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Navy Corpsmen conduct toy drive in honor of fallen comrade

By Petty Officer 1st Class
 Jacquelyn D. Childs
 NMETC Public Affairs

Sailors at the Navy Medicine Training Support Center wrapped up their fourth annual holiday toy drive at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Dec. 4. This year's drive was held in honor of a fellow hospital corpsman killed in combat in 2006.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Anderson was deployed with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines in Ramadi, Iraq, when he passed away Dec. 4, 2006.

Several hospital corpsmen at NMTSC knew Anderson and a few were on deployment with him at the time.

"The goal of this toy drive is to gather toys to deliver to the Marine Corps 'Toys for Tots,' and it's in honor of our fallen brother, who some of us here deployed with," said Petty Officer 1st Class Tristan McCauley, an instructor for the Basic Medical Technician/Corpsmen Program. "He loved kids. He loved giving toys to kids. His family in Colorado started the toy drive for him and we decided to do the same here."

BMTCP is taught in METC's

Anderson Hall, named in honor of the fallen corpsman, who McCauley said he deployed with in Iraq.

McCauley volunteered to lead the coordination efforts for the drive this year to honor Anderson and his family.

Anderson's parents, Rick and Debbie, have held the toy drive every year in his hometown of Longmont, Colo., for the past seven years. They donate everything to the Longmont Police Department in his name and the toys are distributed to families in need.

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Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Chacon bags toys at Anderson Hall at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Dec. 4 to deliver to the Marine Corps Center for Toys for Tots. The toys were gathered during the 4th annual toy drive in honor of Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Anderson, who was killed in Iraq December 2006.

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Army North CG: 'Take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in this great nation'



Lt. Gen. Perry L. Wiggins

By Lt. Gen. Perry L. Wiggins
 Commanding general,
 U.S. Army North (Fifth Army)
 Senior Commander of Fort Sam Houston
 and Camp Bullis

This holiday season, as we gather to celebrate with family and friends, I ask that you take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in this great nation.

For more than 200 years, our country has been a beacon of hope for people around the world seeking opportunity and freedom. And, for more than

240 years, the United States Army has been the protector of those freedoms.

Here in San Antonio, we are blessed to live in a community that openly embraces and supports the Army family.

You have volunteered to serve without the benefit of knowing where your service might lead. Your families have volunteered to stand with you and share in the sacrifices and hardships. Together, your selfless service preserves our way of life and enables others to have a better future. With the support of your

families, the American Soldier and our Army civilians, are the nation's greatest strength.

I could not be more proud of you and of the magnificent work you do each and every day to preserve the gifts of hope and freedom.

I pray that you have a safe and joyful holiday season, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

God bless each of you and your families, God bless the Army and God bless the United States of America.

Army Strong.

Air Force senior leaders stress safety this holiday season

The winter holidays provide an opportunity to relax and celebrate with our families and friends. It's also an opportunity to re-establish a proper work-life balance by enjoying the seasonal festivities and activities.

We work diligently all year to reduce mishaps and we should not ignore those efforts during the much-deserved break. Sadly, last year we lost five Airmen, uniformed and civilian, in off-duty mishaps between Nov. 22 and Jan. 2.

Every Airman, uniformed and civilian, must take a few minutes to include sound

risk management in his or her winter and holiday plans. The same risk management principles that keep us safe on duty are just as effective when traveling and enjoying recreational activities off duty.

Think through every plan and have a backup plan for contingencies. Pay close attention to weather conditions, remain vigilant and maintain proper awareness of your surroundings.

Use your training and common sense to do the right thing. If you see someone in need, help them. If you're the one struggling, make the right choice and seek help

from a friend, a supervisor or a professional.

We are the best Air Force on the planet because of who we are, how we approach challenges and what we do for our families and our fellow Airmen. The Air Force and the nation need every Airman to be ready and available to respond when and where called.

Your family, friends and nation depend on you to make safety a priority in your winter and holiday plans. While enjoying the season, take care of yourself and take care of each other.



Deborah Lee James
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Holiday Hours for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Gates

Some entry control points at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will have modified hours during the upcoming holiday season according to security forces. During the yearly exodus, which runs from Saturday through Dec. 3, the Wilson, Harry Wurzbach West and North New Braunfels South gates will be closed. The Interstate 35 commercial gate, the Beach Avenue gate near the San Antonio Military Medical Center, the Quadrangle pedestrian gate and the Jadwin gate will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and closed on weekends and federal holidays. The Nursery and Winans gates will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. All other gates (Walters, SAMMC/I-35, JBSA-Camp Bullis, Schofield and Harry Wurzbach East) will be open for their normal hours.

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- Saturday - Global Express Guaranteed® and First Class Mail®
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Check Your Military, CAC, Dependent ID Expiration Dates

All Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting system, Command Access Card and military ID card locations throughout Joint Base San Antonio are by 100 percent appointment only and wait time for an appointment can be up to 30 days. Civilian and military members need to remember then their CACs and military IDs expire and schedule renewal appointments appropriately. Plan ahead for your family members for when their ID cards or and DEERS updates need to be made. Appointments can be made online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.od.mil>.

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Navy's installation boss visits 'Military City USA'

By Larry Coffey
NMETC Public Affairs

The commander of U.S. Navy Installations Command and commander of Navy Region Southeast visited several San Antonio-area Navy facilities and commands Dec. 7 as part of a trip to military installations in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

The trip was Vice Adm. Dixon Smith's first visit to "Military City USA" since assuming command of CNIC in October 2014.

Rear Adm. Mary Jackson has previously visited San Antonio. As the CNRSE commander, her geographical region includes the four states they visited.

Smith said he was in San Antonio to ensure Navy commands are receiving proper installation support and to address any issues with Navy leaders and commanding officers, and with the local Air Force installation commander.

"If there are problems top Navy leadership needs to know about, I will take that directly to them," Smith told Navy Capt. Jim LeTexier, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command deputy commander at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, who met with Smith and Jackson.

Smith and Jackson's meetings with local senior leadership included Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander, which includes JBSA-Randolph, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Camp Bullis. JBSA is the largest joint base in the Department of Defense consisting of 266 tenant commands and organizations referred to as mission partners.

Ten of those mission partners are Navy commands, units and detachments with more than 10,000 active, reserve and student Sailors, Navy civilian employees and Navy family members who call San Antonio home.



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Jacquelyn D. Childs

Vice Adm. Dixon Smith (left), U.S. Navy Installations Command commander, eats lunch Dec. 7 with hospital corpsmen students at the tri-service dining facility on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The CNIC and CNRSE visited the Navy student barracks on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston where Hospital Corps "A" and "C" school students attending the Medical Education and Training Campus reside. The admirals requested "permission to come aboard" from Hospital Corps "A" school students standing watch at the barracks quarterdeck before being announced via the building's public address system.

They also stopped in at the new Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society location on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston that opened in 2014.

Smith's mission might be Navy installations and facilities, but his passion is Sailors. This was obvious as he shared lunch with Hospital Corps "A" school students at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston tri-service student dining facility. Students joined both Smith and Jackson at their tables where the conversation topics ranged from their "A" school training to the quality of the food to a missing lampshade in the barracks.

"It is always good to have a senior 'fleet sailor admiral'

visit 'A' school students and take time to break bread and talk with them," LeTexier said. "Truly great leaders always make time to visit with juniors and sincerely listen to their concerns. This was one of those moments."

The admirals also spent time at the Center for the Intrepid, a world-class center providing care for military combat casualties from all military branches. CFI's three-fold mission is providing rehabilitation for service members who have sustained amputation, burns, or functional limb loss; providing education to DOD and Department of Veteran's Affairs professionals on cutting edge rehabilitation modalities; and promoting research in the fields of orthopedics, prosthetics and physical/occupational rehabilitation.

Smith and Jackson ended their San Antonio visit at JBSA-Lackland and the Navy Technical Training Center Master at Arms "A" school where Navy MAs train side by side with Air Force Military Police.

"The visit with Admirals Smith and Jackson went well,"

said Lt. Cmdr. Rob Collett, NTTC Lackland executive officer. "Vice Adm. Smith was particularly focused on facilities and the support we're receiving from JBSA."

The NTTC tour consisted of an inspection of the headquarters buildings, the student barracks and schoolhouse and a military working dog demonstration.

LeTexier, who represented the traveling Rear Adm. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, NMETC commander and San Antonio's senior Navy officer, said CNIC's visit was chock-full of successes.

"I believe Vice Adm. Smith's visit to San Antonio-area Navy commands accomplished many things," LeTexier said. "For example, it gave him an understanding of the types and locations of the Navy commands. It also sent the message to our Sailors that the Navy supports them, which is vital in a joint Army and Air Force environment. Besides, knowing where Sailors live, work and train is simply a sign of good senior leadership."

JBSA Transition Summit helps service members, veterans find direction

By Kathy Salazar
JBSA-Fort Sam
Houston Public Affairs

“The business community is here because they want to take care of our transitioning members,” said Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, in his welcoming remarks to more than 200 participants at the JBSA Transition Summit held in the Fort Sam Houston Community Center Dec. 9.

“The U.S. Army has the major adjustment in bringing their end strength down,” LaBrutta said. “This means we are going to have a lot of Soldiers transitioning over the next few years. They will be coming back to this community and need training and good jobs. That’s what today is all about.”

“President Obama, the White House and Congress are all interested in making sure the same transition assistance programs be made available to all services, said Wayne Boswell, director of Business Operations, Transition to Veterans

Program Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense Personnel and Readiness, during a panel discussion. “Now there is one transition assistance program curriculum available, so no matter where services members are, they will go through one program.”

“I’ve seen how transition assistance programs have been successful for my family, so that’s why I’m delighted to be a part of this summit,” said Col. Nicole Malachowski, the Dec. 9 keynote speaker and Joining Forces executive director, a White House program calling Americans to rally around service members, veterans and their families. “I watched how the program helped my husband take a look at what he wanted to do and wanted to be in his next life.”

TAP provides information, tools and training to ensure service members and their spouses are prepared for the next step in civilian life, whether it’s pursuing additional education, finding a job in the public or private sector or starting



Keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Daniel Mitchell, U.S. Army Installation Management Command deputy commanding general for support, talks with attendees of the Joint Base San Antonio Transition Summit at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center Dec. 10.

their own business.

“Service members make great entrepreneurs,” said Craig W. Heilman, U.S. Small Business Administration veteran’s programs director. “One in 10 small business owners are veterans.”

“It’s much easier to start a business than I realized and to start a franchise is just as feasible,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Amy Italiano, Navy Medicine Training Support Center training instructor.

“I wasn’t going to

come to the summit, but my boss encouraged me to attend,” said Sgt. Maj. Tom Chambers from U.S. Army South. “It’s been extremely helpful.”

Discussion panels also addressed post-traumatic stress disorder, funding programs for transitioning service members, military culture, networking, training and writing resumes.

“Volunteer work is also relevant, so don’t leave it out of your resume,” suggested Elizabeth O’Brien, Hiring Our Heroes director of military spouses programs during a workshop. “It’s all on how you phrase things.”

“Stop looking at just at what a company serves. You have to look beyond that,” said, U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Services coordinator Roxanne Griffith during a workshop. “Every business needs other positions in their industry, so think outside the box.”

“It is very encouraging to find I can work for the information technology industry, even though I don’t have the technology

background,” said Col. Raul Benitez from U.S. Army South. “There are other things a corporation could use, such as our skills sets and experience.”

“In the Veterans Affairs resume writing and federal careers workshop, I learned to take the military jargon out of my resume,” Tony Hendricks said. “Complies don’t know military jargon. Over time, Service members think that everybody gets it, but that’s not the case.

The panels debated military culture in the civilian sector, job preparation, mental obstacles, mentorship programs, obtaining the right job for service members skill sets and networking on the second day of the summit.

“Networking and making that one-on-one contact with folks helps me to know there are things I can do, instead of stressing out on what my next step will be,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Darren Maring from the Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center at JBSA-Randolph.

The summit concluded with a hiring fair Dec. 10 with more than 90 employers represented and more than 450 participants.

“Some employers have given me advice on things I need to do in the pre-application process,” Maring said. “They gave me information on what their companies do and what skills sets I have that can be used in their company.”

“The military hired you to fight the nation’s wars, but has a vested interest in making sure you transition successfully,” said keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Daniel Mitchell, deputy commanding general for support at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Dec. 10.

“We are an all-volunteer force and if you are not satisfied how you were treated in the military, then our volunteer force will die. When you go out, you serve your community and you continue to be ambassadors for your service. That’s why the military wants you to transition successfully.”



Photos by Kathy Salazar

More than 450 people attended the Joint Base San Antonio Transition Summit at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center Dec. 10. More than 90 employers were also there for the transitioning service members, veterans and their families.

AMEDDC&S, HRCoE team wins Army Medicine Wolf Pack Award

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S, HRCoE Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, the former Army Surgeon General and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, presented the Wolf Pack Award Dec. 1 to the team of the Practice Managers Course, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, U.S. Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence, winners of the first quarter fiscal year 2016 Wolf Pack Award, with the ceremony at the Wood Auditorium on Fort Sam Houston.

The Wolf Pack Award was created by the Army Surgeon General and the Chief of the AMEDD Civilian Corps to recognize exceptional team-

work and celebrate the successes of teams of military and civilian team members focused on excellence in support of Army Medicine.

“The Wolf Pack Award was instituted four years ago and represents the goodness that we get in Army Medicine out of our military and civilians working together to do something positive for the mission, and that is the real impact,” said Gregg Stevens, chief of the AMEDD Civilian Corps and deputy to the AMEDDC&S, HRCoE commanding general.

The winning teams had to demonstrate excellence and effective teamwork resulting in significant products or services with the poten-

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Photo by Esther Garcia

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho (front row, second from left), former Army Surgeon General and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command, recognizes team members of the Practice Managers Course, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, U.S. Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence, first winners of the Wolf Pack Award for fiscal year 2016, at a ceremony in Wood Auditorium at U.S. Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston Dec. 1. In the back row from left are Gregg Stevens, chief of the AMEDD Civilian Corps and deputy to the commanding general, AMEDDC&S, HRCoE, with the winning team, Jeffrey Vanderlin, Joseph Laursen, James Jones, Lt. Col. Forest Kim, (front row from left) Navy Capt. Angela Downs, Minnie Martinez, Adrean Thomas and Donna Maurial.

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IMCOM Voluntary Placement Program

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command's Voluntary Placement Program is a career-broadening opportunity for permanent, appropriated fund (GS-9 and above and wage grade equivalent) employees. The program gives first consideration to internal employees wishing to move overseas or return to the continental United States from an overseas position. Available job opportunities are posted on the Army Knowledge Online Portal every Tuesday. Interested employees are required to submit one resume per week. If selected for a position, the employees will receive an official offer through the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. CONUS employees can check out OCOUNS vacancies at <http://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/697591>. For more information, contact the IVPP team at usarmy.jbsa.imcom-hq.mbx.voluntary-placement-program@mail.mil.

VIA Metropolitan Transit Bus Schedule Includes Sundays

VIA Metropolitan Transit recently expanded their weekend express service from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to the downtown USO from only Saturdays to Saturdays and Sundays. Express Route 65 serves JBSA-Lackland and operates Saturday, every 30 minutes from 8:15 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. then hourly until 10:30 p.m.; Sunday, hourly from 9:15 a.m. until 7 p.m. Express Route 16 serves JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and operates Saturday, every 30 minutes from 8:45 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., then hourly until 10:30 p.m.; Sunday, hourly from 9:45 a.m. until 7 p.m. It costs \$2.50 each way or a \$4.00 day pass can be purchased with exact change at the bus. The VIA bus service to other routes are available with stops just outside the gates. For more information, go to <http://www.viainfo.net>.

Fort Sam Houston Museum Open

Take a step into history at the Fort Sam Houston Museum

Tempel takes command at Regional Health Command Central-Provisional

By Lindan A Moya
Regional Health Command
Central Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Barbara R. Holcomb relinquished command of Regional Health Command Central-Provisional to Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Tempel, Jr., during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum Amphitheater on Fort Sam Houston Dec. 4.

The RHC-C (P), which is aligned with III Corps, has mission command of the health readiness platforms in 20 states west of the Mississippi river. This includes Public Health Command Central and Dental Command Central.

During her tenure as the RHC-C (P) commanding general, Holcomb lead the transformation of Southern Regional Medical Command into Regional Health Command-Central (Provisional) as part of the Secretary of the Army-approved concept to strategically

reorganize the U.S. Army Medical Command from five Army regional medical commands to four multi-disciplinary regional health commands.

Holcomb also served as the market manager, San Antonio Military Health System and subsequently as the deputy market manager, SAMHS, and is currently the Chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

Holcomb's next assignment is to serve as the deputy commanding general (operations), U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston and will continue to serve as U.S. Army Nurse Corps Chief.

"We have experienced dramatic change and transition through the MEDCOM reorganization," Holcomb said. "I am in awe of the many accomplishments of our teams across this regional health command."

Incoming commanding general Maj. Gen. Tempel entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant in the

Medical Service Corps and then attended the University of Maryland Dental School, where he received his dental degree in 1991.

Prior to his selection as commanding general of RHC-C (P), Tempel was the commanding general of the Western Regional Medical Command and the market manager for the Puget Sound Military Health System. Tempel has also served as commander, U.S. Army Dental Command, Walter Reed Dental Activity, Northern Regional Dental Command, and as the Northern Regional Medical Command Readiness Director. He continues to serve as the 27th Chief of the U.S. Army Dental Corps and will assume the responsibilities as the deputy market manager for the San Antonio Military Health System.

Tempel said that there are a lot of numbers used in Army Medicine, but the most important number



Photo by Lindan A. Moya

Maj. Gen. Steve Jones (center), acting U.S. Army Surgeon General and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command, passes the colors to Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Tempel Jr. (left), who assumed command of Regional Health Command-Central (Provisional) from Maj. Gen. Barbara R. Holcomb at Fort Sam Houston Dec. 4.

comes from the Chief of Staff of the Army.

"Gen. (Mark A.) Milley made it very clear to us that readiness is our

number one priority," Tempel said. "It is an honor to be working here in this community once again."

Deputy to MICC commanding general departs

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command deputy to the commanding general has been selected for a follow-on assignment as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

George Cabaniss departs in late December to serve as the deputy chief procurement of-

ficer with the Veterans Health Administration Procurement and Logistics Office in Washington, D.C. He came to the MICC in December 2011 and has served as the deputy to all three of the organization's commanding generals.

"Over the past four years, I've seen the MICC adapt and transform itself to meet the needs of a changing

Army force structure despite reduced operating budgets and a smaller workforce," Cabaniss said. "Despite challenges, the MICC continues to meet the professional standards our Army expects of its civilian and Soldier contracting workforce."

"During this time, we've embraced an operational role and have trained a cadre of Soldiers who with civil-

ian support can deploy around the globe to provide vital contracting support to our nation's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines during overseas contingency operations," he added. "The MICC is a great place to work and I'm proud to have been a part of it."

Cabaniss has served as the principal assistant responsible for contracting over the

last four years during which the command has executed more than 170,000 contract actions valued at more than \$22 billion across the Army, including \$9 billion to American small businesses.

The PARC is responsible for oversight and execution of contracting functions within their assigned mission areas.

Local rape crisis center receives much-needed items

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S, HRCoE Public Affairs

During November, the 32nd Medical Brigade Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention team coordinated a drive to collect basic care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, creams, soaps and more for the Rape Crisis Center for Children and Adults in San Antonio.

Soldiers and civilians from the 32nd Medical Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, U.S. Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence, presented seven large plastic containers containing 2,200 much-needed items to representatives from the center Dec. 2 at

the brigade classroom in building 902 on Fort Sam Houston.

“Every quarter, events are held to raise sexual assault awareness and prevention,” said Nykita Riley, 32nd Medical Brigade Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention program manager. “To coincide with the month of giving thanks, we decided to give thanks to the local rape crisis center in San Antonio.

“Part of the SHARP program is to also liaison and collaborate with our civilian counterparts,” Riley said. “Anytime one of our Soldiers, family members or civilians report to a sexual assault team, the



Photo by Esther Garcia

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local hospitals are receiving not only military victim advocates but civilian victim advocates. Many times there are

individuals seeking these services and they don't have some of these basic care items.”

“This is more than

what we have ever received. You all went way above and beyond,” said rape crisis center community relations director

Chloe Power. “Thank you for the work you do, not only serving our

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Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

George Cabaniss has served as the deputy to the commanding general for the Mission and Installation Contracting Command since December 2011. He departs the MICC this month for a new position with the Veterans Health Administration in Washington, D.C.

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The VHA is the nation's largest integrated health care system made up of 150 medical centers and nearly 1,400 community-based outpatient clinics, community living centers, vet centers and domiciliaries that along with more than 53,000 independent licensed health care practitioners provide comprehensive care to more than 8 million veterans each year.

Headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the MICC is made up of more than 1,500 military and civilian members assigned to three contracting support brigades, one field directorate office and 32 field offices responsible for contracting for Soldiers.

New legislation expands sexual assault victim rights

By David Vergun
Army News Service

The Special Victims' Counsel, or SVC program, designed to help victims of sexual assault, has been expanded.

That, along with several other changes that affect sexual assault policy and related court-martial procedures, are part of the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA, signed into law by President Barack Obama Nov. 25.

The SVC program consists of attorneys who represent victims throughout the investigative and judicial process.

The NDAA expanded both the categories of victims entitled to SVC services and the types of services that SVC provides in five important ways, said Col. Walt Hudson, judge advocate chief,

Criminal Law Division, Army Office of the Judge Advocate General.

When SVC was first implemented two years ago, only active-component Service members and their Family members qualified for SVC, he said. Now, Department of Defense civilians may also be eligible for SVC.

Second, SVC attorneys are now authorized to assist victims with issues that arise outside the court-martial process, including filing inspector general and equal opportunity complaints, Freedom of Information Act requests, and congressional requests, Hudson said.

Third, the law codifies current practice for military investigators, requiring that investigators and trial counsel must provide victims entitled to SVC notice of that right before questioning them or taking statements from

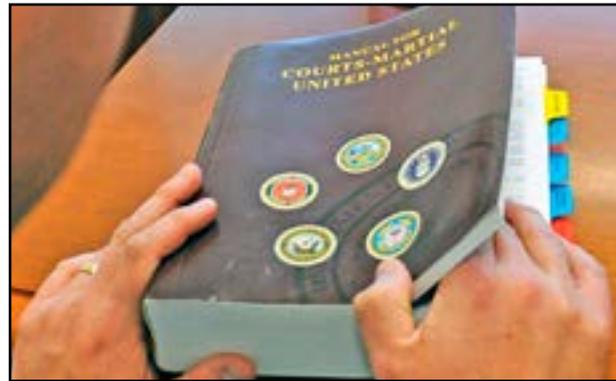


Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Nicholas Rau

New legislation affecting sexual assault policy – and related court-martial procedures – are part of the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama Nov. 25

them, he said.

Fourth, with the assistance of an SVC, a victim in a sexual assault court-martial now has the right to appeal certain rulings made during pre-trial proceedings that affect a victim's privacy interests, Hudson said.

And fifth, the bill requires the defense secretary to establish baseline

training standards for SVCs and to work with the services to provide guiding principles, performance measures and standards, and processes to evaluate the SVC program, he said.

"The SVC program has been successful in assisting and benefiting sexual assault victims as well as commanders," Hudson

said, and now it will likely be even more so.

In addition to the expansion of victims' rights, the law also mandated changes to sexual assault prevention, Hudson said. The defense secretary and service secretaries have been directed to do three things.

First, they must improve prevention and response to male victims of sexual assault.

Second, they must develop a comprehensive strategy to prevent retaliation against victims and those who intervene to assist the victims.

And third, they must ensure that the commander of each senior ROTC unit as well as all professors of military science, senior military instructors, and civilian employees detailed, assigned, or employed as administrators and instructors of the senior

ROTC unit, receive regular sexual assault prevention and response training and education.

Two other changes include extending record-keeping requirements for sexual assault cases to assist victims in later obtaining benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, he said.

The other change involves moving forward the implementation date of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces, to Feb. 23, he said.

This committee will advise the defense secretary on how well the department is doing in the investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct involving members of the military.

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country, but also helping as victim advocates."

Power said the items are given to clients who may come to the center for counseling or to clients they meet at the hospitals, or for case management clients,

who usually don't think they need them.

"For us to provide them with these items is a huge help, especially during the holidays," Power added.

Power said the Rape Crisis Center for Children and Adults serves approximately

1,200 clients per year providing counseling services. She said 20 to 25 percent are active duty or related to active duty.

Power said the rape crisis center is not a shelter, but a comprehensive facility that takes care of crisis interven-

tion, offers free counseling needs for anyone affected by sexual assault – whether survivors, family or friends – and provides educational needs about preventing sexual violence.

"As members of the community, we can't do enough to thank you for

what you do for our Soldiers and their families," said Lt. Col. Michael Sauer, 32nd Medical Brigade executive officer.

According to the center's website (<http://www.rapecrisis.com>), the center dates back to the mid-1970s, when

community leaders, activists and survivors of sexual assault had a vision to create a nonprofit agency that would support victims of sexual assault in San Antonio and Bexar County. For more information about the center, call 349-7273.

West sworn in as new Army surgeon general

Maj. Gen. Nadja West was sworn in Friday as the Army's first African-American surgeon general.

When she pins on her third star, West will become the Army's first female African-American lieutenant general and the highest-ranking woman to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

The Senate confirmed West Dec. 10 for the position and Acting Army Secretary Eric Fanning administered the oath of office to her Friday, making her the Army's 44th surgeon general and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command, or MEDCOM.

West most recently served as the Joint Staff surgeon at the Pentagon.

The Army surgeon general provides advice and assistance to the Army secretary and chief of staff on all health care matters pertaining to the U.S. Army and its military health care system.

West will be responsible for development, policy direction, organization and overall management of an integrated Army-wide health service system and is the medical materiel developer for the Army. These duties include formulating policy regulations on health service support, health hazard assessment and the establishment of health standards.

Dual-hatted as the MEDCOM commanding general, West will oversee more than 48 medical treatment facilities provid-



Acting Army Secretary Eric Fanning swears in Maj. Gen. Nadja West as the 44th surgeon general of the Army and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command Dec. 11.

ing care to nearly 4 million active duty members of all services, retirees and their family members. MED-

COM is composed of three regional health commands, the Medical Research and Materiel Command and

Fort Sam Houston's Army Medical Department Center and School.

West holds a bachelor

of science in engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a doctorate of medicine from George Washington University School of Medicine. She has held previous assignments as commanding general of Europe Regional Medical Command; commander of Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and division surgeon, 1st Armored Division, Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

West hails from Washington, D.C., and finished high school at the Academy of the Holy Names in Silver Spring, Md.

Photo by John G. Martinez

(Editor's note: Information based on a news release from the Office of the Surgeon General.)

TRICARE benefit expands to cover new hip surgery

Starting in January 2016, TRICARE beneficiaries with a diagnosis and referral will be eligible for surgical treatment of a hip condition called femoroacetabular impingement, or FAI, according to a TRICARE news release issued Dec. 4.

The FAI surgery is the first treatment to be evaluated and approved under the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act's provisional coverage program, which allows TRICARE to provide coverage for emerging treatments and technologies, the release said.

The hip condition can occur when the bones of the hip are abnormally shaped and therefore rub against each other and cause damage to the joint, the release said. Symptoms include pain in the hip or groin area,

which limits or hinders mobility, the release added.

Starting on Jan. 1, 2016, eligible beneficiaries with FAI will be able to get the surgery from any TRICARE-authorized orthopedic surgeon. Costs will vary by plan, the release said, but will be lower when using network providers.

The surgery must be pre-authorized by the beneficiary's regional contractor, which lets providers present additional information for review by TRICARE and its contract partners. There is no retroactive preauthorization or coverage prior to Jan. 1, 2016.

The release referenced information from the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, which explained that some people may have FAI their entire lives and never have

any problems. However, if symptoms develop, the TRICARE release said, it usually means there is damage to the cartilage, and the condition is likely to worsen.

"TRICARE can now review emerging health care products and services that are not currently covered under the TRICARE program but may provide a benefit to patients under a provisional coverage status," Dr. James Black, medical director for the clinical support division of the Defense Health Agency, said in the release. "We will evaluate other emerging treatments and technologies for consideration and make public announcements when additional ones are approved."

(Source: <http://www.TRICARE.mil>)

U.S. ARMY NORTH REHEARSAL OF CONCEPT DRILL



Photo by Karen Lloyd

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general and Senior Commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, addressed members of Army North's personnel recovery teams at Fort Sam Houston's Mission Training Complex Dec. 8. The address kicked off three days of training, known as a rehearsal of concept on efforts to recover personnel who become isolated, either through enemy capture, kidnapping, or being stranded in the wilderness. Army North is the lead command for the recovery of those personnel in the continental U.S., Alaska, Mexico, Canada and the Bahamas. The command's two teams comprised experts in several disciplines necessary for the successful recovery and reintegration of isolated personnel, including doctors, chaplains, debriefers and logisticians. The scenario involved the recovery of a downed U.S. Air Force pilot, from the time of his isolation through his recovery to his initial days of reintegration at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston.

A Winter Holiday Safety Tale

By Ricardo S. Campos
Public Fire and Life Safety Educator
JBSA-Randolph

T'was the night before Christmas and all thru the house,
Not a candle was flickering and the lights were all out.

While the flame retardant stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hope that St. Nick would soon be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of electronic games played in their heads.
And mama in her 'kerchief, and papa in his cap,
Smoke detectors stood ready to wake them from their nap.

With UL lights hung on a well-watered Christmas tree,
It was sure to be a fire safe holiday festivity.

When St. Nick arrived with a fire inspector by his side,
They landed on the roof, ready to inspect inside.

They whisked themselves down the chimney in a poof,

The fire inspector exclaimed "There's no proof of fire hazards under this roof."

With a silent and joyous laugh St. Nick did exclaim,
"I will fill their stockings and gifts for the family to claim,
Like an extinguisher, exit plan, and detectors just to name a few.
Should a fire break out this family will know what to do."

The fire inspector said with glee,
"This family will be truly safe from a fire tragedy."

Without any further ado,

As they flew through the air in their fire engine sleigh,
"Happy Holidays to one and all," they were heard to say.

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Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed

Facts:

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical fire.

- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.

- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six of the fires.

After Christmas:

- Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

- Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

- Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

To learn more about Christmas tree safety, visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at <http://www.nfpa.org/education> or contact the fire prevention offices at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston at 221-2727, JBSA-Lackland at 671-2921 or JBSA-Randolph at 652-6915.

Picking the tree:

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree:

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut two inches from the base of the trunk.

- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree:

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.

- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

- Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.

TxDOT urges holiday drivers to 'Plan While You Can' for sober rides this holiday season

The Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign urges party goers to plan for a sober ride this holiday season. The campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2016 and coincides with an increase in DUI patrols and enforcement.

"The holidays are a time of celebration and family, but they also require responsible decisions and planning if alcohol is involved," said TxDOT executive director retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen Joe Weber. "Our goal is to save families from the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested, injured or killed. There is no excuse for drinking and driving."

During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2014 - Jan. 1) there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities. This was nearly an 8 percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.

Central to the "Plan While You Can" campaign (<http://www.txdot.gov/driver/sober-safe/holiday-pass.html>) is a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game that uses custom gaming technology

to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes. As participants play, virtual drinks are added and the players' on-screen avatars become less able to dodge incoming "snowballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction times.

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting a contest on its Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/TxDOT>), Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/TxDOT>) and Instagram (@txdot) social media accounts. Participants who tag up to three friends in a tweet or a post with the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan will be entered into a giveaway for a donated gift card from a retailer, restaurant or entertainment venue. To enter and learn more, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

TxDOT officials strongly encourage everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit <http://www.SoberRides.org> to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spending the night.

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tial for broad impact in support of Army Medicine. Teams consisted of a mix of civilian and military team members and may include contractors.

"This award speaks to what we are about," Horoho said. "We are much greater as a team than as individuals and what I love about the Wolf Pack Award is that it brings the best minds together of our civilians, military, contractors and at times

our sister services."

"The PMC is a multi-phased program of instruction using dynamic, interactive curriculum, the first of its kind for the Army," said PMC Director James Jones. "The creation of the course began in September 2014 with five instructors and through great teamwork, leadership and sacrifice, the course was launched six months ahead of schedule."

As a small cohesive team, the PMC course has trained 122 Army personnel from more than 40 military treat-

ment facilities.

"The in-depth training has prompted the use of several management tools never seen by students for the first time," Jones said. "This team has also authored, field-tested and published an Army Practice Managers guide improving the skill sets of practice managers by 50 percent, thus laying the foundation for those entering the position as a practice manager."

Winning teams will automatically compete for the "Wolf Pack of the Year" award.



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Monthly Events

January

Bowling

Bowling Center honors Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Celebrate the holiday weekend Jan. 16-18, during normal business hours, at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center. Bowl for the special rate of \$2.50 per game, per person. This promotion does not include cosmic bowling. Rental shoes are \$2.50. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowlers play unlimited games

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers a Leagues Gone to Vegas Special Jan. 19-21, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy unlimited bowling for \$15 per person. Shoe rental is not included. For more information, call 652-6271.

Pizza and wings are delivered

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center delivers pizza and wings Friday, 5-8 p.m., Saturday, 1-8 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 for pizza and wings and \$25 for pizza, wings and a two-liter soft drink. For more information, call 221-5029.

Fridays are dollar days

Stop by the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for \$1 bowling games and \$1 rental shoes. For more information, call 671-1234.

Lunch specials offered

Susie's Kitchen, located in the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center, serves lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by Tuesday for the new Tony's Club Special, which includes a club sandwich, a fountain drink and a bag of chips for \$5.50. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

January birthdays are celebrated with a buffet

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers a complimentary buffet every month for members with birthdays in that month. Members with January birthdays are honored Jan. 5. The buffet includes salad, two vegetables, two starches, two entrées, soup and birthday cake. This is free for birthday members. Cost is \$11.95 for members without a birthday in January, \$5.95 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$7.95 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 years and younger eat for free. For more information, call 652-4864.

Chef serves dinner specials at the Club

The chef at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club creates a special evening dining experience in the Mesquite dining room, 5-8 p.m., with satisfying menus for all. Cost is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. The Jan. 8 menu features filet mignon, sautéed jumbo shrimp, duchess potatoes, broccoli, salad and dessert. The Jan. 15 menu

features a 16-ounce portion of prime rib au jus, roasted potatoes, asparagus spears, salad and dessert. The menu for Jan. 22 includes a porterhouse steak topped with onion rings, a baked potato, grilled corn on the cob, salad and dessert. The Jan. 29 menu features a New York strip steak with mushrooms, seasoned steak fries, broccoli, salad and dessert. For more information, call 645-7034.

Club offers a variety of musical entertainment

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Variety Night as Doggin' Dave Productions plays a wide variety of music in the Lone Star Lounge Jan. 8 and 29. DJ LJU provides music Jan. 15 and 30 and DJ J Rock entertains Jan. 22. For more information, call 645-7034.

Entertainment is provided in the Sky Lounge

Stop by the Sky Lounge in the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for musical entertainment provided by Stevie Mac Jan. 8 and the Tobias Band Jan. 22, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres 5-6 p.m. Admission is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 658-7445.

Entertainment and fun marks the middle of the month

Celebrate "We're Halfway There" at the Maverick Lounge inside the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Jan. 15, 5-8 p.m., with Doggin' Dave Productions. Enjoy music while relaxing in the lounge or while enjoying the weather on the patio with pool tables and big screen televisions. For more information, call 645-7034.

Singers take the stage

Enjoy a night of karaoke and a cold beverage in the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Lone Star Lounge featuring DJ Dee Dee Jan. 16, 8 p.m. For more information, call 645-7034.

Members are appreciated with a party

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club and the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club host a membership appreciation party Jan. 19, 5-9 p.m., at the Parr Club. All Randolph Club members are invited to enjoy entertainment with a buffet, soup, salad and a dessert bar. Prizes are given away throughout the evening and members must be present to win. One drawing ticket is issued to each family and one buffet ticket is provided for each club member. This party is for adults only. For more information, call 652-3056.

Guests are invited to beach-themed buffet

Wash away winter blues during the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Beach Party buffet Jan. 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10.95 per person. Feast on Maryland fried chicken, fried fish, roast pork loin topped with mango salsa, pepper steak, orange chicken breasts, Asian spaghetti, red potatoes, rice pilaf, broccoli, mixed vegetables, soup, salad, deviled eggs, pineapple coleslaw, ambrosia, watermelon, banana

cake, lemon meringue pie, coconut cake and pound cake with mixed berries. For more information, call 645-7034.

Customers are guests of honor

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Customer Appreciation Night in the Fiesta Ballroom. Entertainment is provided by Doggin' Dave Productions Jan. 26, 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers and the menu features a salad bar, beef tenderloin with port wine sauce, shrimp Alfredo, chicken breast with mushroom sauce, wild rice, roasted potatoes, broccoli, brandied baby carrots, baked rolls, fruit and turtle caramel brownies. For more information, call 645-7034.

Friday finally arrives

Close out the month during Final Friday Jan. 29 in the Maverick Lounge at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Music is provided by DJ LJU. Relax and hang out on the patio or play pool after a month of hard work and deadlines. For more information, call 645-7034.

Meals are prepared to go

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers adult and child portions of meals to go. Staff is staged outside of the main entrance in the drive-through driveway to greet customers, take orders and provide meals. Meals are available 4-5 p.m., while supplies last. The January dish is Chicken Marsala with mushrooms, egg noodles and steamed broccoli. Cost is \$9.95 for nonmembers, \$7.95 for members and nonmembers' children and \$5.95 for members' children. For more information, call 658-7445.

Community Programs

Shoppers are invited to search for bargains

The JBSA-Randolph Bargain Warehouse is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 13 in building 1139. Service members E1-E6 may shop 8-9 a.m. All other Department of Defense ID cardholders may shop 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Only checks and cash are accepted as payment and a limited number of people are allowed in the building at one time. For more information, call 652-5142.

A crime is solved in a theater performance

Come to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theatre Jan. 15 to Feb. 27 to watch the play "Death by Design." A playwright and his wife head to their country home. When guests arrive unexpectedly, one is murdered and it is left to an Irish maid to solve the crime. "Death by Design" mixes the brilliant wit of Noel Coward with the intricate plot of Agatha Christie. This is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. To make reservations or for more information, call 222-9694.

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Fitness

A new program is offered for the new year

Join the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center in the New Year, New Program activity Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, during normal business hours. This is a self-monitored program and the goal is to run or walk 70 miles, attend 24 group aerobic classes and bike 36 miles. Program cards can be picked up at the front desk to track progress. For more information, call 652-7263.

Resolutions begin with a run

Celebrate the first day of the new year with the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center at Eberle Park Jan. 1, 8 a.m., with a 5K run or walk. For more information, call 652-7263.

Fitness Center hosts wallyball tournament

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts a coed wallyball tournament Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register six-person teams, consisting of at least one female, no later than Jan. 1, noon. All Department of Defense ID card holders, 18 years and older, are eligible. For more information, call 977-2353.

Strength training class teaches the basics

Learn the proper way to lift and get stronger during the beginner strength training class at the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Jan. 15, 11:30 a.m. This course is free and is located in room 128. For more information, call 652-7263.

Bikers cycle away calories

Participate in a spin-a-thon with two hours of indoor cycling at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus Fitness Center Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders 16 years and older. Registration ends Jan. 16. For more information, call 808-5713.

Men and women compete in lifting challenge

The Fitness Center at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical and Education Training Campus hosts a 1,000- and 500-pound challenge Jan. 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Men lift 1,000 pounds and women lift 500 pounds. Bench press, dead lift and squat totals are combined to calculate the total weight lifted. Participation in this challenge is free and all Department of Defense ID cardholders 16 years and older can join. Registration ends Jan. 16. For more information, call 808-5713.

Fitness challenge leads to change

Join the 16-week Lifestyle Change program Jan. 25 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center or the Fitness Center on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus. This free challenge encourages people to stick to their resolutions to become healthier in the new year. Each month focuses on a new challenge. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 221-1234 or the Fitness Center on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus at 808-5713.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
BOWLING SPECIAL**

**JAN. 1
1-8 P.M.**

Come to the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center and bowl for the special rate of \$2.50 per game, per person. Rental shoes are \$2.50. For information, call 652-6271.

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Lifters meet up to bench press

Show off lifting ability and strength improvements during the Iron Bench Press Meet Classic Jan. 30, 9 a.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. This event is open to all active-duty personnel, Department of Defense civilians and dependants. Participants must be 18 years and older to compete and entry fee is \$20. For more information, call 221-1234.

Golf

Golf bags are for sale

JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course members receive a \$15 discount on in-stock golf bags. Nonmembers receive a 10 percent discount. This special ends Feb. 28. For more information, call 671-3466.

New Year's Day is celebrated with a tournament

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts a New Year's Day Tournament Jan. 1, 7-9 a.m. The format is a one-person scramble and each player gets one mulligan per hole. Gift certificates for Pro Shop merchandise is awarded to the top teams and cost is \$10 per person plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Warrior Four-Person Scramble Jan. 8 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner and gift certificates for the winners of longest drive and closest to the pin. The first-, second- and third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated with golf

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts a Martin Luther King Jr. Tournament Jan. 18, with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is an individual low-net, low-gross tournament and entry fee is \$10 plus green fee and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

Discounts are offered throughout the day

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course offers an all-day special Monday, Wednesday and Friday during January. Cost is \$24 and includes green fee and cart rental. This special may not be combined with any coupon or additional discount and is not valid for tournaments or holiday rounds. For more information, call 671-3466.

Golf clubs are revived

Order or purchase a new grip at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course during January and have it installed for free. For more information, call 671-3466.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Special offer is extended

Universal Orlando has extended the military or Department of Defense special offer. Stop by the JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel office to purchase a one-day park-to-park ticket and get two days free. Tickets must be purchased by May 18 and used by May 31. There are no blackout dates. This offer is valid for all DoD ID cardholders and an eligible member must activate the tickets at the park gate and accompany guests. There are no limits on the number of guests that may join. Adult tickets are \$147 and tickets for children 3-9 years are \$142. For more information, call 671-3059.

Join Base San Antonio

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Ready! Set!

Snow Fest!

Jan. 22

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Lackland Amphitheater

Snow in Texas? JBSA 502 FSS turns the Lackland Amphitheater into a snowy downhill slope. The **FREE** event includes two snow slides, a large snow pit, a climbing mountain, an interactive obstacle course, a bouncy house, a K9 demo and a fire truck to explore. Refreshments available for purchase.

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Trip plans for Valentine's Day are happening now

Make Valentine's Day a day to remember with tickets from the JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel for a five-day Western Caribbean Valentine's Day cruise booked through Carnival. The cruise begins in Galveston, Texas, travels to Progreso and to Cozumel. Rates start at \$394 per person for an inside cabin, \$444 per person for an ocean view and \$574 per person for a room with a balcony. Gratuities are not included. Full payment and a \$10 service fee are due at booking. For more information, call 671-3059.

The rodeo is right around the corner

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information, Tickets and Travel office, located in the Sam Houston Community Center receives tickets for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo®. This rodeo has grown to be one of the largest and most prestigious single events in San Antonio with animals and agriculture, family entertainment, food, live music, shopping, special events, youth activities and a Texas Wildlife exposition. The 2016 rodeo dates are Feb. 11-28. For more information, call 808-1378.

Sports tickets are discounted

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information, Tickets and Travel has discounted Spurs, Rampage and Stars tickets. Get ITT's same discounted tickets from the convenience of home or office by visiting <https://www.spurs.com/fortsamhoustitt> and using the discount code: FORTSAM. For more information, call 808-1378.

Tickets are available for a variety of upcoming events

The JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel offers current Ticketmaster® events. Stop by for tickets to upcoming plays, concerts and shows in the local area. For more information, call 652-5142.

Local attractions are open daily

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information, Tickets and Travel and the JBSA-Randolph ITT have tickets to local attractions, open daily. Purchase discounted tickets to the San Antonio Zoo, Natural Bridge Caverns and more. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston ITT at 808-1378 and the JBSA-Randolph ITT at 652-5142.

Library

Winter jackets are donated

The JBSA Libraries' Winter Jacket Drive ends Jan. 15. Donate jackets to help children and families secure winter gear and stay warm. Donation drop boxes are at each JBSA library. All donations go to families in need around the San Antonio area. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at 221-4702, JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2678 and the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578.

Workshop helps participants prepare for the workforce

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library hosts workshops to help patrons new to the workforce look professional on a budget. Workshops include Men's Edition Jan. 5, 4-5 p.m., Women's Edition Jan. 12, 4-5 p.m., and Tie Tying Jan. 26, 4-5 p.m. For more information, call 221-4387.

More than just books

The JBSA Libraries offer a variety of resources for the military and their families to include: books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, videos, music, video games and more. A computer lab with printing and scanning capabilities and conference rooms are also available. E-resources such as e-books, e-audiobooks, e-subscriptions and informational databases are also available in-person and online at <http://www.jbsalibraries.org>.

Enjoy a story or two and an activity at the JBSA libraries. Story time is hosted at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Thursdays, 10 a.m., the JBSA-Lackland Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and the JBSA-Randolph Library Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Registration is not required. 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.



**Frosty
50
Mile
Team Run**

The team driven event starts at 7 a.m. on Jan. 30 and is open to all DOD ID cardholders. Teams must consist of 5 to 10 members. All teams must be registered at the Fitness Center on the METC by Jan. 22.

For more information, call 808-5713.

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Military & Family Readiness

Facilities close for the holidays

All JBSA Military & Family Readiness Centers are closed Jan. 1 and 18 for the holidays. JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC is closed the first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m. for in-service training. JBSA-Lackland is closed the first and third Thursday, 2-4 p.m. for in-service training. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-2418, the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722 and the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321.

Service members attend purse career training

Transitioning service members attend a two-day workshop to receive guidance in selecting a technical training school and technical fields, Jan. 7 and 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Review the application process for accredited career technical training institutions, identify requirements, Veterans Affairs education benefits and more. Patrons must have completed the Transition Assistance Program workshop before registering for the Career Technical Training Track. For more information, call 652-5321.

Four Lenses™ Discovery Workshop held

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center hosts The Four Lenses™ Discovery workshop Jan. 8, 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop teaches participants to identify temperament styles and how each style measures self-worth in similar ways. The interactive workshop exposes attitudes and the probable motivation behind behavior. 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. Registration is required. For more information, call 221-2380.

Naturalization ceremony held

Citizenship and Immigration Assistance is offered to qualifying service members and their families at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center Jan. 12 and 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Information is provided on American customs and culture, and an officer from the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services is on site for assistance with application and naturalization questions. A naturalization ceremony, administering the oath of allegiance, is slated for Jan. 26, 2 p.m. For more information, call 221-2705.

Youth mentor training offered

Participants of the training course Jan. 14, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center receive information and resources to aid in becoming a mentor for youth. After completion of the training, mentors are placed into one of the local schools. For more information, call 652-5321.

Survivor benefit plan workshop offered

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center holds a Survivor Benefit Plan workshop Jan. 19, 8-9:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Military personnel and spouses meet with a SBP counselor to become familiar with various options, effects, and advantages. For more information, call 652-3633.

Workshop helps nominate volunteers for awards

Review the new nomination form for the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award and the Volunteer Excellency Award and learn how to write a winning nomination Jan. 13 and 20, 9-11 a.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Nominations submitted on forms from previous years are not accepted and the deadline to submit is Feb. 29. For more information, call 221-2380.

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Guests take a guided tour

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center on the Trails and Tales guided tour of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jan. 22, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants learn about old and new structures that share a rich history dating back more than 150 years. Registration is required. For more information, call 221-2705.

Heart Link spouse orientation offered

Military spouses are invited to attend the quarterly spouse orientation, Heart Link, at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center Jan. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or at the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Receive information about resources, programs located on JBSA and the surrounding area, military customs, courtesies, ranks, acronyms and more. For more information, call the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722 or JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321.

Free financial help offered to military families

All JBSA patrons attending the Heroes at Home Financial Event Jan. 26, 9-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club receive financial information. This event is put on by the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center and focuses on a variety of financial topics that educate and prepare service members to be financially responsible. For more information, call 671-3722.

Adoption and foster care seminar offered

The JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center hosts an Adoption and Foster Care Seminar Jan. 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Attendees learn to get started in adopting a child or in becoming a foster parent and discover what is required. Topics include process length, Texas laws and cost, terms and benefits, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and more. This seminar is facilitated in part by M&FRC, Texas Adoption Resource Exchange and the Department of Family and Protective Services. For more information, call 671-3722.

Outdoor Recreation

Concealed handgun license class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center provides concealed handgun license classes Jan. 9 and 30, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. Cost is \$65. Students must be 21 years and older or active-duty military 18 years and older to participate. This program is for Department of Defense ID cardholders only. For more information, call 363-2332.

Archery takes on another dimension

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a three-dimensional archery competition Jan. 23-24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is 8-10 a.m. and the course must be completed by 1 p.m. The fun shoot is \$15, the competition shoot is \$20 and children 12 years and younger participate for \$5. For more information, call 295-7529.

Guests stay two nights and get the third night free

During January, guests can rent any lodging unit at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake and stay three nights for the price of two. For more information, call 830-964-3576.

Boats rented for half price

Rent any boat at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake for half price during January. Cost includes all required safety equipment but does not include fuel. Rentals are on a first-come, first-serve basis and renters must have completed the Boater's Safety Course through the State of Texas, the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake or through an Outdoor Recreation at any of the JBSA installations. For more information, call 830-964-3576.

The JBSA-Lackland Equipment Rental offers half-priced weekend boat rentals now through the end of February. Prices vary depending on size and type. Weekend checkout begins Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and ends Monday, 3 p.m. For more information, call 925-9112.

Youth and Children

Membership cards are renewed for the new year

Remember to renew JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs membership cards. Membership cards are for children 9 years and older and can be used to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation during the year. Check out the preteen game room or the Teen Zone and join in club meetings and other fun activities. This program does not include instructional classes, league sports or School Age Care programs. For more information, call 652-3298.

Holiday camp youth registration begins

Register children, 5 years and in kindergarten to 12 years, in the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs day camp for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 4. Cost varies according to household income and late registrations are subject to a \$15 late fee. For more information, call 671-2388.

Soccer registration begins

Register youth, 5-14 years, for Spring Soccer Jan. 4-29 at JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Cost is \$50 per person and athletes must have a current sports physical at the time of registration. Practices begin Feb. 22 and volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 671-2388.

Youth dance into the new year

Bring dancing shoes to the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Jan. 8, 6-9 p.m., and dance the night away with friends. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-3298.

Basketball season begins

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports basketball program begins Jan. 9. Games are played at 9 a.m. in buildings 1630, 1705 and 2515. For more information, call 221-5513.

Youth Center closes for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center is closed Jan. 18, in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. For more information, call 221-3502.

Give Parents a Break program is offered

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts Give Parents a Break and Kids Adventure Night Jan. 21, 1-5 p.m. Registration is Jan. 1-20. This event is at the Child Development Programs Annex for children 2 years and younger and at Youth Programs for children 3 years and

older. Cost is \$25 with a multiple-child discount and free for GPAB waiver holders. For more information, call 652-4946.

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs presents Give Parents A Break Jan. 22, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Parents drop off children 5-12 years at Youth Programs for activities, entertainment and snacks. Cost is \$25 per child with multiple child discounts or free with a GPAB referral. Preregistration is required. For more information, call 671-2388.

January youth lock in held

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs January Lock-in is held Jan. 22, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., in building 1630. Cost is \$10 per person for members and sign up is held at the Youth Center. Permission slips are required. For more information, call 221-3502.

Middle school invites youth to dance

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs invites youth to the Middle School Dance Jan. 29, 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$3 or participants may bring four donated items for an animal shelter. Supplies can include pet toys, canned cat or dog food, dry food, bedding, fur wipes and more. Enjoy music, games, fun and food at the dance in building 1630. All sixth to eighth-grade youth are eligible to attend. For more information, call 221-3502.

Youth are prepared for careers

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs helps students learn to evaluate and package professional skills in the weekly Career Readiness 101 course Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. This program is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders, 13-18 years. Sessions are held at the Youth Center, building 1630. Topics include career knowledge, self-management, interpersonal skills, job search skills, career exploration, writing résumés, planning for the future, success on the job, interviewing skills and more. For more information, call 221-4533.

Parents stay informed

Parents looking to learn more about the JBSA-Lackland Teen Programs can sign up for the email list and receive information and reminders via email. Mailing list recipients receive information regarding field trips, youth workshops, parenting teens and preteen workshops, special events, youth contests and youth clubs. To sign up, stop by the front desk or call 671-3380. For more information, call 671-2388.

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Army Criminal Investigation Command gives warning about dangers of posting holiday travel plans on the Internet

As service members and their families prepare for the holiday season, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, or CID, warns that posting travel plans on social media sites makes your home vulnerable to burglary.

While service members should always be vigilant in their postings to avoid releasing sensitive information, revealing personal holiday travel information puts service members, their families and their homes at risk.

“Social media is a powerful and frequently used tool for service members, their families, and friends to stay connected, especially during the holiday season,” said Daniel Andrews, CID Computer Crime Investigative Unit director. “Unfortunately, crimi-

nals use the same social media sites to conduct surveillance and identify potential targets.”

In fact, Andrews said, posting vacation plans is like announcing to criminals that your residence will be unoccupied for an extended period.

“We recommend that personnel avoid publicizing the details of holiday plans and travel arrangements, whether upcoming or in progress,” Andrews said. “Wait until the vacation is over to comment on it and share photos, but still be cautious about what information you make publicly available.”

Additionally, personnel are advised to take basic home security measures before leaving their house.

The FBI’s “2014 Crime in the United States” reported an esti-

mated 1,729,806 burglaries in the U.S., with burglaries of residential properties accounting for 73.2 percent. The average dollar loss for each burglary incident was \$2,251.

Basic home security measures, such as locking all doors and windows, not leaving spare keys outside, using variable light timers, keeping valuables out of sight, and having a friend retrieve mail and newspapers are the first line of defense against burglary.

The use of a home security or video system is a further deterrent for criminals.

“Criminals are always on the lookout for opportunities to exploit. Whether driving through neighborhood streets or surfing social media sites, the criminal’s

goal is to identify ‘soft targets’ that are lucrative and present the least chance of being caught,” Andrews said. “This underscores the very real connection between the physical and virtual worlds.”

CID officials encourage Army personnel to take the following steps to reduce their risk of being targeted by crooks in the virtual world:

- Update your privacy setting on social media sites before leaving for vacation.

- Do not “check in” to airports or your holiday destination on social media sites. Sites such as Facebook use the GPS built into a phone to allow users to “check in” to businesses and locations across the country. This information tells would-be burglars that the home is likely to

be vacant until the user announces their arrival at the airport for their return flight.

- Do not post in real time. Posting information about your location while you are there is equivalent to telling a would-be burglar that you are not home. To minimize the risk of burglary while you are away, post information after you return home for the holidays.

- Remove GPS data from pictures. GPS data, to include location coordinates, is automatically attached to photos taken from both smart phones and many digital cameras. When posted in real-time, the GPS coordinates gives a would-be burglar your exact location, which makes your home vulnerable if you are not there.

- Do not geotag posts or tweets. Much like the

Facebook “check-in” feature, geotagging or adding your exact GPS coordinates to a tweet or post tells would-be burglars exactly how close you are to your home.

- Monitor what family members post. A would-be burglar only needs one member of the family to announce that the family has left for vacation to know the house might be empty. Speak to all members of the family, especially teens, about what they are posting online.

For more information on how to avoid being victimized review CID’s Computer Crime Investigative Unit’s crime prevention and online safety flyers at <http://www.cid.army.mil/cciu2can.html>.

(Source: Army Criminal Investigation Command public affairs)

NFPA’s ‘Project Holiday’ campaign reminds everyone to deck the halls with fire safety in mind

When you’re decking the halls this year, make sure to keep fire safety in mind. That’s the main message behind “Project Holiday,” the National Fire Protection Association’s annual holiday fire safety campaign, which works to educate the public about the increased risk of home fires during the holiday season.

“The holidays carry a host of traditions and festivities that people look forward to all year. Unfortunately, many of these activities carry

hidden dangers that present potential fire hazards,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president for Outreach and Advocacy.

Christmas trees, candles and cooking all contribute to an increased number of home fires during December, making it one of the four leading months for U.S. home fires.

Consider these facts:

Holiday cooking: While cooking fires are the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries

year-round, Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranked second and third (after Thanksgiving) as the leading days for home cooking fires. On Christmas Day 2013, there was a 58 percent increase in the number of home cooking fires than on a typical day and a 54 percent increase Christmas Eve.

Christmas trees: Christmas tree fires are not common, but when they do occur, they’re much more likely to be deadly than most other fires. One of every 31

reported home Christmas tree fires results in a death each year, compared to an annual average of one death per 144 total reported home fires.

Candles: December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. The top four days for home candle fires are New Year’s Day, Christmas, New Year’s Eve and Christmas Eve. In December, 11 percent of home candle fires began with decorations, compared to 4 percent the rest of the year.



Holiday decorations: Between 2009 and 2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 860 home fires that began with decorations (excluding Christmas trees). These fires caused an annual average of one civilian death, 41 injuries and \$13.4 million in direct property damage. One fifth (20 percent) of the decoration fires started in the kitchen; one out of six (17 percent) started in the living room, family room or den. “Fortunately, with

some added awareness and by taking some simple safety precautions, people can ensure a safe and festive holiday season,” Carli said. “That’s what ‘Project Holiday’ is all about.”

“Project Holiday” offers a host of online tips and resources for consumers, along with tools and resources for local fire departments to promote the campaign and its safety messages in their communities.

(Source: National Fire Protection Association)

Fort Sam Houston hosts Operation Rising Star finals

By Tim Hipps

U.S. Army Installation Management
Command Public Affairs

A former singer in the Air Force Band and military mother of four was named winner of the 2015 Operation Rising Star singing contest at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre Dec. 4.

Chelsea Tabisz, an Air Force spouse from Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., expressed her love for her husband, three daughters and one son throughout the four shows filmed for internet broadcast.

Operation Rising Star is an Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program produced as online content by the U.S. Army Installation Management Command's Army Entertainment division at Fort Sam Houston.

Based on the concepts of television shows "American Idol" and "The Voice," 12 singers from around the world are selected via online and live performances and invited to compete in

front of studio and internet audiences for the title of "2015 Rising Star."

Internet viewers, whose votes counted 50 percent in the outcome, voted 141,096 times for their favorite performers at <http://www.OpRisingStar.com>, which experienced a 97 percent increase in viewership over the 2014 performances.

Army family member Isabelle Robin of U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr, Germany, finished runner-up to Chelsea Tabisz.

Army family member Melinda Way-Bonner of Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., finished third in the competition.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Powell of Naval Recruiting Station Pleasant Hill, Calif.; Sgt. Robert Gulley of U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany; and Spc. Chyanna Dresden of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, completed the top six.

To view the web broadcasts, visit <http://www.OpRisingStar.com>.



Photo by Tim Hipps

Air Force family member Chelsea Tabisz of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., sings Mariah Carey's "Vision of Love" en route to winning the 2015 Operation Rising Star military singing contest at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre Dec. 4.

Stage 1 water restrictions implemented across JBSA

By Benjamin Martinez
JBSA Water Conservation Manager

The 10-day average of the Bexar County index well J-17 has reached Stage 1, with water restrictions for all Joint Base San Antonio locations is triggered at the following levels. The J-17 well serves as the official well for recording ground-water elevations in the San Antonio Pool of the Edwards Aquifer, according to the Edwards Aquifer Authority website (<http://www.edwardsaquifer.org>).

The JBSA Base Civil Engineer declared Stage 1 water restrictions effective immediately, in accordance with the current JBSA Critical Period Management Plan and Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

The restrictions within Stage 1 facing base residents and personnel are substantial and all residents and workers must comply with the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan.

All the Stage 1 restrictions in addition to Stage Normal water restrictions are in place:

- Continue Stage 1 normal water use measures, except as noted or replaced by Stage 1 rules.
- Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week before 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m. on your designated watering day, as determined by your address or facility number.
- Reduce water consumption by any means available.
- New turf/landscaping may be watered as identified in Stage Normal until adequate growth is maintained.
- Privately owned vehicle

washing allowed once per week on Saturday or Sunday as long as there is no water waste. A positive shutoff nozzle must be used with hoses when washing cars to prevent water waste. Water should not be allowed to run into the street.

- All swimming pools must have a minimum of 25 percent of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use. Inflatable pool toys or floating decorations may be used.
- Hand watering with a handheld hose, soaker hose, drip irrigation, bucket or watering can is permitted at any time on any day.

• Washing impervious cover such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited, except to correct life, health or safety concerns.

• Irrigation of athletic fields is permitted only as required to maintain the turf viability and safety. Athletic fields continue Stage Normal water use measures.

• Landscape on golf courses are required to follow one-day-per-week watering

• Use of fountains, waterfalls or other aesthetic water features outdoors or indoors is prohibited, unless a variance has been granted for 100 percent non-potable water use.

In Stage 1, the watering days are as follows if address/facility number ends in 0 or 1, Monday; 2 or 3, Tuesday; 4 or 5, Wednesday; 6 or 7, Thursday; and 8 or 9, Friday

All water restriction measures and details are listed in the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan available online at www.jbsa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-130809-013.pdf

Call 652-2392 to report water abusers. Those found not abiding with the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan may face potential disciplinary measures. Reports will remain anonymous.



Sailors bag toys at Anderson Hall at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to deliver to the Marine Corps center for Toys for Tots. The toys were gathered during the fourth annual toy drive in honor of Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Anderson, who was killed in Iraq in December 2006.

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"If he were alive right now and he could see what we are doing in San Antonio, he'd be ecstatic because this is what it's all about – giving back," McCauley said.

Anderson spent a lot of time in Iraq giving back as much as he could to the children in the area, receiving donations in packages from

his family with toys and school supplies, said Chief Petty Officer Albert Ramirez, a METC instructor who was a mentor to Anderson in Iraq.

"He'd definitely be happy with this," Ramirez said. "I'm pretty sure if he were still around, he'd try to put something like this together on his own to do something for the Toys for Tots campaign."

McCauley said he believes the toy drive has a long and bright future.

"This is a toy drive that will continue as long as this building is standing," McCauley said. "There are plenty of 1st battalion, 6th Marines corpsmen who will walk in and out of this building. We'll make sure that his legacy carries on, and this toy drive is part of his legacy."



Photos by Petty Officer 1st Class Jacquelyn D. Childs

Sailors from Navy Medicine Training Support Center pose at Anderson Hall at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston with toys gathered during the fourth annual toy drive in honor of Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Anderson, who was killed in Iraq in December 2006.

Secretary of the Air Force implements additional security measures after attacks

In response to the defense secretary's call to improve the security and force protection of defense personnel after the tragic events in Chattanooga, Tenn., Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James introduced more stringent security measures to reduce the possibility of violent acts directed toward Airmen on and off installations.

"In the wake of the tragedies at Fort Hood, the Navy Yard and Chattanooga, we worked closely with the DOD, the Joint Staff and other services to identify and provide effective and long-lasting force protection enhancements," James said. "We take

the safety of our service members, civilians and their families who support them seriously and continue to examine ways to make our installations and facilities safer."

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter initially charged the secretaries of the military departments with improving physical and procedural security, mass warning and alert notification capabilities and augmenting security.

"As part of this commitment, we increased the number of armed security forces on base through several arming programs, are enhancing force protection mea-

asures at off-installation facilities, and are working on long-term mass notification systems," James said. "Commanders remain fully empowered and are expected to make arming decisions for off-installation facilities consistent with existing authorities. They are also best positioned to balance the mission with the threat and determine the appropriate level of security required for a given facility."

In addition, off-installation facilities will establish and maintain emergency action plans and practice these plans through training exercises at least twice a year.

"We are working with

the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence toward an armed contract solution for off-installation facilities like our recruiting stations, and we are strengthening relationships with local law enforcement agencies and partnering on exercises to ensure all personnel are prepared to respond to future incidents," James said. "These efforts are designed to increase the safety of our service members, their families and the communities we live in and support."

(Source: Secretary of the Air Force Command Information)

Cole Junior ROTC holds turkey shoot competition

By Samantha Lee
Cole High School Junior ROTC

The Cole High School Junior ROTC held its annual turkey shoot competition Nov. 14.

Shooters competed in six different categories: elementary level, middle school level, high school-level boys, high school-level girls, adult male and adult female. After a day of shooting and scoring, the winners were Jordan Ammerman, Cy Soto, Bailey LaMotte, Jasmine Cray, Kevin Urbick and Margaret Medina.

"The turkey shoot is a fun event for the cadets," said battalion commander Cadet Lt. Col. Dustin Williams. "It's a great way for younger cadets to get involved with the Corps."

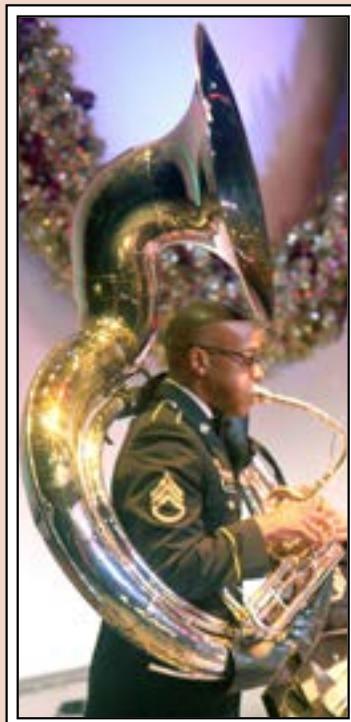
Williams spent the majority of the event recording scores with Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. German Davila and Army Instructor Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Maldonado. "It was a tedious job, but listening to music and spending time with the sergeants major and all the contestants was a lot of fun," Williams said.

"Breathing control and trigger squeeze are the hardest things about shooting; especially at the turkey shoot. The triggers were extremely sensitive," said LaMotte, winner of the high school-level boys category. "I knew I could do it. I knew I made the right choice to shoot a final round."

LaMotte is also a member of the JROTC marksmanship team.

"It is a ton of fun. I love practicing, but it can be frustrating," LaMotte said. "One day you can do really well and then the next you shoot poorly."

323RD ARMY BAND 'FORT SAM'S OWN' CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS



Photos by Sgt. Maj. Matt Howard

Retired Army Master Sgt. Michael Key guest conducts the 323rd Army Band 'Fort Sam's Own' during their holiday concert at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium Saturday. This was the last musical performance in uniform for Key, who served as the band's first sergeant before retiring this month.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Cole High School Junior ROTC take aim during their annual turkey shoot competition Nov. 14. Shooters competed in six different categories: elementary level, middle school level, high school level-boys, high school level-girls, adult male and adult female.

Staff Sgt. Corey Walton plays the tuba during the 323rd Army Band's Holiday Concert at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium Saturday. The concert is an annual tradition for the band and one of their largest events of the year.

Army National Guard director: is two weeks annually, one weekend per month enough?

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

Army National Guard troops go on active duty for at least 39 days a year for training and drill – but that may not be enough for the Guard, said its director, who is contemplating the amount of training time needed by Guard Soldiers so that he may provide an answer to the Army's chief of staff.

Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Kadavy, Army National Guard director, addressed an Association of the United States Army-sponsored forum in Washington, D.C., Nov. 18. He said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley has asked the components of the Army – the active-duty force, the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard – to “take a harder look at how all our components work, and how do we maintain a strong, capable, modern Army.”

Milley has asked in particular for more insight into how the Guard trains and maintains readiness, something Kadavy said the Army National Guard is working on with the Army staff, secretariat and U.S. Army Forces Command.

Included in that review, Kadavy said, is a look at the number of Combat Training Center rotations the Army National Guard would have. Additionally, he said, “he has challenged us to think about training days – is 39 the right number?”

Current law says 39 days of training. Kadavy said that includes two drill days a month, plus an additional 15 days a year, for a total of 39.

But, “that’s a floor, not a ceiling. I don’t think there’s any law that prevents us from going for more, there is some policy that prevents too much time spent using training dollars,” he said. “The Army has already made a tremendous investment in the brigade combat teams that do go to the Combat Training Centers – the National Training Center or the Joint Readiness Training Center. Additional days and op tempo are provided for ... additional maneuver training so we can maximize the readiness and the development of the BCT [brigade combat team] as it goes through their rotation.”

He said the Guard gets two CTC rotations a year: one at the JRTC on Fort Polk, La. and one at the NTC at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Kadavy said that the rules about the 39 days were based on laws written in the early 1900s, and that Milley has asked him to consider the relevance today of such laws, and if those laws still provide what is needed to the reserve components, based on what they are providing to the nation today.

The general said that the Army National Guard has done a significant amount of learning as its units have geared up for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan over the

last 14 years and that is something he doesn’t want to lose.

“My concern is if we don’t continue to do that at some level, we will lose that muscle memory,” he said, adding that rotation periods for certain kinds of units have been reduced by 50 percent.

“We need to continue to exercise to some degree those lessons learned and then learn new lessons and continue to progress,” he said. “I think our Army and our nation needs us. I always believe readiness should be looked at as an investment and not simply as a measurement of cost.”

Increased time for Army National Guard training, however, comes with concerns that are not there for active forces, Kadavy said.

“From the Army National Guard perspective, usually the requirement that is the highest, that we have to always ensure that goes along with any op tempo, is pay and allowances,” he said. “For our traditional Guardsmen, funding has to be provided to bring them on duty with pay and allowances.”

For commanders who run active duty units, pay for Soldiers is not an issue when it comes to training. Those commanders need only think about the increased operations tempo, because Title 10 Soldiers are on duty year-round, and their pay is budgeted that way. However, not



Photo by Sgt. Daniel Stinson

Soldiers with the 1344th Transportation Company of the Illinois National Guard participate in an urban warfare training exercise on Fort Irwin, Calif., during the unit’s annual training in May 2010.

so with Army National Guard Soldiers.

“When you think about doing additional field training exercises for the ANG or the Army Reserve, not only do you think about op tempo, but also the pay and allowances that go along with paying for the days you utilize for either training or operational purposes,” he said.

Continued readiness and retention of lessons learned over 14 years of conflict – to remain warfighting capable and to provide responsiveness to state governors – is just one of Kadavy’s five priorities for the Army National Guard.

The general is concerned about maintaining a resourced and modernized Army National Guard. To meet emerging challenges, he said, the Army National Guard “must be able to maintain a viable investment strategy for both equipment and facilities.”

He said there must be a balance of dollars for ensuring unit readiness

FORT SAM HOUSTON CELEBRATES NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY



Photo by Lori Newman

Cpl. Princess Fuller (left), Warrior Transition Battalion, and Sgt. 1st Class William Leonard, U.S. Army South, cut the cake at the U.S. Army National Guard 379th birthday celebration Dec. 11 at the Warrior and Family Support Center. Sunday was the actual birthday.



Track Santa's Yuletide journey

The North American Aerospace Defense Command is celebrating the 60th anniversary of tracking Santa's Yuletide journey.

The NORAD Tracks Santa website (<http://www.noradsanta.org>) features Santa's North Pole Village, which includes a holiday countdown, games, activities and more.

The website is available in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Chinese.

Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps also are available in the Windows, Apple and Google Play stores, so parents and children can count down the days until Santa's launch on their smartphones and tablets. Tracking opportunities also are offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google Plus. Santa followers simply need to type "@noradsanta" into each search engine to get started.

This year, the website features the NORAD headquarters in the North Pole Village and highlights of the program over the past 60 years.

Starting at 12:01 a.m. MST (2:01 a.m. EST) Dec. 24, website visitors can watch Santa make preparations for his flight.

NORAD's "Santa Cams" will stream videos on the website as Santa makes his way over various locations. Then, at 4 a.m. MST (6 a.m. EST), trackers worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa's whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or by sending an email to noradtrackssanta@outlook.com.

Any time on Dec. 24, Windows Phone users can ask Cortana for Santa's location, and OnStar subscribers can press the OnStar button in their vehicles to locate Santa.

NORAD Tracks Santa is possible, in large part, to the efforts and services of numerous program contributors, NORAD officials said.

(Source: North American Aerospace Defense Command Public Affairs)



Happy Holidays

INSIDE THE GATE

Newcomer's Orientation

Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Mandatory in-processing briefing for all military and civilian personnel newly assigned to Joint Base San Antonio. Service members must coordinate with their Unit Personnel Coordinator or Commander Support Element. Spouses are welcome to attend; all patrons must be seated by 7:50 a.m. Call 221-2705.

Family Movie Day

Monday, 1-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. The Exceptional Family Members Program and the Family Life Program invite JBSA families to a sensory friendly showing of "Arthur Christmas." Call 221-2705.

Career Technical Training

Monday-Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Service members will receive guidance and help in selecting technical training schools and technical fields. Topics covered: accredited institute applications, scheduling a session with a counselor or a career techni-

cal training expert, and Veterans Affairs vocational education counselors. Call 221-1213.

Employment Readiness Orientation

Mondays, 9-10 a.m. Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Learn about employment resources and review services offered. Call 221-2380.

Lending Closet

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Recently moved in and in need of a few household items until yours arrive? The Lending Closet loans basic household goods while yours are in transit; kitchen equipment, high chairs, sleeping mats, irons and more. Permanent party, students, TDY, retirees and civilians may borrow up to 30 days. Bring a copy of your orders. For more information, call 221-2705.

Helping Us Grow Securely (HUGS) Playgroup

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. An interactive playgroup for infants and toddlers; open to parents and their children, ages 5 and under. Registration not required. Call 221-2418.

Citizenship, Immigration Assistance

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon; natu-

ralization ceremony, 2 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Information is provided on American customs and culture. A U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service officer will be available on-site to assist with application questions. Eligible patrons will take the Oath of Allegiance at a Naturalization Ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Registration not required. Call 221-2705.

Holiday Closures

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center is closed Thursday-Dec. 25 and Dec. 31 in observation of the holidays. For more information, call 221-2418 or 221-2705.

Closed for Training

The Military & Family Readiness Center is closed every first and third Thursday from 1-4:15 p.m. for in-service training. Call 221-2418 or 221-2705.

Free parenting order legal clinic available

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston judge advocate general office and the Texas Attorney General's staff offer military parents a free parenting order legal clinic to answer questions about paternity, child support and parenting time from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 28, 2016 at the Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, 2910 Stanley Road. Clinic

coordinators ask that parents not bring children to the clinic. For more information, call 808-0169.

Virtual Career Library

A full range of career guidance and employment services, resources include: educational e-books, employment guides, school/college finders, virtual job data cards, and more. Free at <http://www.VirtualCareerLibrary.com/ftsh> to all participants of employment readiness.

Military And Family Life Counselors

Military and Family Life Counselors help service members, their families, and significant others in addressing issues from deployment and reintegration, marriage and relationships, stress and anxiety, depression, grief and loss, or daily life issues. Consultations and trainings are anonymous, no records are kept. After-hours and weekend appointments are available. Meetings can also be arranged off-site. Call 517-6666 or 997-7521 to schedule an appointment.

School Liaison Office

The School Liaison Office assists parents with children in grades K-12. SLO can help with the transition between schools; provide information about local school systems, policies, programs and more. Call 221-2214.

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in the Quadrangle, building 16, the oldest structure on the installation. The museum chronicles the history of the Army in San Antonio from its arrival in 1845 to the present. Learn about the vital role Fort Sam Houston played in the development of the Army and connect with the Soldiers who served on this historic post. The museum offers numerous services for military members and their families to include professional development, neighborhood histories and special history searches for the kids. Admission to the museum is free to all active duty

service members, retirees, civilians and family members. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday, Monday and federal holidays. For more information, call 221-1886.

Budge Dental Clinic Welcomes Army North, Army South Soldiers

The Budge Dental Clinic at 3145 Garden Ave. now provides dental treatment for all U.S. Army North and U.S. Army South Soldiers. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. Call 808-3735 or 808-3736 for more information.

North New Braunfels, Harry Wurzbach West ACPS Open In Morning

The North New Braunfels Access Control Point, located by the Quadrangle, and the Harry Wurzbach West ACP, also known as the Pershing Gate, will be open for incoming and outgoing traffic from 6-9 a.m. Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays, beginning Jan. 4, 2016, according to the 502nd Security Forces Squadron.

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 necessar-

ily 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 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.



Winter Holiday Camps

The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department has winter holiday camps to keep youth active and entertained. Youth ages 6 to 14 can also get their game on with traditional sports

and firm up muscles with fitness activities. The camps are offered at 17 Parks and Recreation community centers. Winter Holiday Camps are offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per day and includes lunch and a snack provided in partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank. Community centers will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, call 207-3047.

Military Salute At The Briscoe Museum

The Briscoe Western Art Museum, located at 210 W. Market St. in San Antonio, offers a military salute program that allows year-round free admission for active duty military and up to four members of their family. For more information, visit <http://www.briscoemuseum.org>.

Van Autreuve Sergeants Major Association

The Sgt. Maj. Of the Army Leon

L. Van Autreuve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited. Call 539-1178.

Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.

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and for also maintaining modernization and quality facilities for Soldiers.

Now, he said, the Army National Guard benefits from equipment from the active Army and Congress. "But modernization is fleeting," he said.

Kadavy said he spent time in Idaho Nov. 18, meeting with commanders and staff of Army National Guard armored brigade combat teams to discuss, among other things, their concerns about modernization and equipping.

"One of the things they commented on ... struck me as obvious," he said. "Their observation is that because of the decrease in mobilizations, and the opportunities to modernize because of mobilization, that there is this ever-growing gap that they see between their active-component brothers in armored brigade combat teams and where they are today. There must be a strategy to help us maintain our equipment interoperability within the Army, within the total force. This is needed to maintain meaningful training and ensure effective domestic response when required."

One area that comes to mind in terms of that

gap, he said, involves mission command systems and the compatibility between such systems.

"The Army, overall, is reviewing mission command systems, and is looking at the sets and kits for every one of our formations," he said. "But we have to have a viable strategy that gets after sustaining our equipment, and investing in new equipment as we move through our readiness model."

Kadavy also said a priority for the Army National Guard is ensuring leader development. Combat experience alone doesn't ensure success of the Guard, he said.

But "leaders of character will," he said. "I depend on these leaders of character to help foster a climate of trust, because we all know trust is the bedrock of our profession."

The general said the Army National Guard "embraces the Army leader development strategy. That's why we are developing and retaining qualified Army Guard leaders who understand our unique dual-mission within the ANG, and the nuances of the National Guard," which includes the role of providing support to

their state governors as well as the role of providing a reserve warfighting capability to the Army.

The general also pointed out that mission complexity doesn't just exist on the battlefield. It also exists in the Guard's domestic mission as well. He pointed to past missions inside the United States, including support to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy, for instance, or National Guard support in Ferguson, Mo., or Baltimore. The complexities of those missions require leaders who are as adaptive as what is required in combat, he said.

"I think you can see, as you think about the second part of the ANG's dual mission, that adaptable, agile leaders are just as important to what we do in support of governors in time of emergencies. And this complexity, I think, is going to continue to grow as we move forward," Kadavy said.

Other priorities for the Army National Guard are an increased focus on ready Soldiers and Families, which Kadavy said the Army National Guard supports by being "full members" in the Army's Ready and Resilient Campaign, and maintaining sufficient

full-time support in the Army National Guard.

Today, he said, full-time support personnel in the Army National Guard man training missions, do recruiting duties, field and maintain equipment, and deliver programs.

He likened managing an Army National Guard mission within a state to how the active force might manage an installation, and how those installations generate readiness to assist units as they prepare for deployments.

"Just like there are tremendous differences between installations such as at Fort Myer or Fort Bliss, there are similar challenges to consider for 'Fort Virginia' or for 'Fort Texas,'" he said. "Each state is a little different based on the size of its end strength and the requirements of their organizations and the structure in each state."

As on any installation, in each state there are programs and services to be managed, maintenance and services to be provided, and administration for pay, contracts and logistics. For the Guard, that is provided by full-time support. He said resourcing for full-time support for Guard personnel is at 70 percent.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston holiday schedule of religious services and activities

Catholic

Sunday: Christmas caroling on the River Walk
Thursday: Mass, 5 p.m. Dodd Field Chapel;
Mass, 10 p.m., Main Post Chapel
Dec. 25: Mass, 9:30 a.m., Main Post Chapel
Dec. 31: Mass, 5:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel
Jan. 1, 2016: No New Year's Day Mass

Protestant

Sunday: Choir Cantana, 8 a.m., Main Post Chapel
Thursday: Candlelight Services, 6 p.m., Main Post Chapel

Gospel

Sunday: Christmas Service-Youth Sunday, 10:30 a.m.,
Dodd Field Chapel
Dec. 31: Watch Night Service, 10 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.,
Dodd Field Chapel

Samoan

Thursday: Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel
Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Service, 7 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 5584 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

**Army Medical Department
Regimental Chapel**
Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade
Contemporary Service
11:01 - Contemporary "Crossroads"
**Brooke Army Medical
Center Chapel**
Building 3600,
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday
Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Afternoon Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,
Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

2:00 p.m. - Islamic Services
(Monday through Thursday) BAMC
1:15 p.m. - Jumma, Friday,
AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

BUDDHIST SERVICES

10 a.m. - Buddhist Services,
Saturday, AMEDD

*For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here,
please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at
<http://www.jbsa.af.mil/jbsachapel/samhouston.asp>*

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