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LISTENING SESSION EMPHASIZES ARMY'S IMPORTANCE IN SAN ANTONIO



Nearly 1,200 San Antonio residents packed the Bexar County Expo Center March 31 to take part in the Army Force Structure and Stationing Listening Session.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Wynn Hoke

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior Army commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, discusses the importance of the Army in San Antonio during the Army Force Structure and Stationing Listening Session Tuesday at the Bexar County Expo Center. Hosted by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the session allowed San Antonio citizens voice how important it is to keep the Army in San Antonio. The Army is looking at possibly cutting 6,000 military and civilian jobs at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis. A full article and more photos will appear in the April 10 edition of the News Leader.

Virtual reality training system provides Army South Soldiers real world skills

By Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye
Army South Public Affairs

Suited with a computer module backpack, helmet-mounted display, sensor tracker and instrumented weapon, a U.S. Army South Soldier leads his squad into a simulated enemy compound to search and destroy enemy targets during virtual dismounted Soldier training

held March 5 at the Mission Training Complex at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The Dismounted Soldier Training System is the Army's first fully immersive computer simulated training system that provides the capability to conduct dismounted Soldier operations for an individual Soldier, up to a company-level unit in a virtual operational environment.

"The system is very realistic," said Aaron Basmajian, a field service technician and DSTS trainer. "Based on what the unit wants and what it is looking for; from patrolling techniques to reacting to direct fire or indirect fire, we custom build a scenario prior to them coming to the center. We can put

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Are you M.A.D.? How to make a difference

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By Charlotte Moerbe, Ph.D.
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 Sexual Assault Prevention and
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The Department of Defense and Joint Base San Antonio officially recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through the use of special events and public education. The 2015 Department of Defense SAAPM theme is "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part." This theme highlights that at every level in our military, service members should follow

their service values and standards of behavior, to include recognizing how one member may affect sexual assault prevention. The JBSA SAPR/SHARP programs are underscoring the DOD theme by publicizing the expression "Are You M.A.D.?" The acronym M.A.D. refers to "Making a Difference" and emphasizes the role and responsibility each service member plays in the prevention and response to sexual assault in the military. The statement is meant to be one of reflection as we can all contribute to the solution of eliminating sexual violence within the services. In the coming weeks,

there will be opportunities to see, read or hear about how your teammates are making a difference within the JBSA community. The goal of the JBSA SAPR/SHARP programs is that each service member will use not only these messages as a reminder that sexual assault is a significant concern in the military, but will review how he or she is actively engaged in the fight against sexual violence. For more information on SAAPM events or how you can "make a difference" at JBSA in eliminating sexual assault, contact your local SAPR office. The JBSA



SAPR Hotline number is 808-7272. The SAPR Hotline number for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is 808-8990, the JBSA-Lackland number is 671-7273 and the JBSA-Randolph number is 652-4386.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month events



Friday
 Self-defense class, 10-11:30 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, building 320, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. A self-defense seminar for men and women provided by experts from STW Krav maga. Learn battle-tested skills and techniques to defend yourself against an attacker. Must be 14 years of age to participate. Fee is \$20 per person, cash only at the door. To register, visit <http://www.stw911.com>.

Saturday
 Battle of the Service talent show, 6:30-9 p.m., Evans Theater, building 1396, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Military training students

compete in the annual Battle of the Services talent show. Categories include singing, dancing and stand-up comedy. Intermission will include Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month briefings. Call 221-1496 for more information.

Thursday
 "Because We Have Daughters" seminar, 5-7 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Youth Center, building 1072. This session provides training for fathers to connect and learn skills in helping them understand and relate to their daughters, forge new bonds and discuss challenging issues. The maximum attendance for the class is 10 dads with daughter between 8 and 18 years of age. Call 652-4386 to register.

April 10
 Mentors in Violence Prevention, "The Power of the Pyramid," 10 a.m., Defense Language Institute Auditorium; 3 p.m., Fleenor Auditorium, JBSA-Randolph. Mentors in Violence Prevention present a multime-

dia presentation utilizing dozens of media and pop culture examples to illustrate how seemingly harmless behavior can progress to violence. Call 808-8976 for more information.

April 11
 Poetry slam, Military & Family Readiness Center, 6 p.m., building 2797, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The student poetry slam is a fun and interactive event where military students perform their original poetry. There will be food and prizes. To enter the slam, call 808-1352 or 221-4244

April 17
 Drive Out Sexual Assault golf tournament, 12:30 p.m. tee time, Gateway Hill Golf Club, JBSA-Lackland. Raise awareness on the course and join in "Driving Out Sexual Assault" during this year's golf tournament. Awards will be given and each participant receives a goody bag. Tickets are \$50 each and include a box lunch. Registration ends April 17. To register, call

671-7273 or send an email to 502abw.cvk.ola@us.af.mil.

April 25
 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 5K Run/Walk and 100-meter Dash, 7:30 a.m., MacArthur Parade Field, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The 32nd Medical Brigade hosts a run, walk or dash to raise awareness about sexual assault impact and prevention. Registration fees are found on the event's website at <http://www.athleteguild.com/running/fort-sam-houston-tx/2015-2nd-annual-sexual-assault-awareness-and-prevention-month-sapr-sharp>. Advanced individual training and technical school students can attend for free.

Throughout April
 Survivor artwork from the Rape Crisis Center. The San Antonio Rape Center for Children and Adults will display artwork created by sexual assault survivors at locations throughout JBSA-Randolph. Call 652-4386 for dates and location.



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502nd Air Base Wing Commander's Call

Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, is holding a commander's call at 10 a.m. Friday at the Evans Theater on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Telephone Sponsorship Access No Longer Authorized

With the implementation of Air Force Manual 31-113, Installation Perimeter Access Control, dated February 2015, telephonic sponsorship for installation access is no longer authorized. Effective Saturday, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston visitor centers will no longer accept telephonic sponsorship for any category of visitor, vendor or contractor requesting access to the installation. The only authorized means of sponsorship will be by ".mil" government email or by physically going to the visitor center with the access request. JBSA-Fort Sam Houston has two operational visitor centers, with the Walters Visitor Center located adjacent to the Walters Entry Control Point at 2150 Winfield Scott Road, building 4179, and the Scott Visitor Center located adjacent to the Harry Wurzbach East Entry Control Point at 3701 Winfield Scott Road, building 2843. For more information, visit <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/library/visitorinformation.asp> or call 221-1108 or 221-2756. Requests for sponsorship can be sent by email to usaf.jbsa.502-abw.list.502-sfs-fsh-visitor-control-center-owner@mail.mil. For more information concerning these processes, call 221-1108 or 221-2756.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fire Explorers Program

An open house for students from 14 to 20 years of age interested in joining the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Fire Explorers program is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the main fire station at 3201 Schofield Road, building 3830. For more information, call 913-5334. Additional information about the program is available by visiting <http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/career-exploring/fire-service/>.

Bicycle Registration

More than 23 bicycles were reported stolen in 2014 on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston,

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Proud Week offers opportunity for Joint Base San Antonio-wide spring cleanup effort

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph
Public Affairs

Members of the Joint Base San Antonio community will join forces Wednesday through April 10 for an installation-wide spring cleanup effort.

The 502nd Air Base

Wing, in coordination with the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron, is conducting Proud Week Spring Cleanup, an event that will unite mission partners, tenant units, organizations and agencies throughout JBSA.

"The purpose of Proud Week is to promote pride and maintain

a high beautification standard throughout JBSA," said Chief Master Sgt. Colleen Curl, 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group superintendent.

According to a JBSA operation order, participating units "will be responsible for providing manpower to clean

areas, bag and bundle all trash as appropriate and transport trash to collection points at designated trash dumpsites."

The order identifies removing trash, old furniture, fallen tree limbs, brush, grass and weeds in sidewalk cracks and non-household trash as key tasks. It also re-

quests that participants sweep sidewalks and curbs, as well as inspect fields, streets and parking lots in areas of responsibility, which also include work, storage and warehouse areas.

Curl said facility managers or other designated

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them into any terrain, any environment or any place in the world."

Army South Soldiers

are using this new system to train and improve their dismounted Soldier skills and operate as a group.

"Training on the

DSTS gives Army South Soldiers a chance to maintain some level of proficiency in basic movement and communication skills within a squad or fire team," said Lt. Col. Paul Hilaski, Army South Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion commander.

During the training, a Soldier uses his body to perform complex motion maneuvers, such as opening a door, or going around or under an obstacle by physically mimicking those actions. Motion tracking sensors attached to the Soldier capture the Soldier's natural movements and translates and uses them to control the Soldier's avatar within the simulation.

Army South battalion master driver Sgt. Ralph Vasquezrivera believes DSTS is one of the best training tools he's used because it allows him and his unit to work with each other during operational missions.

"It is a great system," Vasquezrivera said. "We have a lot to learn as a group and as a unit, not just as an individual person. It brings you back to the basics like maneuvering skills, basic formations and commands."



Spc. Brittany Skula, an Army South human resource specialist, suits up with Soldier-manned modules, part of a Dismounted Soldier Training System, in preparation for a virtual dismounted Soldier training held March 5 at the Mission Training Complex at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

"DSTS gives the Soldiers realistic supplemental training working together as a team in a multitude of replicated situations," Hilaski said. "It does not replace traditional training techniques in the Army, but rather supports and augments fundamental training all Soldiers receive throughout their careers."

To simulate a regular Army platoon, DSTS has nine virtual Soldier-manned modules which include a Helmet-mounted display that attaches

to the Soldier's helmet with an integrated head tracker, noise cancellation stereo headphones, and a microphone for voice and radio communications; computer backpack for processing and display of the 3D virtual environment within the HMD; sensors for tracking body positions; and instrumented weapons with optics, sights, and scopes.

Soldiers can see and hear the virtual environment and also commu-

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Photos by Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye

An Army South Soldier familiarizes himself with the Dismounted Soldier Training System March 5 at the Mission Training Complex at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. DSTS is the Army's first fully immersive virtual simulation training system that provides the capability to conduct dismounted Soldier operations for Soldiers in a virtual operational environment.

Married medics who met at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston seek coveted medical badge

By Army 2nd Lt. Collin Welch
421st Medical Battalion
Vilseck, Germany

Army 1st Lts. Ashley and Grant Restuccio are a long way from where their relationship started at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and the newlyweds are now competing side-by-side to earn the coveted Expert Field Medical Badge.

The Restuccios first met at the Basic Officer Leadership Course on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the Army's premier medical training hub and their first duty station. They got married and soon received orders to Germany.

They both serve in the Kaiserslautern Military Community. Grant, a California native, works for Landstuhl Regional

Medical Center as an intensive care unit nurse, while Ashley, a New York native, works for the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's 30th Medical Brigade as a medical surgical nurse.

During their EFMB qualification trials, they're assigned to the same platoon, working together to earn the badge.

Less than two months ago, both Restuccios attended an EFMB preparation course at Camp Aachen in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Now, they find themselves among 187 other candidates also competing for the badge. Only the Restuccios are doing so as a husband-and-wife team.

"We both want to be expert field medics and join the other elite badge holders in the Army medical department. That is

why we are here," Ashley said. "It's just an added bonus to be competing together."

Armywide in 2012, the EFMB course boasted only a 17 percent pass rate. This year's candidate roster consists mainly of Soldiers serving across Europe, but a handful of allied medics from the United Kingdom and Germany are also competing in the mix.

The competition may be intense, with rewards commensurate with the effort. But the Restuccios view their partnership as an advantage.

"With both of us here, it's easier to strive for excellence because neither of us wants to let the other one down," Grant said. "We both expect the other to do the best we can, meanwhile holding each other accountable."

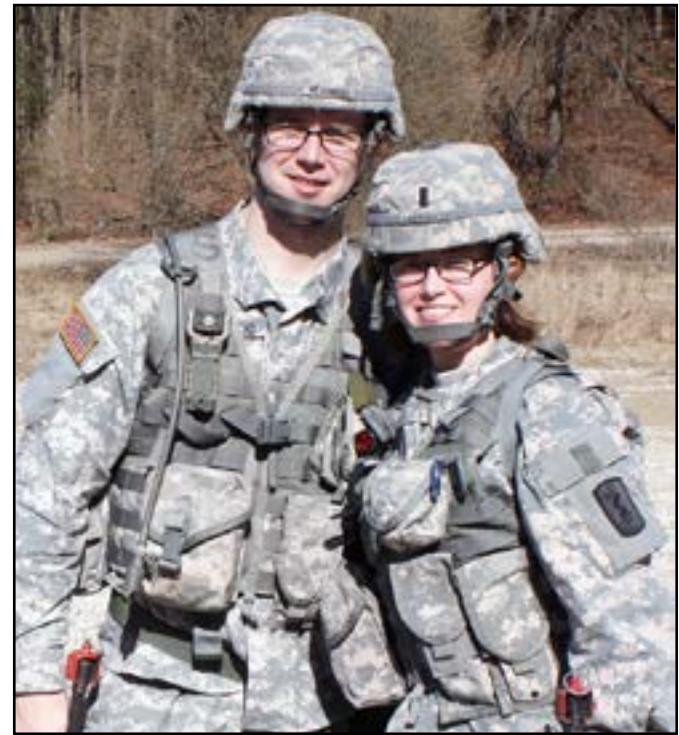


Photo by Capt. Robert Gallimore

Married Army medics 1st Lt. Grant Restuccio and 1st Lt. Ashley Restuccio prepare for the land navigation course in Vilseck, Germany. The Soldiers are competing together to earn the Expert Field Medical Badge. The Restuccios first met at the Basic Officer Leadership Course on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

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according to 502nd Security Forces Squadron officials. Approximately 25 percent of these bicycles were recovered and returned to their owner, because the owner knew the serial number or the bicycle was registered with the 502nd SFS. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 18, the 502nd SFS Crime Prevention Unit will register bicycles at the Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Bike owners don't have to bring your bicycles; simply have basic information available at time of registration, such as a description and the serial number on the frame. For more information, call 221-0729.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Prepares For Command Cyber Readiness Inspection

From Aug. 31 through Sept. 4, the Defense Information Systems Agency will conduct a Command Cyber Readiness Inspection for the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston area of responsibility. The inspection focus will be on unclassified (NIPRNet) and classified (SIPRNet) networks and supporting traditional security practices. To ensure JBSA-Fort Sam Houston passes successfully, every unit and network user is responsible for being knowledgeable on proper cyber security, traditional security and physical security practices. For more information, call 221-1599.

Taylor Burk Clinic Taking Enrollments

The Taylor Burk Clinic located at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis provides accessible, high quality healthcare to active duty military, their dependents, and other TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. A scope of comprehensive services are provided, including acute illness care, preventive health maintenance, health promotion and wellness, education and counseling, and specialty consultation and referral with a 97 percent overall patient satisfaction rate. Hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 916-9900 to make an appointment. If you would like to switch your primary care manager, call Humana Military at 800-444-5445.

BAMC event highlights importance of patient safety

By Lori Newman
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center staff and visitors highlighted the importance of patient safety during an event March 12 to commemorate Patient Safety Awareness Week.

"The fact that we are all here talking about patient safety is critical," said Col. Evan Renz, BAMC commander. "We can't talk about it enough. In fact, the point of almost every one of our safety programs is that it has to be inculcated in everything that we do, constantly."

The event featured guest speaker Dr. Charles Holshouser Jr., the co-founder of the Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation, who spoke about his sister's death due to errors after surgery at a community hospital.

Holshouser said his sister went into the hospital in 2009 for knee

replacement surgery. Even though the surgery went well, a combination of preventable medical errors led to her death.

"It was a terrible loss ... she never got to see her grandchild born two months later. She missed out on watching her four grandchildren grow up, play volleyball and football and all the things that grandchildren do," Holshouser said. "It was a significant loss for her husband and for our family."

Afterwards, Louise's daughter Laura tried to understand how and why this happened to her mother.

"As we told our story, almost every person who heard it could recount a similar personal story of a family member or friend," Holshouser said.

After the loss of their loved one, the family started the Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation.

There are a staggering number of injuries



Photo by Robert Shields

Col. Evan Renz, Brooke Army Medical Center commander, presents Dr. Charles Holshouser Jr., the co-founder of the Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation, a certificate of appreciation for speaking at the Patient Safety Awareness event March 12 in the medical mall.

and deaths related to preventable medical errors each year in the United States. According to a 2013 study in the *Journal of Patient Safety*, the true number of premature deaths associated with preventable harm to patients was estimated at more than 400,000 per year.

According to the foundation's website, the goal

is to open the pathways of communication between patients, doctors, nurses and hospitals in an effort to enhance hospital safety and prevent adverse events. The foundation aims to create awareness and literature that is accessible and easy for the patient to understand.

Holshouser, who was in the Army, recounted

the time he spent at BAMC. He also praised the quality of care our military community receives at BAMC.

"I want to express my gratitude to all of you for what you do every day, because it means a lot to a lot of people and families," he said to the hospital staff. "We in the civilian community in San Antonio feel closely connected to you all. We know what you all do and we appreciate it, and don't ever forget that."

BAMC continues to strive to become a high-reliability organization, putting safe, quality care at the forefront. This Army Medicine-wide journey is a commitment to continuous improvement and compliance, with an expectation of achieving zero preventable harm. This commitment extends to personal and workplace safety, which leads to increased patient safety and quality outcomes.

Drivers face new Texas registration, inspection program

By Maricris Moore
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The new "Two Steps, One Sticker" program began in the state of Texas March 1. Texas drivers will no longer receive inspection stickers, and drivers' registration stickers issued after that date will serve as proof for both inspection and registration.

Joint Base San Antonio base entry controllers have trained for the new change and educated themselves in order to better serve the base populace, while adhering to the new require-

ments for the program.

"At this point the biggest focus is on educating our community to ensure that everyone understands what the new requirements are," said Capt. Julie A. Rolosen, 502nd Security Forces Squadron operations officer at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Here are a few things that drivers need to know about the new program:

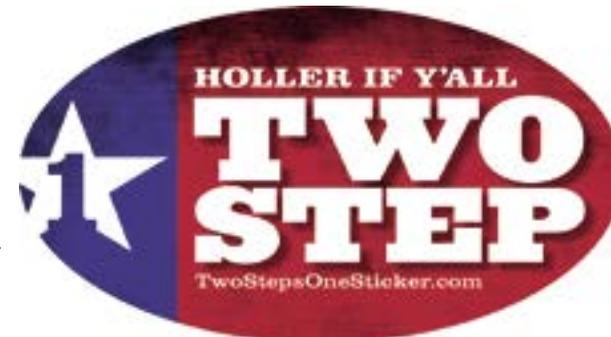
- Drivers must continue to maintain a current vehicle inspection and registration at all times to operate their vehicle. The law requiring a

valid vehicle inspection did not change, only the requirement for a separate sticker changed.

- For registration purposes, if the vehicle inspection has expired a new inspection is required prior to renewing the registration.

- A vehicle inspection report will be provided to the driver after their vehicle passes the state inspection. This form will be used for verification when renewing the registration if the inspection cannot be verified electronically.

- Upon request by law enforcement or



entry control personnel, vehicle operators are required to produce proof of valid vehicle inspection, such as a copy of the VIR.

- Anyone who misplaced their VIR should visit www.mytxcar.com to download and print a

copy of the document.

- Inspection fees and the inspection requirements remain the same. The only change is a VIR will be provided in lieu of an inspection sticker.

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'You Make a Difference' winners at Brooke Army Medical Center receive recognition for making positive impacts

By Lori Newman
BAMC Public Affairs

The "You Make a Difference" quarterly award winners at Brooke Army Medical Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston may not receive an Oscar or an Emmy, but they do receive premier third-floor parking and a personal "thank you" from the commander and command sergeant major.

The new YMAD program is a way to identify those BAMC staff and volunteers whose thoughtful, caring actions have made an immediate and positive impact on the patient experience.

A committee selects monthly award recipients and, from those, quarterly award winners are chosen in the following categories: military, civil service, physician and volunteer.

The four winners for the first quarter were recognized March 17 at the commander's award ceremony. They were presented a certificate from the commander along with a 90-day parking placard allowing them designated parking on the third floor of the parking garage.

"If you look at these

representatives up here, this is what makes this organization work every day," said BAMC Commander Col. Evan Renz.

The physician award went to Col. Donald Gajewski, director of the Center for the Intrepid. Gajewski was nominated for his leadership and compassion for his peers and the patients at the CFI.

His nomination said in part, "I have only met a few men who are so compassionate about their peers and patients. He loves his job and definitely would not have a problem going out of his way to try and correct whatever needs to be done."

The military member selected was Tech. Sgt. Cheri Hernandez-Watson, noncommissioned officer in charge of the pediatric intensive care unit, for her passion as an enlisted leader and her enthusiasm towards the care of her patients and staff throughout her unit.

"Hernandez-Watson identified that her staff was experiencing significant challenges with moving patients in and out of the main entrance of her unit. She took very aggressive steps to have a door added to a developing contract that



Photo by Robert Shields

(From left) Brooke Army Medical Center Command Sgt. Maj. Tabitha Gavia, Col. Donald Gajewski, Tech. Sgt. Cheri Hernandez-Watson, Sherry Jenkins, Arthur Fortes and BAMC Commander Col. Evan Renz pose for a photo during an awards ceremony March 17 in the BAMC auditorium. The four award winners were presented a certificate from the commander along with a 90-day parking placard allowing them designated parking on the third floor of the parking garage.

will change the doors from manual to automatic which will soon allow her staff and patients to move seamlessly in and out of her unit," her nomination stated.

Sherry Jenkins from cardiology received the civil service award because she is not only a very competent registered nurse and case manager, she has a consistently positive outlook on life.

Jenkins' nomination stated, "I have personally witnessed the majority of her interactions with patients, and with her bright

smile, and compassionate way, she makes every-one she comes in contact have a better day. She welcomes our patients in as though they are part of our family, soothes their pain, celebrates their successes and shares their sorrows and tears."

The YMAD volunteer of the quarter award went to Arthur Fortes for his work at the pharmacy front desk.

"Fortes ensures that

the prescriptions being presented are correct and the medication is available on the formulary. He gives pertinent information for resolution should a problem arise and he verifies that refills are available at the time of check in as well."

The YMAD program is a way for BAMC leadership to recognize individuals who go the extra mile for a patient, whether it's bringing a patient or

workplace safety issue to someone's attention, taking time to improve a program or service, or making an extra effort to help a patient or co-worker.

"Each day, the command sergeant major and I see BAMC team members positively impacting our patients' lives," Renz said. "This program is a way to provide them the recognition they so richly deserve."

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- Active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are not required to register or title their vehicles in Texas.

"Like anything new, it will take time for drivers to get better

acquainted with Texas' new requirements. There will certainly be some misunderstandings to get through," said Police Officer Richard Coon, 902nd Security Forces Squadron assistant operations superintendent at JBSA-Randolph. "I ask drivers to please be

patient with our security forces members while we work through this change."

Flyers about the new program will be distributed to drivers at the JBSA gates. For more information, visit <http://www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com> or <http://www.txdmv.gov>.

AMEDD innovator Hack engaged the imagination with color

By Adriane Askins Neidinger
AMEDDC&S Command Historian

Described in newspaper articles as “the big, cigar-smoking Medical Training Aids Branch chief at the Brooke Army Medical Center,” Col. Vincent Hack, Medical Service Corps, was and still stands today as the only Army Medical Department officer with not only bachelor’s and master’s degrees in fine art, but a doctorate of philosophy in the psychology of color.

Hack arrived at Fort Sam Houston in 1953 and stayed until his retirement as a colonel in 1969. During that time, he served as the Medical Training Aids Branch chief, officer-in-charge of the AMEDD Museum and BAMC’s chief information officer.

Throughout his career, Hack engaged the imaginations and interest of the Army and general public alike with his innovative studies on the effects of color on

everything from healing, safety, subliminal messaging, and alleviating eye fatigue during surgery to improving one’s golf swing.

While his studies were not widely published, he made, on average, 30 to 40 local and national presentations a year and his research on color found its way into popular media outlets such as ‘Ladies Home Journal,’ ‘Popular Science’ and ‘Sports Illustrated.’

His artistic imprint could be found on nearly every product of the Medical Field Service School (now the Army Medical Department Center and School) during his tenure as chief of the Medical Training Aids Branch.

Hack’s branch, composed of graphic artists, camera operators, carpenters, electricians, dress designers, administration specialists, nurses and statisticians, not only assisted him with his research but produced anything

art-related from building signs, instructional manuals, posters and decorative report covers to the sculpting of medical instructional models to moulaging casualties for field training exercise.

The branch’s most popular works were their award-winning Fiesta floats, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo exhibits, installations in the downtown department store windows during Armed Forces Week and the exhibits at the AMEDD Museum.

One of Hack’s enduring legacies was his role in the development of standard color schemes for Army medical facilities.

Tasked directly by the Army Surgeon General in 1959, Hack used his background in color psychology to establish color schemes with known therapeutic effects for operating, treatment and recovery rooms as well as colors for classrooms, dining areas, corridors

and waiting rooms that were chosen to draw in light and promote learning.

He even addressed housekeeping issues for high-traffic areas by recommending two-toned dirt-repellent paints and surfaces for stair risers and mop boards. The misty green, also described as “minty green,” color that dominated hospital walls and equipment for so many years can be attributed to Hack’s color studies.

Hack also conducted some of the Army’s earliest studies on body languages and extrasensory perception, but little remains of his original research. He retired in San Antonio and continued lecturing on the psychology of color for many years until his death in 2001.

While his name, research and branch may have slipped into obscurity over the years, AMEDD staff, students, patients and visitors continue to enjoy artwork he



Courtesy photo

In this photo from 1963, then-Lt. Col. Vincent Hack (rear) adds realism to training. Specialist 4 Robert C. Wells (right) applies moulage to Private 1st Class Donald Kitz. Moulage played an ever-increasing role as training aids in showing medical personnel what they would encounter in the field and hospital.

produced more than 50 years ago, as the colorful stain glass windows in Aabel Hall and those

in the foyer of BAMC are attributed to Hack and his Medical Training Aid Branch.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from Company F, 232nd Medical Battalion at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston help beautify the Salado Creek Park area in 2014.

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persons will lead the cleanup efforts of their organizations as project officers.

“We hope project officers will determine what is needed for the facility and develop a plan of action prior to the event,” she said.

Curl said the 502nd CES will provide trash bags on the days of the cleanup at three JBSA locations: building 4197 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, building 5495 at JBSA-Lackland and building 891 at JBSA-Randolph. In addition, lawn and garden supplies and

equipment such as rakes, wheelbarrows, brooms and other items will be available in limited quantities for sign-out.

Bulk trash sites will be designated at all JBSA locations, Curl said. Participants may use dumpsters near their work areas for items that aren’t bulk trash.

Examples of bulk trash items are tree limbs, broken-down picnic tables, old fence materials, bricks and old landscaping timbers, Antony Person, 502nd CES chief executive officer, said.

“Items that are not accepted for bulk removal are hazardous materials,

furniture and other items appropriate for Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office disposal, equipment and food waste,” he said.

Person said participants should bag as much as possible for ease of removal, but items too large for bagging should be safely taken to the closest roadway and placed near the curb, but not in the roadway.

“This avoids having to carry large, heavy and bulky items long distance and allows for ease of access to the item,” he said.

Participating units will be responsible for submitting an after-action report

to Person by April 23.

“When submitting an after-action report, mission partners should list issues, actions and recommendations to continuously improve JBSA Proud Week,” Person said.

He also said that, although Proud Week is a “focused effort that asks missions partners to help in keeping JBSA clean,” it is not a one-time event.

“Keeping JBSA clean is a continuous effort that requires all Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, civilians and dependents to do their part to help keep the installation beautiful,” Person said.

Cowboys For Heroes

combines chuckwagons, food and country music

By Steve Elliott
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

More than 3,000 cowboy enthusiasts and fans of hearty chuckwagon cooking took advantage of clear skies and comfortable temperatures Saturday for the 10th annual Cowboys for Heroes event held at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.

This year's Cowboys for Heroes had 18 chuckwagons serving up more than 2,200 pounds of beef and 500 pounds of beans among the mountains of free cowboy cooking on 1800s-style chuck wagons. They was also live horseback riding performances, mutton busting, family hayrides, pony rides, mechanical bulls, a trick roper, photo opportunities and much more.

Cowboys for Heroes is a free event offered by the cowboy community as a show of appreciation and to give back to military heroes. The event takes service members and their families back in time to the days of roping, ranching and songs around a campfire.

Chuckwagons for Christ donated the meat and cooking materials, while the commissary donated paper and plastic products. The Gunn Automotive Group and Silver Eagle were event sponsors.



A Soldier from the 1st Cavalry Division, Horse Cavalry Detachment from Fort Hood, Texas, takes a turn with his horse while wielding his rifle Saturday during a demonstration at the Cowboys for Heroes event at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.



Cowboy songs, poetry and stories were on tap Saturday at the Cowboys for Heroes event at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center.



Sam Howell of the Cocklebur Camp from Odessa, Texas, keeps a close eye on the progress of a batch of hamburgers Saturday for Cowboys for Heroes attendees.



The chili is ready to serve as Jack Thompsen of Bryan, Texas, ladles up a bowl for a customer Saturday at the Cowboys for Heroes event.



A 1st Cavalry Division, Horse Cavalry Detachment Soldier from Fort Hood, Texas, demonstrates proper sabre techniques Saturday during a demonstration at the Cowboys for Heroes event.



A young mutton buster loses her grip on her sheep at the end of her ride Saturday.

Photos by
Steve Elliott



Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division, Horse Cavalry Detachment from Fort Hood, Texas, perform a wheel formation Saturday during a demonstration at the Cowboys for Heroes event.



Folks attending the Cowboys for Heroes event at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center Saturday find their seats for a hayride.



Donra Barr offers up some hearty cowboy stew.



Annette Wilson of Stamford, Texas, shares a smile as she prepares cornbread.



A Soldier from the 1st Cavalry Division, Horse Cavalry Detachment shoots out a balloon during a precision riding demonstration Saturday.



Jerry Lawson from the Rafter-L Chuckwagon from Graham, Texas, turns over skewers of skirt steak and pork ribs Saturday at the Cowboys for Heroes event.



Andrew Robinson (left) from Denton, Texas, offers some cowboy beignets – or “cowboy-gnets” as he calls them – Saturday at the Cowboys for Heroes event.

Cybercrime: How it affects you

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Cybercrime is the fastest growing and most dynamic area of crime. Ever-increasing reliance on cyber technology is allowing criminals to operate with virtual impunity across a range of criminal activities and jurisdictions.

Although the types of crimes are not necessarily new (theft, fraud, extortion, drug proliferation and sex-based exploitation), the technology provides criminals an unprecedented range of targets, increased operational capabilities and a reduced risk of capture and prosecution.

In 2013, cybercriminals defrauded the U.S. public to the tune of more than \$780 million through a variety of online scams ranging in a level of complexity from simple fraud schemes to complex hacking scams, according to the 2013 Internet Crime Report from the FBI.

In the past few years, there have been numerous online scams where criminals have either directly targeted military personnel or used actual and fictitious information about U.S. military members to defraud the public. These scams range in forms and all are designed to extort information or money from innocent victims by exploiting the public's trust in the U.S. military.

Online scammers use

U.S. military members' information, whether real or fake, for three reasons: 1 – credibility; 2 – plausibility; and 3 – emotional appeal.

Appearing attractive to a victim's emotional response the criminal generates trust and loyalty in order to increase credibility once the scam is suggested. The military ties also give criminals a credible reason to solicit money from victims that would normally make such a request seem suspicious. Two of the most common online scenarios are sale scams and the Nigerian Letter scams.

The online sale scam begins by offering online goods well below their market price, most frequently carried out on an online sale site. Most of such scams involve vehicle sales and generally take the following pattern: a scammer advertises a vehicle for sale at a price almost too good to be true and describes the vehicle in broad terms.

The potential victim answers the ad and is soon contacted by the scammer, claiming to be a member with a U.S. military unit that's being deployed abroad. The scammer uses this "deployment" to explain the devalued sales price of the vehicle and they will be unable to test drive it.

Often, the scammer insists the transaction take place quickly and requests the potential victim wire the money or transfer funds via the

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DOD warns troops, families to be cyber crime smart

By Terri Moon Cronk
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

Department of Defense employees and their families should be vigilant when guarding personal and work information from expanding cyber-criminal activity, and to know how to recognize scammer tactics, according to the DOD's chief information officer.

Terry A. Halvorsen issued a DOD-wide memorandum March 18 about the growing threat of cybercrime "phishing" and "spear phishing" in emails, on social media sites and through phone calls.

"Phishing" is defined as sending fraudulent emails that claim to be from reputable sources, such as a recipient's bank or credit card company, to gain personal or financial information.

Recipients of such emails are often directed to fraudulent websites that mimic familiar-looking bank and e-commerce sites, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. Phishers ask recipients to "update" or "confirm" accounts, which discloses confidential information such as Social Security

and credit card numbers.

"Spear phishing" is the latest twist on phishing, according to Britannica, and it targets companies and government agencies through "select employees" with fraudulent emails, which appear to come from trusted or known sources. When employees click on links in the emails, hostile programs enter the organization's computers.

"Cyber criminals continue using phishing and spear-phishing attacks," Halvorsen said in his memo, "and their tactics are evolving in an increasingly predatory manner."

While military members and DOD civilians are routinely trained in recognizing cyber security red flags, DOD also wants its workforce's families and parents to be prepared to deal with suspicious email, he added.

These cyber criminals also track and mine social media accounts such as Facebook, LinkedIn and others "to interact with people and compromise accounts," Halvorsen said.

"Phishing continues to be successful because attackers do more

research, evolve their tactics and seek out easy prey," he said. "We need to arm ourselves and our families with defensive skills and knowledge to protect against being victimized by a phishing email, computer or phone scam."

Halvorsen advises these safeguards to protect against phishing and spear phishing, which can also lead to identity theft:

- Never trust links or account/password prompts within email messages.
- Note that phishing emails sometimes have poor grammar or misspelled words.
- Do not trust information-seeking emails and phone calls, and verify such threats.
- Never provide your user identification and/or password.
- Refuse social media connection requests from anyone you haven't personally met.
- Use spam filters for personal email.
- Never email personal or financial information, even if you know the person requesting it.
- Be wary of pop-ups; don't click links or enter

any data.

- Don't copy web addresses from a pop-up into a browser.
- Don't click on links, download files or open attachments.

In his memo (at http://www.defense.gov/documents/DoD-CIO-Memo_Subj_Shielding_DoD_and_Family_from_Phishing_dtd_20150318.pdf), Halvorsen includes a list of resources, listed below, to help people gain defensive knowledge. Halvorsen's memo encourages service members and families to share the resources with friends and communities.

- Free cyber defense education resources
- Leverage existing youth programs in which your children may already be involved. The Boy Scouts of America has a number of age-appropriate videos and resources for children, grades one through 12 known as "Cyber Chip" found at <http://bsaseabase.org/Scouting/Training/YouthProtection/CyberChip.aspx>. The Girl Scouts, as part of the National Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign, has a number of age-

appropriate resources at: <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/internet-safety>.

- The FTC provides videos and fact sheets on "Chatting with Kids About Being Online" at <https://www.onguardonline.gov/medialvideo-000!-net-cetera-chatting-kids-about-beingonline>.

• "A Parent's Guide to Facebook" instructs parents on how to help their children strengthen privacy controls and use social media safely: <http://www.ikeepsafe.org/parents/parentsguide-to-facebook>.

• ConnectSafely offers resources on smart video-gaming, dealing with teen sexting, cyberbullying, cellphone and virtual world safety tips at: <http://www.connectsafely.org>.

• The National Cyber Security Alliance's resources for parents, children, teachers, and small businesses covers data privacy, mobile shopping, and laptop security at <https://www.staysafeonline.org>.

• McGruff the Crime Dog, a program your children are likely familiar with through school programs in partner-

ship with the National Crime Prevention Council helps you reinforce what your children have been taught and how to protect their grandparents at <http://www.ncpc.org/topics>.

• iKeepSafe is focused on ensuring that generations of children grow up safely using technology and the Internet and offers many resources for parents, educators, and communities to leverage at <http://www.ikeepsafe.org>.

• The BEaPRO Parent app assesses your family's cybersecurity habits, offers online safety advice, and explains how parents can improve the family's technology safety at <http://www.ikeepsafe.org/beapro-parent-app>.

• The Securing Our eCity Foundation offers extensive materials for families, businesses, and communities at <http://securingoureconomy.org>.

• Microsoft has developed a document on how to recognize phishing email messages, links, or phone calls at <http://www.microsoft.com/security/online-privacy/phishing-symptoms.aspx>.

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purchase of a money card and then providing the code to the scammer.

In the advance-fee online fraud scam or Nigerian Letter scams, the criminal seeks to defraud potential victims by promising big profits in exchange for help moving large sums of money.

Claiming to be a

government official, business person or the surviving spouse of a former government leader, the criminals offer to transfer millions of dollars into victim's bank account in exchange for a small fee. The scammer really wants the victim's bank account information in order to transfer money out of their account.

Military personnel appear to be at risk to online impersonation because of the perceived

reputability and integrity of service members by the general public.

Criminals looking to impersonate service members can find an abundance of personal information from official websites, news articles and social networking sites. Military members should be aware their personal information can be exploited by online imposters and must remain vigilant to protect and minimize their Internet footprint.



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Navy Reserve Centennial presentation at Navy League highlights historical facts, mysterious disappearance

By L.A. Shively

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From current conflicts in the Middle East and throughout the world, to the First Texas Navy, Capt. Steve Brown, Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio commander, recounted the history of the Navy Reserve in San Antonio during a Navy League meeting and luncheon March 24 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club.

The Navy Reserve was created March 3, 1915 by Congress as the result of a campaign launched by then-Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and his assistant, a young New Yorker named Franklin D. Roosevelt, in Washington, D.C.

With WWI raging on all fronts overseas, Daniels and Franklin saw the need for a reserve force of Sailors ready to augment the active Navy in case of imminent threat to the homeland or U.S. assets abroad.

Only honorably discharged Navy seamen were accepted at that time and in San Antonio, Sailors affiliated mustered for inspection and pay on a quarterly basis. It was not until 1947 that a formal Naval Reserve organization in the Alamo City was announced and opened to veterans of all of the military services.

“Does that date sound familiar? Does anyone else know what happened here in 1947?” Brown asked his audience.

Someone answered that was the date the Department of Defense was



Capt. Steve Brown, Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio commander, speaks about the history of the Navy Reserve in San Antonio during the March 24 meeting and luncheon of the local chapter of the Navy League at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The audience included retired, active duty and reserve members of the Navy, their guests, and other interested members of the community.

implemented.

“That’s right and it included the establishment of the Air Force,” Brown said. “So, the next time someone says, ‘Well I didn’t know we had Navy in San Antonio,’ you can say, ‘Well the Navy has been here just as long as the Air Force.’”

The audience of retired, active-duty and reserve Navy members chuckled loudly.

Brown showed images of the original drilling center on Arsenal Street that was commissioned in 1950. Pictures taken during the first annual inspection the following year showed Sailors in their service dress blue uniforms and inspecting officers in service dress khaki, a popular uniform that had been considered

for re-issue.

Throughout his presentation, Brown illustrated the partnership between the Navy and San Antonio through participation in events such as Safe Driving Day, blood drives and Fiesta. In 1955, reserve Sailors decorated an automobile, drove it into a downtown intersection and then demolished it with sledge hammers to illustrate the dangers of unsafe driving.

In 1956, Sailors from the reserve center designed and built a miniature, to-scale destroyer, complete with gun turrets and manned by a crew of two plus one passenger. It operated under its own power and was christened the Commodore Edwin W. Moore during a ceremony on the Lone Star Lake at the Lone Star Brewing Company in San Antonio.

The battleship honored Moore who commanded the First Texas Navy and in 1842, during the Mexican Revolution, he blockaded the Mexican coast and destroyed the Mexican fleet. But since Republic of Texas President Sam Houston had ordered the Texas Navy home to Galveston to be sold, Moore was accused of rebellion and suspended. The commodore was later convicted of only four minor charges and remained in the Texas Navy.

That battleship carried its crew through nearly five decades of Fiesta River Parades and in 2003, it was seen dry docked in the parking lot of today’s Reserve center on Binz-Engleman Road.

The Commodore Edwin W. Moore was floated once or twice more but as a result of age and disrepair, the battleship was unceremoniously retired and eventually it disappeared. But scuttlebutt has it that the crew of the Navy Recruiting District San Antonio knows its present location.

NOSC San Antonio now has nearly 630 reserve officers and enlisted Sailors assigned to 15 actively drilling units. Many of the Sailors have been deployed to the Middle East fighting terrorism. Currently, 80 Sailors are deployed supporting various missions around the world.



Photos by L.A. Shively

Past president of the Navy League J. J. Mathews (left) presents Capt. Steve Brown a plaque in appreciation of his presentation to the Navy League. Brown spoke about the history of the Navy Reserve in San Antonio during the March 24 meeting and luncheon of the local chapter of the Navy League at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club.



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Center for the Intrepid's first quad amputee strives to inspire others

By Lori Newman
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Brooke Army Medical Center has cared for more than 5,200 wounded service members over the past decade, yet the first quad amputee to receive treatment at the Center for the Intrepid on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is a female retired police officer from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Donna Lowery lost her limbs more than a year ago due to a bacterial infection which almost took her life. But today, she's not only surviving, she's thriving.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for this remarkable place and these incredible people," said Lowery with her ever-present smile. "It's truly been a blessing for me to be here."

Seeing this lady now, it's hard to believe that just a few years ago she nearly died due to a mysterious illness.

A few days after Mother's Day in 2013, Lowery's husband, a Coast Guard

retiree, noticed she wasn't acting like herself; she was incoherent, so he brought her to the emergency room.

"I don't even remember leaving the house or being in the ER," Lowery said, thinking back to that fateful day. "The doctors didn't know what to do."

She was jaundiced, her kidneys failed, her liver shut down and her blood pressure dropped. She

was in a coma for more than three weeks. Her family flew to Texas to say goodbye, because they didn't think she would live.

She survived, but when she woke from the coma all four of her limbs were gone.

The medications she was given kept her alive, but at a cost. Her limbs had to be amputated due to a loss of blood flow to

her extremities.

"I saw that the one was gone, I immediately looked at the other one and it was gone," she said, sadly. "Then my husband pulled back the covers and said, 'Babe, I need to show you something,' and I saw my legs were gone."

At that point, she was confused because she didn't know where she was. She couldn't talk due to a tracheotomy and she was experiencing phantom pain in her extremities, even though her limbs were not there.

"I just remember waking up with my husband there, and this doctor is standing over me and no limbs all of a sudden," Lowery said.

"I'm wiggling limbs around and I'm not seeing anything moving. I'm freaking out," she said. "It was a very confusing time. But it was just like flicking a switch, man my faith kicked on. I said, 'God this is your problem, because this is way bigger than I can handle.'"

Lowery received treatment at three different



Photos by Lori Newman

Donna Lowery strengthens her leg muscles as part of her physical therapy at the Center for the Intrepid on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Lowery lost her limbs over a year ago due to a bacterial infection which almost took her life.

community hospitals before coming to the CFI in June 2014. Since then, the 58-year-old police veteran has made remarkable strides to regain her mobility.

Lowery and her husband stay in the Fisher

House across from the CFI. During the week, her mornings are spent in occupational therapy and afternoons in physical therapy.

In occupational therapy,

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Army charges Bergdahl with desertion, Article 32 hearing planned

U.S. Army Forces Command has thoroughly reviewed the Army investigation surrounding Sgt. Robert Bowdrie Bergdahl's 2009 disappearance in Afghanistan and formally charged him March 25 under the Uniform Code of Military Justice with "Desertion with Intent to Shirk Important or Hazardous Duty" and "Misbehavior

Before The Enemy by Endangering the Safety of a Command, Unit or Place," and has referred the case to an Article 32 preliminary hearing, command officials announced March 25 in a news release.

The remainder of the release follows:

Sgt. Bergdahl is charged under the Uniform Code of Military

Justice with one count of Article 85, "Desertion with Intent to Shirk Important or Hazardous Duty," and one count of Article 99, "Misbehavior Before The Enemy by Endangering the Safety of a Command, Unit or Place." Army Sgt. Bergdahl disappeared June 30, 2009, from Combat Outpost Mest-Lalak in Paktika

Province, Afghanistan, and was subsequently captured.

An Article 32 preliminary hearing is a legal procedure under the Uniform Code of Military Justice designed to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to merit a court-martial and is required before a case can be tried by a General Court-Martial.

Legal experts often compare this to a civilian grand jury inquiry. The Article 32 hearing will take place at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Specific scheduling details and procedures for news media coverage of the hearing will be announced at a later date.

Following the Article 32 preliminary hearing

and receipt of the Article 32 preliminary hearing officer's recommendations, the report will be forwarded to a General Court-Martial convening authority who may refer charges to a General Court-martial, refer the charges to a Special Court-martial, dismiss the charges, or take any

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Commanding general of Army Materiel Command visits JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

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The Army in transition and the potential impact of sequestration were among the key topics discussed by the commanding general of the Army Materiel Command during a visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston March 11 and 12.

The Mission and Installation Contracting Command hosted Gen. Dennis Via, who spent two days in San Antonio receiving operational updates and conducting command visits with joint base organizations supported by AMC.

During his visit, he met with leaders at the Installation Management Command, Army North, Army South as well as the 412th and 410th Contracting Support Brigades on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to learn about each respective command's requirements, issues and concerns in order for AMC to better support them.

"If a Soldier drives it, flies it, wears it, shoots it, communicates with it or eats it, AMC has a role in providing it," Via said. "The folks who do the contracting have a huge role in making all of that happen."

During a town hall with contracting activities on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Via addressed the continuing state of transition for the service in response to an ever-changing threat environment.

"We have always been in a state of change. That's what the Army is about," he said. "We're in a period of transition, and that transition will continue. It's impacted by sequestration."

He added that as the



Photo by Ben Gonzales

The U.S. Army Materiel Command's Gen. Dennis Via and Command Sgt. Maj. James Sims (center) met with Mission and Installation Contracting Command leaders, including MICC commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Gabbert (far left) and Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen E. Bowens (far right) March 11 and 12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The AMC commanding general and command sergeant major spent two days in San Antonio to learn about requirements, issues and concerns from subordinate and supported commands.

Army continues to transition following 13 years of war, it remains critical that it is resourced at the best levels possible as Soldiers continue to serve in operations across six different continents.

"I'm always concerned about resourcing our units to perform their missions, so we're very concerned about sequestration. We have very important missions and operations and we have to ensure we have trained and ready forces to perform those operations," Via said. "We always want to make sure that they are the best-led, best-trained and best-equipped force before we send them off to conduct an operation."

"In order to do that, they have to be ready. In order to ensure they have a high state of readiness, you have to have resources. I'm always concerned about that as well as having the resources to train," he continued.

The AMC commander said sequestration is a

10-year law extending to 2023, but he is confident that a process is in place to manage the impact. That process takes into consideration lessons learned from previous reductions in force.

"We learned from that, so we're managing the drawdown on the uniform side and trying to balance and leverage as we have people retire," Via said. "We want to lead and manage our way through this to have a minimal impact."

As part of his visit to San Antonio, Via also had an opportunity to tour the Center for the Intrepid to view its state-of-the-world technologies used for rehabilitation, research, education and training and meet with Soldiers who benefit from that technology.

"When we see Soldiers here and talk to them about their injuries, we want to know what can we do in providing better equipment ... so if they unfortunately suffer some type of injury, it can be limited in impact," the AMC commanding gen-

eral said. "These visits and discussion help me have a better understanding of where I should ensure we invest our resources."

He added such insight is valuable in developing new technologies that can help better equip and protect Soldiers while enabling them to perform their mission.

Headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, AMC is responsible for ensuring the Army's materiel readiness through technology, acquisition support, materiel development, logistics power projection and sustainment to the total force. As a subordinate command, the Army Contracting Command serves as the contracting arm for AMC. The MICC is one of two subordinate ACC commands responsible for providing contracting support for the warfighter at Army commands, installations and activities located throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

Lt. Col. Jody Dugai (center), 187th Medical Battalion commander, presents the NCO sword to incoming Command Sgt. Major Rakimm Broadnax-Rogers (left) during the 187th Medical Battalion change of responsibility ceremony Mar. 13 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston post flagpole. Command Sgt. Maj. Dena Jimenez (far right) retired following 31 years of Army service.

187th Medical Battalion welcomes new sergeant major

By Phil Reidinger
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During a ceremony held at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston flagpole March 13, Command Sgt. Maj. Dena Jimenez relinquished her responsibilities as the 187th Medical Battalion command sergeant major to Command Sgt. Major Rakimm Broadnax-Rogers. The ceremony was hosted by Lt. Col. Jody Dugai, 187th Medical Battalion commander.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Dena Jimenez balances caring for Soldiers with holding them accountable," Dugai said, as the colonel congratulated Jimenez for her service as the battalion command sergeant major and thanked her for 31 years of service to the Army prior to her retirement, which followed the change of responsibility ceremony.

Jimenez noted serving in the Army forms a bond with fellow Soldiers that is as strong as with your own family.

Broadnax-Rogers said Soldiers are the driving force of the battalion's success and the unit has a stake in preparing Soldiers when the nation calls.

"As you climb in rank and responsibility you have to lift others along the path to success and increased responsibility," Broadnax-Rogers said.

INSIDE THE GATE

Teen, Young Adult Job Fair

Looking for a job? Print out your resumes and attend the Teen & Young Adult Job Fair from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Participants will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face and connect with local employers while learning

about current job openings. Open to dependents, ages 14-26, of active duty, Reservists, National Guard, Coast Guard, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. Registration required, call 221-2962 for details.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

A new prostate cancer support group meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the pediatric conference room, TN-122, on the first floor of the San Antonio Military Medical Center. The group is open to survivors, spouse and partners, family and caregivers. Call the urology clinic at 935-1640 for more information.

Thrift Shop

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

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ideas; hopefully they'll take the time to put those ideas on the iMatter site. Commercial entities such as USAA and Starbucks actually use similar tools and have had great success. In fact, USAA has generated more than 500 patents since 2010 with their respective innovation program."

"This program is intended to help complement existing Air Force programs and to focus on AETC-specific areas of innovation," Haedge added.

To start using iMatter, Airmen can visit the site at <https://app10-eis.aetc.af.mil/imatter/SitePages/home.aspx> and access a variety of resources, including an iMatter

User's Guide and instructional videos. Each iMatter site visitor must use his/her Common Access Card and select the non-email CAC certificate in order to access the site.

For non-CAC users or to find out more, contact the AETC Innovation and Transformation Office at AETC.AFSO21.Workflow@us.af.mil.

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other action deemed appropriate.

Article 85 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, "Desertion with Intent to Shirk Important or Hazardous Duty," carries a maximum potential punishment of a dishonorable discharge, reduction to the rank of E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and maximum confinement of five years. Article 99 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, "Misbehavior Before The Enemy by Endangering the Safety of a Command, Unit or Place," carries a maximum potential penalty of dishonorable discharge, reduction to the rank of E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and possible confinement for life.

Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the specific legal elements for Article 85, "Desertion with Intent to Shirk Important or Hazardous Duty," are: (1) "The accused quit his (or her) unit or place of duty," (2) "The accused did so with the intent to avoid or shirk certain service," (3) The duty to be performed was hazardous or important," (4) "The accused knew he (or she) was required for the duty or service," and (5) "The accused remained absent until a certain date."

The specific legal elements for Article 99, "Misbehavior Before The Enemy by Endangering the Safety of a Command, Unit or Place," are: (1) "The accused has a duty to defend a unit or place," (2)

"The accused committed misconduct," (3) "The accused thereby endangered the unit or place," and (4) "The act occurred before the enemy."

Forces Command officials associated with this legal case cannot discuss or disclose the findings of the 2014 investigation while legal actions are pending out of respect to the judicial process, the rights of the accused, and to ensure the proceeding's fairness and impartiality. The Army's 2014 investigation into the circumstances of the soldier's 2009 disappearance and capture in Afghanistan is currently being treated as potential evidence in the pending Article 32 preliminary hearing.

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nicate with members of their squad, platoon or company.

Army units can use DSTS as an additional training tool by creating a virtual limitless operational environment where dismounted Soldiers can engage the enemy or area targets.

“A team leader or squad leader who does not have troop leading experience can come in here and work on that before they go out to the field. They can rehearse in here multiple times,” said Jacob Patrick, field service technician and DSTS trainer.

During the training, nine Army South Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion Soldiers with different levels of dismounted Soldier training and experience worked together to quickly disable the enemy and accomplish their simulated mission.

According to Spc. Brittany Skula, Army South human resource specialist, although the training was virtual, she learned what it would be like to work with a squad in a stressful environment.

“DSTS training was a great experience because I have never been deployed. I don’t have that combat experience. But during the training, I got a taste of what it could be



Army South Soldiers gear up with Soldier manned modules, part of a Dismounted Soldier Training System, in preparation for dismounted Soldier training held March 5 at the Mission Training Complex at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. DSTS is the Army’s first fully immersive virtual simulation training system that provides the capability to conduct dismounted Soldier operations for Soldiers in a virtual operational environment.

like and how much stress and how much you have to think as a team and not as yourself,” Skula said.

DSTS has the ability to record and playback the entire training, including each Soldier’s movements, during the scenario.

After each scenario, Army South Soldiers used the playback feature during an after-

action review for critical tactical decision points and discussed what happened and what they should do next time to improve.

“DSTS lets Soldiers know where their weaknesses are. It gives them a good understanding of where they are lacking and gives them the opportunity to improve on their Soldiering skills,” said.

As a DSTS trainer, Patrick

said he gets positive responses from Soldiers who want to come back regularly for training and get more experience.

“If you have the opportunity to conduct this kind of training, just like anything else, take it seriously and train like we fight. Put in a hundred percent of your effort and your time into it and you will get something out of it,” Vasquezrivera said.



Photos by Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye

Staff Sgt. Yamil Rodriguezsantos, Army South training noncommissioned officer, geared up with Soldier-manned modules, engages virtual enemy targets using the Dismounted Soldier Training System during dismounted Soldier training held March 5 at the Mission Training Complex at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.



Photo by Lori Newman

Donna Lowery works to put a shoe lace through the eyelet of a tennis shoe as part of her occupational therapy at the Center for the Intrepid. Her expression changes from concentration to elation as she accomplishes the task.

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Lowery is working on putting a shoelace through the eyelet of a tennis shoe. Watching her, one can see her concentration as she tosses her auburn hair away from her freckled face.

“I first need to figure out how I’m going to do it,” she explains, because one muscle movement rotates the prosthetic wrist, while a different muscle movement controls its ability to open and close.

As she tries for a few minutes, there is a glimmer of frustration and a tremendous amount of determination written in her facial expression.

At last, triumph. “I did it!” Lowery exclaims, smiling broadly.

Next, her occupational therapist challenges her to tie the shoe. This task Lowery completes quickly.

“A lot of people pity someone like me who has lost all four limbs. People ask me how I get through this, but I have a very strong faith,” Lowery said.

“I truly believe that God has brought me to this time in my life, to reach out to some of these young men and women who have suffered overseas while defending their country.”

Lowery has become a role model to many of the young service members rehabilitating at the CFI.

“She is never a negative person, ever. She inspires us to smile,” said Staff Sgt. Angel

Figuroa, also a patient at the CFI. “She is a person with so many disabilities and she doesn’t show anger, or hurt or anything like that; she is actually happy to be alive. She tries to make the best of her situation and that’s a good inspiration for all of us.”

“I’m very humbled to be here,” Lowery said. “I just cannot compare my situation to what these young kids have gone through; the loss and the trauma they have suffered. It’s been such a blessing for me to be here and to be able to talk to them.”

Lowery said she has been through in-patient, out-patient and home health care since losing her limbs, but nothing compares to the treatment she

has received at the CFI.

“This place is amazing, having everybody in one facility, working together as a team sets this place apart from any other facility.”

As for what Lowery’s future holds, she says she doesn’t know what she will do in this new chapter of her life. But, she said she will continue to advocate for other amputees and is considering becoming an occupational therapist.

“The hardest thing is feeling like you have lost your independence, but it doesn’t have to be that way,” the quad amputee said. “No matter what happens, you can never lose your faith. We are all put here for a purpose.”