjoy entertainment and a frosty beverage in the Lone Star Lounge on Karaoke Night, July 18, 8 p.m. to midnight, featuring DJ Dee Dee.

Close out the month July 31 in the Maverick Lounge to music provided by DJ Doggin' Dave Productions. After a month of hard work and deadlines, patrons relax on the patio or shoot some pool. For more information, call 645-7034.

### Fuel up with a good breakfast at the club

Enjoy breakfast at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Monday-Friday, 6-8 a.m. The menu includes omelets, ham, bacon, pancakes, French toast, burritos, fresh fruit and more. Also, choose from the Grab and Go breakfast menu for a meal on the run. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Club membership pays off

Sign up by July 29 to become a member at either JBSA-Randolph club and receive free dues for three months from the date of sign up and lunch for two. The club card application grants entry to the drawing for a 50-inch television and cash prizes. The drawing is July 31 and the squadron or organization that signs up the most members receives up to \$1,000 credit towards the holiday party at the Kendrick club. For more information, call 658-7445.

JBSA-Lackland  
**Christmas in July**  
 July 23 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Enjoy a feast in July at the Gateway Club for \$10.95  
 Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Chutney, Fried Chicken, Baked Herb Chicken, Roast Beef Au Jus, Salad Bar Dessert and more!  
 For information, call 645-7034.

## Equestrian Center

### Riders attend horsemanship camp

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center for one-week horsemanship camps during July and August. Camp is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children 7 years and older and reservations are required. Cost is \$275 and a \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration. The Equestrian Center is sponsored in part by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 224-7207.

## Fitness

### Runners display patriotism at 5K

Celebrate our independence with the JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center during the Stars and Stripes 5K run/walk July 1, 7:30 a.m. at Eberle Park. For more information, call 652-7263.

### Athletes compete triathlon

Participants' endurance is tested with a 400-meter swim, 10-mile bike ride and a two-mile run at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center July 12, 7 a.m. Pre-registration for the summer triathlon is \$20 and the registration deadline is July 6. For more information, call 221-4887.

### Indoor biathlon makes participants feel accomplished

Everyone is invited to participate in the JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center Indoor Biathlon July 13-17, during normal business hours. Each participant runs 15 miles and bikes 30 miles. Pick up an indoor biathlon challenge booklet from Fitness Center staff. As each challenge is completed, have a fitness team member initial the item before progressing to the next one. Once the challenges are completed, return the booklet to Fitness Center staff. For more information, call 652-7263.

### Competitors face the ultimate challenge

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center July 18, 9 a.m., in the second annual Fitness Challenge Combine. Participants compete in eight different events to include bench press, a 40-yard dash, 20-yard shuttle run, broad jump, medicine ball throw, obstacle course and tire flip. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. The deadline to register is July 13. For more information, call 221-1234.

### Weight lifters display technique and strength

Visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus July 18, 10 a.m., to attend the dead lift competition. Cost to compete is \$5 and fees are non-refundable. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders 16 years and older. All participants receive a T-shirt. Registration ends July 10. For more information, call 808-5713.

### Joggers conquer the half marathon run

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center hosts a half-marathon run July 18, 6:30 a.m., at Eberle Park. Run 13.1 miles for personal fulfillment or as training for a full marathon. This is the second of three summer marathon training runs. For more information, call 652-7263.

## Golf

### Warrior teams compete for prizes

Golfers are invited to play in the Warrior Four-Person Scramble July 3, 12:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart and dinner. Gift certificates are presented to the winners of the longest drive and closest to the pin. The first-, second- and third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

### Independence is celebrated with a tournament

Attend the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course Red, White and Blue Tournament July 3, with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is an individual, low-net, low-gross tournament and teeing locations alternate; red is on hole one, white on hole two and blue on hole three. Entry fee is \$10 plus green fee and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

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### Golf course stays green

In an effort to provide the best playing conditions possible, it is necessary to perform seasonal maintenance on the greens that may disrupt the putting surface. The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course is scheduled to aerify the greens July 6 and 7, depending on weather conditions. During maintenance, the golf course is reduced to nine open holes each day and the greens are sandy for about 10-14 days following the procedure. The golf course is still open to assist members with scheduling tee times at another JBSA golf course, if needed. For more information, call 671-3466.

### Professionals teach junior golfers the basics

Youth golfers, 7-17 years old, are invited to register for the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Golf Course Junior Golf Camp. Camp dates are July 13-17, 9 a.m. to noon, and the fee is \$125. Sessions are taught by a Professional Golf Association certified instructor. The camp includes instruction, rules and etiquette, on-course play, drinks and snacks. Golfers may bring personal clubs or use the set provided. For more information, call 671-3466.

### Golfers compete in the British Open Golf Tournament

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts the British Open Golf Tournament July 18 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Partners are drawn from Professional Golf Association players from the 2015 British Open Championship. Cost is \$30 and includes prizes and food after the tournament. For more information, call 671-3466.

The JBSA-Randolph Golf Course hosts the British Open Blind Draw Tournament July 18 with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is a low-net, low-gross tournament. The golf course combines each participant's score with a PGA Pro from the 2015 British Open Championship. The entry fee is \$10 plus green fee and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

### Pro shop provides discounts

Golfers receive 10 percent off all in-stock bags purchased at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course during July and August. JBSA golf course members receive an additional 15 percent off. For more information, call 671-3466.

## Information, Tickets and Travel

### Water lovers cool down with a splash in town

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information and Ticket office has daily tickets to Splashtown available through Aug. 23. Splashtown opens at 10:30 a.m., and the daily ticket prices are \$16 per person for ages 2 years and older. Season passes are also available for \$35. For more information, call 808-1378.

### Discounted tickets make it a great day for the circus

The Ringling Bros. & Barnum Bailey Circus is back at the Joe Freeman Coliseum. Bring the family to see jugglers, clowns, high wire acts, trapeze artists, animals and more.

Pick up circus tickets at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information and Ticket office for opening night July 1. The ticket price special is \$14. All other date prices are \$17 for adults and \$12 for children. For more information, call 808-1378.

JBSA-Lackland's Information, Tickets and Travel has discounted prices for excellent seats at the circus. Prices range from \$13 to \$40, July 1-4. For more information, call 671-3059.

The JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel, located in the Community Services Mall also has discount circus tickets for July 1-6. For more information, call 652-5142, option 1.

## Families enjoy Fiesta Noche Del Rio

Fiesta Noche Del Rio takes place Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 p.m., at the Arneson River Theater through Aug. 15. Fiesta Noche Del Rio is an outdoor musical extravaganza featuring the music and dance of Mexico, Spain, Argentina and Texas and is the longest running open-air musical venue of its kind in the United States. The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information and Ticket office has adult and senior tickets for \$13.50, tickets for children 6-14 years are \$7 and children 5 years and younger are free. JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel, located in the Community Services Mall, has tickets for \$13.75 for guests 15 years and older and \$6.75 for children 6-14 years. Children 5 years and younger are free. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378 or JBSA-Randolph at 652-5142.

## Library

### Readers 'Read to the Rhythm' this summer

JBSA libraries encourage families to shake, rattle or roll to the library for the "Read to the Rhythm" summer reading program. Over the next two months, the libraries host a range of free activities for children, teens and adults that encourage and support a love of reading. Register now through Aug. 1. Participants win prizes for reaching reading goals. Visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Thursdays at 10 a.m., the JBSA-Lackland Library Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and the JBSA-Randolph Library Wednesdays at 10 a.m. to take part in special activities. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at 221-4702, the JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2673 and the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578 or visit <http://www.jbsalibraries.org>.

## Outdoor Recreation

### Archers take aim at three-dimensional targets

Avid archers can practice taking aim on 30 targets randomly set throughout a wooded area July 25-26, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center. Targets are set at various distances ranging from 10 to 55 yards. Same-day registration is 8-10 a.m. Cost for the fun shoot is \$15, the tournament is \$20, archers 12 years and under participate for \$5. For more information, call 295-7529.

### Guests beat the heat with a Canyon Lake sunset cruise

Head to JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake Friday evenings during July for a sunset cruise on Canyon Lake; July 3 is not included due to the holiday. Cast off from the Hancock Cove Marina at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy a scenic ride around the lake on a chartered pontoon boat. The ride lasts approximately 90 minutes and cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and younger. Guests are welcome to bring drinks and snacks, but glass and Styrofoam is prohibited. Due to the extensive rains South Texas has had, be sure to call in advance to ensure the cruise is still taking place. For more information, call 830-226-5357.

### Summer boating has arrived

It is the time of year to hit the lakes so be sure to reserve a boat for rental at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor

Recreation. Available boats include pontoon boats, ski boats, bass boats and kayaks. Boater's safety certification and Department of Defense ID card is required for reservations. For more information, call 221-5225.

## Student Activity Center

### DJ gets the sound right

All JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus students are invited to enjoy the latest and greatest sounds of today's music, featuring a live DJ in Club Zero July 10 and 24, 6:30-10 p.m. Club Zero has a large dance floor and comfortable sitting areas for students to get together and enjoy the music. This is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 466-5049.

### Karaoke singers take the stage

Come to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus Club Zero Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m., to sing Karaoke. Club Zero has a state of the art sound system and plenty of tunes to match everyone's singing style. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 466-5049.

## Youth and Children

### Preteens are fulfilled with summer camp

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs invites all youth ages 11-12 to register for summer camp through Aug. 21. Weekly activities include field trips to Natural Bridge Caverns, the USS Lexington, sports, games and more. For information, call 221-3630.

### Children register for sports

Register children, 5-14 years, for JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs flag football and fall soccer July 1-31. Cost is \$50 per child and a current sports physical is required at sign up. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 671-2388.

Register children ages 5-18 for JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs flag football, cheerleading, volleyball and Lil Renegades soccer July 1-Aug. 14. The cost is \$50 for football, cheerleading and volleyball. Lil Renegades soccer for toddlers 3-4 years costs \$35 and is a six-week introductory sport. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Before and afterschool programs keep children happy

Registration for the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs' 2015-2016 "Before and After School" Program takes place July 13-17 for priority one: single/dual military assigned to JBSA and wounded warriors. Registration is July 20-24 for priority two: active-duty military or Department of Defense civilian assigned to JBSA with a working spouse or attending school full time. Registration for all others is July 27 until full. Paperwork is available July 8. Children must be 5 years old and enrolled in kindergarten. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Youth enjoys programs for free

Celebrate recreation and summer fun by participating in JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs during July 13-18. There

is no membership card needed to participate during this week. Youth Programs has a lot of activities, programs, camps and classes for children to enjoy over the summer and during the school year. Stop by JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs, building 585, to learn more. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Youth stay active

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs hosts a fun-filled week of activities including ultimate Frisbee, badminton, team handball and other outdoor games to encourage youth to be active. This takes place July 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon, for children ages 9-12 and 1-4 p.m. for teens ages 13-18. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call 671-2388.

### Toddlers and tots make friends

Register children 3-5 years for the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Part Day Enrichment Program. This program is designed to help children learn how to work in a group setting. Registration begins July 29 and the program begins Sept. 7. For more information, call 652-1140.

### Everyone screams for ice cream

Invite a friend and cool off at JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs July 31, 7-9 p.m., with an ice cream bar, games and music. Cost is \$3 per person for children ages 9-12 with a membership card or \$5 per person without a membership card. For more information, call 671-2388.

### Parents escape with a break

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs Give Parents a Break/Parents Night Out is July 31, 6:30-10:30 p.m. This program provides children, 5 (in kindergarten)-12 years, with activities, games, entertainment and snacks. The fee is \$25 per child with multiple child discounts or free with a GPAB referral. Preregistration is required. Late pickup is subject to a \$5 fee for first five minutes and \$3 for every minute following. For more information, call 671-2388.

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts Give Parents a Break/Kids Adventure Night July 11, 1-5 p.m. Registration is July 1-8. This event is held at the Child Development Programs Annex for children 2 years and younger and at Youth Programs for children 3 years and older. Registration for GPAB waiver holders is free and all others pay \$25. There is a multiple child discount. For more information, call 652-4946.

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# U.S. Army Veterinary Corps celebrates 99th anniversary

By Esther Garcia  
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Members and friends of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps gathered at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 3 to celebrate the Corps' 99th anniversary.

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps was formally established by an act of congress June 3, 1916. However, recognition of the need for veterinary expertise had been evolving since 1776, when Gen. George Washington directed that a "regiment of horse with a farrier" be raised.

During the Civil War,

the War Department's general orders provided each cavalry regiment with a veterinary surgeon in the rank of regimental sergeant major and pay of \$75 per month.

During the Spanish-American War, the Corps proved pivotal, as veterinarians were being sought to inspect meat, poultry and dairy products destined for frontier posts.

"Ninety-nine years ago, the Veterinary Corps was integrated into the U.S. Army Medical Command," said Brig. Gen. John Poppe, the 25th chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and deputy chief of public health for the U.S. Army

Medical Command. "Although we've had veterinarians serving in different capacities in previous years, becoming part of Army Medicine 99 years ago is significant.

"All kinds of changes are going on," Poppe said. "One constant in our field – as we transitioned from being horse mechanics and now working with military working dogs to our constant mission of food protection – is the support of research and development."

Poppe recognized each of the former corps chiefs during the ceremony. "The reason we enjoy what we have today is because of their efforts

over the years. We get to stand on the shoulders of these giants."

Retired Brig. Gen. Frank Ramsey, the 17th Corps chief, said he can't wait to celebrate the 100th anniversary.

"I feel great waiting for the 100th anniversary next year. It will be a golden opportunity to publicize the Veterinary Corps and tell people around the world what we do," Ramsey said. "Many people say 'We don't have horses and mules, so why do we have a Veterinary Corps?' This will give us an opportunity to answer that question and to broaden public knowledge and get public



Photo courtesy U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage

Sgt. William C. Dutton (right), a veterinary technician, bandages the paw of Thundeis, a scout dog with the 38th War Dog Platoon, 85th Division near Villa Di Sassonero, Italy, Feb. 27, 1945. The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps was officially created 99 years ago on June 3, 1916. Army veterinarians provide comprehensive medical care for government owned animals and pets owned by military personnel. Veterinarians also ensure food safety and animal disease prevention and control. Continuous testing, service in the field, and research allow the Veterinary Corps to preserve public and animal health.



Photo by Esther Garcia

(From left) Retired Army Brig. Gen. Charles Elia, retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Murnane; retired Brig. Gen. Frank Ramsey; retired Brig. Gen. Robert Jorgensen; retired Col. Clifford Johnson; retired Col. Paul Barrows; retired Col. John Fournier; retired Brig. Gen. Michael Cates and retired Brig. Gen. Robert Via join Brig. Gen. John Poppe, chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps and deputy chief for public health, U.S. Army Medical Command and Capt. Heather Huneycutt (center) to cut the ceremonial cake celebrating the 99th anniversary of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 3.

support for the Corps."

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps has an active and Reserve strength of more than 780 officers with support from more than 2,100 enlisted and 575 civilian veterinary personnel.

The ceremony included the unveiling of a new plaque in memory of Brig. Gen. Raymond Kelser, the first brigadier general in the Corps who served as chief from 1938 to 1946. The new plaque is located on the east side of Willis Hall plaza, building 2841, named Kelser Plaza.

Special guests included nine former Veterinary Corps chiefs, including retired Brig. Gen. Charles Elia, the 15th Veterinary Corps chief and his wife Barbara; retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Murnane, 16th Corps chief; retired

Brig. Gen. Frank Ramsey, 17th Corps chief; retired Brig. Gen. Robert Jorgensen, 18th Corps chief and his wife Dorothy; retired Brig. Gen. Robert Via, 19th Corps chief and his wife Lorraine; retired Col. Clifford Johnson, 20th Corps chief; retired Col. Paul Barrows, 21st Corps chief and his wife, Becky; retired Col. John Fournier, 22nd Corps chief; and retired Brig. Gen. Michael Cates, 23rd Corps chief and his wife, Linda.

The ceremony concluded with the traditional cake cutting ceremony. The former Corps Chiefs joined Poppe and Capt. Heather Huneycutt, the most senior and junior active members of the Veterinary Corps, respectively, in cutting the cake.

# DOD sends blended military retirement proposal to Congress

By John D. Banusiewicz  
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A Defense Department proposal submitted to Congress June 10 would create what Pentagon officials called a “blended defined benefit and defined contribution” military retirement system.

Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Steve Warren told reporters that the proposal includes elements the department believes are necessary to promote retention, to maintain the all-volunteer force, and to protect service members who retire due to disability.

“The department carefully reviewed proposals offered by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission as well as Congress,” Warren said. “And in crafting its

final recommendation, the department considered all elements of current and potential retirement plans and built a blended system that – in the military judgment of the Department of Defense – best enables us to maintain the readiness of the all-volunteer force.”

Officials believe the proposal will help to give the department the flexibility it needs to manage the force into the future, the colonel said, while helping to ensure that 85 percent of service members will start long-term retirement savings.

Highlights of the proposal include:

- Creating a defined contribution element through the Thrift Savings Plan for service members;
- DOD automatically contributing an amount equal to 1 percent of a service member’s

basic pay to the Thrift Savings Plan account from entry into service through separation or retirement, with vesting after completion of two years of service and additional matching contributions of up to 5 percent of basic pay starting after completion of four years of service and continuing through separation or retirement; and

- Each service having the ability to offer a bonus, called Continuation Pay, to members with eight to 16 years of service, with each service setting the rate of Continuation Pay.

“This change to a blended retirement system is a key step in modernizing the department’s ability to recruit, retain and maintain the talent we require of our future force,” Warren said. “We know that

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of food have been donated.

Once the items have been collected, installation officials will work with their commissary to deliver the items to their local food bank.

The most needed items for donations include:

- Canned vegetables: low sodium, no salt
- Canned fruits: in light syrup or its own juices
- Canned proteins: tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter and beans
- Soups: beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey or rice
- Condiments: tomato-

based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing or oils

- Snacks: individually packed snacks, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, granola and cereal bars, pretzels, and sandwich crackers
- Multigrain cereal
- 100 percent juice: all sizes, including juice boxes
- Grains: brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgur, quinoa, couscous, pasta and macaroni and cheese
- Paper products and household items: paper towels, napkins and cleaning supplies
- Hygiene items: diapers, deodorants (men

and women), feminine products, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste and shampoo

“We want to make a difference in the communities surrounding our stores,” Eller said. “And our patrons and employees help us do that.”

This year, no goals have been set, but DOD is urging participants to do their best to top their past donations.

For more information on this campaign, visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture website at <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=feds-feed-families>.

# Walters fuel station closed for repairs, scheduled to reopen today

By L.A. Shively  
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Work began Tuesday to repair the underground fuel storage systems and associated equipment at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service Gas Station, building 331, near the Walters Street Gate. The job is slated to conclude today.

Although customers cannot fuel their cars during this time, the Express store is still open for business and operating on a normal schedule.

Separate underground storage systems exist for each grade of gas. At the Walters Street Gate station three systems store and dispense unleaded, mid-grade and super-grade fuel.

A recent inspection

revealed refueling points in each system at ground level were overly corroded. When parts of the system become corroded over time, gas may seep into the ground contaminating soil and ground water according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"We are going to replace all of the corroded parts," explained Douglas Norghrop, site supervisor. "Repairs to tanks happen all the time. Degradation happens, corrosion happens so they have to be maintained just like your car.

"In addition we are going into the sump area where the submersible pumps are that get the fuel from the tank to the dispenser and then your vehicle to replace the piping and flex hoses



Photo by L.A. Shively

Workmen begin repairs by removing the concrete around the underground fuel storage systems at the Walters Street Army & Air Force Exchange Service Gas Station, building 331, near the Walters Street Gate.

before something breaks," Norghrop said.

The fiberglass barrier around each fuel storage

tank will also be replaced.

"The barrier is specifically made for each tank," explained Chris-

tine Goodwin, AAFES retail business manager. "Measurements were taken Tuesday and sent

to the manufacturer while the rest of the repairs continue."

"Once repairs are complete and the barrier is in place, the tanks are tested to ensure there are no leaks or environmental issues," Goodwin said, adding that the barriers are scheduled to be put into place and tested today.

If the systems are compliant to state codes then repairs will commence at the AAFES Gas Station located in building 2610 at Schofield and Scott roads.

"We don't want to shut down Schofield until we know Walters is 100 percent compliant," Goodwin stressed. "We are on schedule to go on Monday to Schofield, but customers will still be able to shop at the Express and use Firestone."

## Army Medicine command teams focus on becoming health readiness platforms

By Ann Bermudez  
Army Medicine Public Affairs

Army Medicine command teams attended a week-long training session June 8-12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to continue the dialogue on lessons learned and leading practices outlined in the November session. The discussion focused on opportunities and initiatives related to becoming a System for Health, and providing tools to enable command teams to accomplish their mission.

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command and Army Surgeon General,

hosted the forum that allows command teams to learn from each other and develop connections and partnerships that will lead to improved excellence in the delivery of high reliability healthcare and the health readiness of the Army.

Horoho challenged the leaders to expand their boundaries outside of the brick and mortar facilities and to get into the "lifespace" to improve Soldiers' health readiness.

The semi-annual Command Team Leader Development and Training Session provided a forum for Commanders to understand and address the challenges

in order to continue to deploy and sustain comprehensive, responsive and flexible health services to support global joint and integrated operations. The theme for the training session was "Adaptive Leaders Creating Opportunities."

"We must provide influence though leadership as we continue to change," said MEDCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Ecker.

Army Medicine is striving to lead the way to become a High Reliability Organization operating within the Operating Company Model to reduce variance across MEDCOM

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future service members will require more choice and flexibility in compensation and retirement."

The proposal also provides additional options for attracting and managing a military force that requires ever-increasing, diverse and technical skill sets in an evolving global

economy, he added.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen, a Defense Department spokesman, said that under the plan, about 85 percent of service members who enter the force will receive some form of a portable retirement benefit.

Future service members would receive 80 percent of the current defined benefit - retire-

ment pay, which effectively is a pension - if they serve for 20 years, and would have the opportunity to achieve nearly equivalent or better retirement benefits when they reach retirement age, he added.

"This plan enables us to recruit and retain our superb all-volunteer force in the 21st century," Christensen said.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

*Darian Andrews: Veterans of Foreign Wars scholarship*

*Nickolas Bañales: 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship to George Washington University, 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Loyola University, 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship to St. Mary's University, 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Villanova University.*

*Alyssa Bemis: The University of the Incarnate Word Distinguished Scholar Award.*

*Emma Brown: The University of Texas at Austin Presidential Achievement Scholarship, The University of Texas at San Antonio Distinguished Scholarship.*

*Frankie Brown: Chatham University Award, Chatham University Scholarship Interview Day Award, VFW Scholarship.*

*Kalifa Brown: Green and Gold Scholarship.*

*Amanda Caserez: 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Sam Houston State University, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Stephen F. Austin University, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas State University, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas Tech University, Fort Sam Houston ISD Student Technology Internship Program certificate.*

*Jackson Czelusniak: 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship to the University of Oklahoma, 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas State University, Fort Sam Houston ISD Student Technology Internship Program certificate.*

*Anne-Marie David: Arcadia University Achievement Award, Mary Baldwin College Dean's Scholarship, Millsaps College Award, Millsaps College Second Century Scholarship, Norwich University Award, Norwich University Dean's Scholarship, Senior Sponsor Scholarship.*

*Samantha Ekberg: Hofstra University Provost Scholarship, Oppenheimer Scholars Title V SAC Endowed Scholarship, University of Bridgeport Trustee Scholarship.*

*Alejandra Espejo Camacho: University of the Incarnate Word Distinguished Scholar Award.*

*Jonathan Garcia-Sanchez: 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas State University, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to the University of Kentucky, Texas State University Award.*

*Alan Graul: 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas State University, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to the University of the Incarnate Word.*

*Jacob Kelly: 4-year Naval ROTC Marine Option Scholarship to Texas A&M Prairie View, 4-year Naval ROTC Marine Option Scholarship to Texas Southern University.*

*Mila Kelly: Broadway Bank Academic Scholarship, Speech, Debate, and Theater Arts Scholarship, University of the Incarnate Word Dean's Scholarship, University of the Incarnate Word Incentive Award.*

*Zachary Kurek: 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas State University, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas State University.*

*Jacob Lowe: Cougar Pride Club Athletic Scholarship.*

*Peyten Maki: Baylor University Provost's Gold Scholarship, Baylor University Scholarship, Wells Fargo College STEPS Scholarship.*

*Lee Marklund: 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas A&M*

# Cole High School graduates 88 seniors; 38 grads earn more than \$3.1 million in scholarships

By Jayne Hatton  
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Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Eighty-eight seniors of Robert G. Cole High School's Class of 2015 were honored in a graduation ceremony June 5 at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium. Earning a total of \$3,128,675 in scholarship offers, 38 Cole graduates were offered a total of 96 scholarships: 33 from private organizations, 35 from colleges and universities and 22 from ROTC programs.

Student council president Peyten Maki, senior class president Alexandria Vincent and valedictorian Olivia Oliver provided a tribute to the senior class titled, "The Past, Present and Future." Salutatorian Emma Brown led the senior class in the traditional turn of the tassel.

"We've made memories that will last a lifetime and because we are the selfie generation, I believe that



Cole High School senior Brandon McClellan wears honor cords presented at the senior awards ceremony at the Cole gym June 1.



Cole seniors (from left) Jerren Scott, Jonathan Garcia-Sanchez, Peyten Maki, Frankie Brown and Renee Stadler prepare for graduation ceremonies at Trinity University June 5.

it would be wrong not to capture this moment in time," Maki said, exploring the past in her speech which shared memories with the 52nd class of Robert G. Cole High School. After she left the podium, she posed for a selfie with the graduating class.

"Realize deeply that the present moment is all you ever have," Vincent added, quoting author Eckhart Tolle. "Make the NOW the primary focus of your life."

"After this moment, our future and lives will be set into a motion that will feel like flying, and we will be the kites in that exciting wind," said Oliver, sharing her view of the future. "That exhilaration and feeling will be something inexplicably wonderful and brilliant. Just remember to not let the responsibility, the beautiful mess that life is, cut your kite strings."

"Because we are a small district, it is possible for the parents of the 37 honor graduates to present their honor medals to their students personally," stated Dr. Gail Siller, FSHISD superintendent. "It's a very special moment for the families and an opportunity to

honor the partnership between the parents and teachers who work together to help our students attain their highest academic goals."

Summa Cum Laude honor graduate status was earned by Emma Brown, Olivia Oliver and Daniel Steigleman, who all maintained a grade average of 100 or above for grades nine through 12.

Magna Cum Laude honor graduate status was achieved



Sgt. Camacho Ramos recognizes Cole High School senior Jaren Woodward June 1 upon his enlistment into the U.S. Army at the senior awards ceremony at the Cole gym.



Cole High School seniors (from left) Lee Marklund, Zachary Kurek, Alan Graul, Jonathan Garcia-Sanchez, Amanda Casarez, Jackson Czelusniak and Nikolas Banales are presented an honorary check for Army ROTC scholarships totaling \$559,000 at the senior awards ceremony at the Cole gym June 1.

by Nickolas Bañales, Samantha Ekberg, Jacob Kelly, Jacob Lowe, Peyton Maki, Lee Marklund, Brandon McClellan, Jillian Moloney, Emily Porter and Bailey Stone. These students maintained a grade point average of 96 to 99 for all classes taken during their four-year high school career.

Twenty-four Cole students graduated with Cum Laude honors, a distinction earned by those students who maintain a grade point average of 90 to 95 for all classes taken during their high school career. Cum Laude graduates included Darion Andrews, Mark Beltran, Alyssa Bemis, Riley Brooks, Aaron Burnette, Jackson Czelusniak, Kerstein Delacruz, Albert Fleming, Jonathan Garcia-Sanchez, Noah Gold, Alan Graul, Sierra Guymon, Maria Herrera, Ryan Hollis, Jenise Jackson, Mila Kelly, Zachary Kurek, Abraham Mayo, Justice Pierce, Makayla Rhodes, David Sosa, Julian Sweed, Joshua Vazquez and Alexandria Vincent.

Other graduating seniors were Shayla Alexander, Jesse Balderas, Michael Bibb, Chazzmine Blakes, Miamore Bonilla, Christian Bristow, Frankie Brown, Kalifa Brown, Shawn Carrey II, Amanda Casarez, Isaiah Cray, Terra Cross, Anna-Marie David, Elizabeth David, Kyle Davidson, Alejandra Espejo Camacho, Kristopher Evans, Damaris Figueroa, Anthony Fuentes, Tia Gales, Kendra Goombi, Patrick Height, Mackenzie Hill, Cherrish

Ignacio, Que-Von Johnson, Emily Mazak, Faelany Melendez Lopez, Alyssia Montoya, Deric Nelson, Alec Oilar, Tina Owens, Tatiana Penny-Fletcher, Niomi Perez Hill, Dynellya Ragland, Marc Ramos, Lynntonio Robinson, Tayleen Rodriguez Lazu, Jerren Scott, Gentry Self, Demetrius Singleton, Almond Smith, Chance Smith, Moses Sonera-Roman, Renee Stadler, Izayah Thomas, William Tomlin, Mercedes Vonnahme, Joe Watson, Passion Williams-Woomer, Jaren Woodard and Charles Wylie. Awarded an honorary diploma as a foreign exchange student was Sanne Wiik.

Special guests attending included Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general, U.S. Army North

(Fifth Army) and senior Army commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, as well as school liaison officer Keith Toney and FSHISD Board of Trustees' Deborah Seabron, Col. Randall Anderson, Dr. Eustace Lewis and Jeanne Warren.

"The class of 2015 will be remembered for their compassion and giving nature," said Dr. Isabell Clayton, Cole High School principal. "Using money collected through fund raising efforts for Project Graduation, they created a scholarship in memory of Devine High School senior Alyssa Ramirez who lost her life in a flash flood while traveling home from her senior prom."



Photos by Jayne Hatton

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Maldonado (right) looks on as Alexandria Vincent (center) accepts the Sergeant Major Rufus C. Pryor III Memorial Scholarship from Janice Pryor at the senior awards ceremony at the Cole gym June 1.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

*University Corpus Christi, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to Texas A&M University, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to The University of Texas at San Antonio, 3-year Army ROTC Scholarship to University of Houston, Cougar Pride Club Academic Scholarship, Jerry Bedell Memorial Scholarship, Randolph Enlisted Spouses' Club Scholarship, San Antonio A&M Club Foundation Opportunity Award Scholarship, Texas A&M University Sul Ross/Corps Scholarship.*

*Abraham Mayo: Kansas Wesleyan University Pioneer Academic Scholarship, Kansas Wesleyan University Talent Performance Scholarship, University of the Incarnate Word Distinguished Scholar Award.*

*Brandon McClellan: Green and Gold Scholarship, Sam Houston State University Scholarship, St. Mary's University Pinnacle Pre-Freshman Engineering Program Scholarship, St. Mary's University Trustee Scholarship, University of Texas at San Antonio Distinguished Presidential Scholarship.*

*Faelany Melendez Lopez: University of the Incarnate Word Achievement Scholarship.*

*Jillian Moloney: Cougar Pride Club Fine Arts Scholarship.*

*Olivia Oliver: Belhaven University Award Scholarship, Fort Sam Houston ISD Student Technology Internship Program, Brigadier General Billy G. Johnson Memorial Award, Highest Ranking High School Graduate Scholarship, University of Dallas Provost's Scholarship, Mrs. Jackie Stott Memorial Scholarship.*

*Tatiana Penny-Fletcher: Certificate of Completion.*

*Justice Pierce: Cougar Pride Club Athletic Scholarship.*

*Emily Porter: Daughters of the American Revolution-Green Mountain Boys Scholarship, Scholarships for Military Children Scholars Award, The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area Scholarship. Dynellya Ragland: Rising Star Scholarship.*

*Lynntonio Robinson: St. Mary's University Bordeaux Scholarship.*

*Jerren Scott: Houston Baptist University Academic Scholarship, University of the Incarnate Word Distinguished Scholar Award.*

*Moses Sonera-Roman: 1st Lt. Jeremy Fuentes Memorial Scholarship, University of the Incarnate Word Achievement Award.*

*David Sosa: Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Scholarship.*

*Daniel Steigleman: Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Scholarship, Broadway Bank Academic Scholarship, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area Scholarship.*

*William Tomlin: Mirabeau B. Lamar Scholarship, Mississippi State University Non-Resident Academic Excellence Scholarship.*

*Joshua Vazquez: VFW Scholarship.*

*Alexandria Vincent: Greensboro College Deans Scholarship, Maj. Gen. Russell J. and Michelle A. Czerw Leadership Scholarship, Randolph Enlisted Spouses' Club Scholarship, Sgt. Maj. Rufus C. Pryor III Memorial Scholarship.*

*Mercedes Vonnahme: Rising Star Scholarship.*

*Sanne Wiik: Honorary diploma.*

# Don't get hooked by phishers

By Tech. Sgt. Dan DeCook  
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Fast cash promises on popular social media sites like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are causing major problems for service members.

Phishing scams have continued to evolve in an attempt to keep up with progressing technology. Today, some phishing scams have been using social media outlets to fool users into revealing sensitive and personal information at an alarming rate.

Phishers typically send a short message targeting young adults and, recently, more service members, asking if they would like to make quick cash. Preying on those in need of money, phishers entice victims with the idea of an easy payday. Many service members are sending debit card personal identification numbers or online credentials, only to be left holding a large bill.

One popular scheme involves a phisher depositing a fake check into a willing member's account and then using the personal information obtained to withdraw funds from that account.

For example, an Instagram post with the hashtag #USAA offers a \$5,000 deposit to establish dialogue with a potential victim. The victim then provides account information, allowing the phisher to upload a phony check into their account.

Since many banks offer immediate withdrawals, the phisher can take the money and run. In some cases, the victim agrees to the scheme and deposits the fake checks them-



Courtesy photo

Banks and other financial institutions do not ask for personal information or account information via email. If you suspect an email or social media post is phishing, contact the company directly using information on a recent billing statement.

selves with the intention of claiming no knowledge later on. Either way it's done, the account holder is responsible for the funds.

Recently, a 20-year-old Sailor had a checking account balance of \$25 with USAA. After he engaged with a phisher and provided account information, several fraudulent checks were deposited into his account, totaling \$17,453. The fraudster withdrew his fee and left the Sailor liable for \$6,500. Phishers often deposit large amounts because only a portion of a deposited check is available right away.

While many service members are falling for these fake check phishing attempts, banks aren't. They also aren't paying the bills left in the wake.

"USAA is not going to post something like that on social media," said Brent Mosher, the USAA executive director of financial crimes, investigations and recovery. "Fraudsters ask for things we would never ask for – personal identifiers, debit card information, account numbers – we already have all that."

A financial woe isn't the only thing that comes

with being a willing, or unwilling, victim. Security clearances, which take financial standing in account, can also be affected. Depending on their level of involvement in the schemes, service members may face legal action and possible discharge.

Phishers aren't content with just social media sites. They are also crafting emails with company logos from official looking addresses. Phishers send emails from what appear to be trusted establishments.

According to the Cyber Security Division within the office of Headquarters Air Force Communications, these emails often contain links to fake websites which ask the potential victim to enter their personal and account information. The site then records the information entered giving phishers all they need to wreak havoc on such things as bank accounts and credit cards.

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## Service star authorized on Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

By Debbie Gildea  
Air Force Personnel Center  
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Active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen who earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for more than one of the five Department of Defense-approved Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal operations may now wear a service star device on the medal and service ribbon for the second and subsequent awards, Air Force officials said June 15.

The policy is retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001, and covers the following approved operations and inclusive dates:

- Operation Enduring Freedom, Sept. 11, 2001-date to be determined
- Operation Iraqi Freedom, March 19, 2003-Aug. 31, 2010
- Operation Nomad Shadow, Nov. 5, 2007-

date to be determined

- Operation New Dawn, Sept. 1, 2010-Dec. 31, 2011
- Operation Inherent Resolve, June 15, 2014-date to be determined

For example, an Airman who is awarded the GWOT-E for an Operation Enduring Freedom deployment and a second medal for an Operation Inherent Resolve deployment would wear the medal or service ribbon with one service star device.

Although the policy is retroactive, conversions are not authorized. Airmen who initially earned the GWOT-E and elected to accept the Iraqi Campaign, Afghanistan Campaign or Air Force Expeditionary Medal instead cannot convert back to the expeditionary medal and add a service star for subsequent awards.

Airmen awarded

the GWOT-E who have completed a subsequent deployment to a qualifying area/operation should take supporting documents to their local military personnel section to have their records updated to reflect the award of a service star to their GWOT-E.

Supporting documents include contingency exercise deployment orders or completed paid travel vouchers, or decoration citations which indicate the deployment dates, deployment area and/or name of the operation.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, go to myPers at <https://mypers.af.mil/>. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions on the Air Force Retirees Services website at <http://www.retirees.af.mil/mypers/index.asp>.

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and achieve a culture of safety through the transformation to a System for Health.

"We are realigning our capabilities across Army Medicine to create a more consistent

experience," Horoho said.

This session was also a chance to gain an understanding of command team progress made towards becoming a System for Health and modeling Health Readiness

Platforms to enhance a medically ready force.

Horoho emphasized to the group "don't assume people know our business – we have to keep telling our Army Medicine story," Horoho said.

# INSIDE THE GATE

## Teen Talk

Mondays, 9-10 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. A discussion group for teens on teen-related topics. Participants must be enrolled in Youth Programs. Morning sessions meet at the Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. Afternoon sessions meet at the Youth Center, building 1630. Call 221-2418.

## Helping Us Grow Securely Playgroup

Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. This playgroup provides interaction for infants and toddlers as well as an opportunity for parents to socialize. Open to parents and their children, ages 5 and under. Registration not required. Call 221-2418.

## Post-Deployment Resiliency Training

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. All service members returning from deployment are required to attend resiliency training to help reintegrate back into the home life. Discuss how to deal with the stressors associated with post-deployment. Call 221-2418.

## Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Program

The Joint Base San Antonio libraries encourages families to shake, rattle, or roll to the library for "Read to the Rhythm!," the Department of Defense Summer Reading Program. During the next two months, the libraries will host a range of free activities for children, teens, and adults that encourage and support a love of reading. Register now through August, participants win prizes for reaching their reading goals. Visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library each Thursday at 10 a.m., the JBSA-Lackland Library each Tuesday at 10 a.m. and the JBSA-Randolph Library each Wednesday at 10 a.m. to take part in special activities. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library 221-4702; the JBSA-Lackland Library 671-2673; or the JBSA-Randolph Library 652-5578; or visit <http://www.jbsalibraries.org>.

## Teens Gather For Fun

Teens, ages 13 and older, can check out Youth Programs Teen Summer Camps through Aug. 21 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., offering swimming, field trips, learning life skills, community service projects and more. The field trips include visits to state parks, colleges and tubing. The cost for the camps is \$120 per week which includes breakfast, lunch, snack and most entry fees. Registration is open

until all camps are full. For more information, call Youth Programs at 221-3502 or register at Parent Central.

## Armed Forces Action Plan: Voice of the Customer

The Armed Forces Action Plan is the "Voice of the Customer." It engages service members, family members, survivors, retirees, and Department of Defense civilians across all components to identify, prioritize, and elevate quality of life issues and concerns to senior leaders for action and resolution. To voice a quality of life issue or to volunteer during the AFAP conference, call 221-2380 or email [ufsa.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil](mailto:ufsa.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil). Quality of life issues may also be submitted online at <http://www.myarmyonesource.com> (under the Family Programs, click on the Army Family Action Plan Issue Management System link, register and submit a comment). Suggestions for the November conference must be submitted by Sept. 15.

## Sportsman's Range

Hours for the Sportsman's Range at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. Cost to shoot is \$10 per Department of Defense ID cardholder and \$15 per non-DOD ID cardholder. A DOD ID cardholder can purchase an annual pass for \$60. Cardholders are allowed to sponsor two non-DOD ID cardholder guests. Call 295-7577.

## Military and Family Life Counselors

Military and Family Life Counselors address a variety of issues such as stress, anxiety and deployment. MFLCs are licensed mental health professionals who provide situational, problem-solving counseling anonymously and confidentially. No written records are kept and it is free to military and family members. Contact a MFLC at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston at 517-6666 general number, 243-4143 for Army students and 488-6804 for Air Force and Navy students; at JBSA-Lackland, call 540-5025 or 540-5030 for adults, 627-0054 or 540-5033 for children and youths; and at JBSA-Randolph, call 627-1223 or 426-1412 for adults, 627-0338 or 627-0525 for children and youths.

## Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is operated by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area and profits go towards scholarships and grants. The shop is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and first Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for shopping and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for consign-ment from Department of Defense ID card holders. Donations also accepted. The shop is located at 3100 Zinn Road, one block south of Outdoor Recreation and one block behind the Family Medicine Clinic. Call 221-5794.

# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## July 4th Ceremony At Fort Sam Houston Cemetery

The Order of the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez host their 31st annual Fourth of July patriotic ceremony at 10 a.m. July 4 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. During the ceremony, which is free and open to the public, there will be a wreath laying, fife and drum corps, roll call of the original 13 colonies, rifle salute and the playing of "Taps." For more information, visit <http://www.Facebook.com/GranaderosDeGalvez>.

## San Antonio Parks Foundation Seeks Military Cook-Off Teams

The San Antonio Parks Foundation is looking for 10 teams of four military members or veterans to participate in a military cook-off competition during the Woodlawn

Park 4th of July Celebration. Team entry fee is \$50 and teams receive a \$150 gift card to use for supplies used in the competition. For more information, visit [http://www.saparksfoundation.org/fourth\\_of\\_july.html](http://www.saparksfoundation.org/fourth_of_july.html).

## Earth-Kind Water Conservation Workshop

Learn how to make your landscape look better and save water, all while having fun. Topics include landscape design for water conservation, getting the most out of your soil, managing turf to save water and money, plant selection for beauty and drought tolerance, mulching and other water-conserving practices, management for a low-maintenance landscape, how to install a drip irrigation system, how to identify and fix irrigation problems and rainwater harvesting. A two-part workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 11 and 25 at the Bexar County Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge St., Suite 208. Fee is \$40 per person or \$50 per couple. Call 467-6575.

**FOR SALE:** Hand-crafted metal table with black marble top, 37 inches by 16 inches by 32 inches, \$75; new Penmate Ultra Vari Dog Kennel, 40 inches by 27 inches by 30, stainless steel windows and door, \$76; car jack, 1.5 ton, \$20; chaise lounge, metal with wheels, reclining adjustable back, black finish, new cushion, \$76; Oakley sun glasses, new, iridium, \$76. Call 313-0061.



## WESTOVER from P1

"We hope that the addition of this new patient-centered medical home on the Northwest side of San Antonio will be of great value to our military beneficiaries on that side of town," O'Bryant said.

"We want our military beneficiaries to take advantage of what military medicine offers. We want to be their first choice for health care," he added "Our intent is always to provide the best access to military medicine for our beneficiaries."

Westover is one of nearly a dozen military medical clinics across San Antonio and one of several community-based medical homes designed to offer convenient, high quality care to military families throughout the region.

TRICARE beneficiaries who would like to enroll to any of the clinic locations or move to the new Westover location can visit <https://www.humana.military.com/> or call 1-800-444-5445. Those people 65 years or older can call 808-2721 to enroll.

## USAISR from P3

Resuscitation Decision Support System that was recognized as one of the Army's top inventions in 2009. Also known as the Burn Navigator, the decision-assist algorithm helps restore the right amount of fluids to burn victims and was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2013. The BRDSS team earned the Army Medical Department's Quarterly and subsequently the Annual Wolf Pack Award in 2014.

"I am very fortunate to be part of a great team,"

Chung said.

Chung is also an associate professor for the Department of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and adjunct associate professor for the Department of Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. In addition, he was appointed to be the critical care consultant to the Army Surgeon General in 2014.

During his time at the USAISR, Chung has authored more than 120 research manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals,

authored five medical book chapters and has been a guest speaker at 65 national lectures. During his spare time he enjoys spending time with his wife and three children.

"We are all very proud of Dr. Chung's accomplishments during his Army career and his time at this Institute," said Col. (Dr.) Michael Wirt, USAISR commander. "It is an incredible achievement to be selected and honored by his peers in this manner. Dr. Chung has truly earned every award given to him and I

have no doubts that more are coming his way."

The original golden-head cane was carried from 1689 until 1825 by six renowned British doctors who cared for royalty and is now prominently on display at the Royal College of Physicians in London. Medical schools throughout the world present the Gold Headed Cane to recognize outstanding students. The former director of professional services, Dr. John Sharp, established the tradition in San Antonio to honor faculty members.

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