



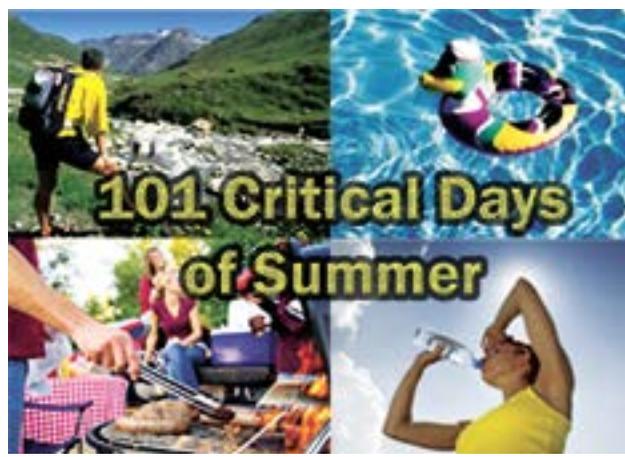
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**Army North welcomes
 new senior enlisted leader**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior Army commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, passes the U.S. Army North colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Orosz during a change of responsibility ceremony May 15 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater. Orosz assumed the duties as the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Army North, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, from outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes. Rhodes retired from the Army following 31 years of military service.

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
 Army North Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Orosz assumed responsibility as the senior enlisted leader for United States Army North (Fifth Army), Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, from outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes

during a change of responsibility ceremony May 15 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater.

Rhodes, who assumed the Army North's senior NCO position in November 2012, is retiring following 31 years of military service.

Orosz comes to Army North after serving as the

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**Army North says
 goodbye to a
 Soldier, friend**

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
 Army North Public Affairs

"I serve as a Soldier so those who choose not to serve don't have to."

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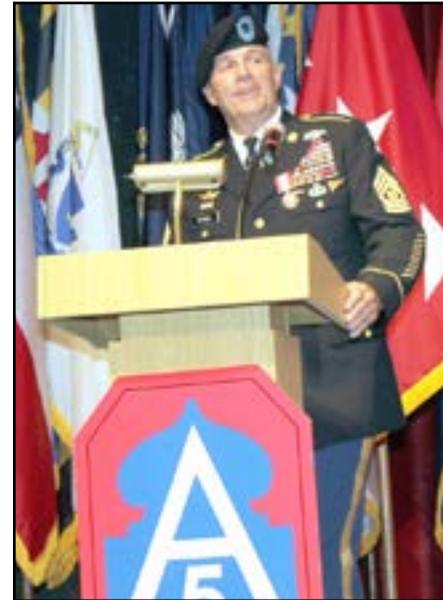


Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes says his final goodbyes during his retirement ceremony May 15 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater. Rhodes, who first enlisted in the Army in 1975, spent 31 years in uniform. His last assignment was as the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army).

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Manage the risk during Memorial Day weekend

By Travis Kilpack
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Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the summer recreation period and the beginning of the Critical Days of Summer campaign which runs through Labor Day.

Many of you will be spending time in the outdoors, dusting off the winter cobwebs from your boats, motorcycles, recreational vehicles and camping gear, or simply spending time at home with family and friends.

This long weekend gives us a time to relax away from our fast-paced operations tempo and also to pay our respects to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we enjoy.

During last year's Critical Days of Summer campaign, the Air Force mourned the loss of 16 members. As in the past, motor vehicle fatalities – not enemy forces – accounted for most of our losses. Five died in four-wheeled vehicle mishaps and another three lost their lives in motorcycle mishaps.

Some of the factors in these mishaps included speeding, alcohol and not using seat belts – all of which are unacceptable risks and easily correctable.

Let's not forget the water-related mishaps which have historically taken their toll on military members as well. Two individuals lost their lives in water-related mishaps during last year's Critical Days of Summer.

As we enter this long



101 Critical Days of Summer

weekend and summer period, we encourage everyone to remember that choices matter, regardless of what activities you and your family will be participating in.

Including risk management in your planning decisions can help mitigate as much risk as possible in summer activities.

A risk assessment doesn't have to take an act of Congress. It can be done on the fly, anywhere, anytime, anyplace, by anyone. Simply ask yourself: What am I doing? What can go wrong? Could I hurt myself or someone else?

What actions can I take to reduce or eliminate the danger?

The Wingman concept is another effective way to help avoid mishaps. This involves watching each other's backs to prevent injury or loss of life.

If you see a hazard, report it or fix it, if you see someone starting to do something that makes the hairs on your neck stand up or your gut knot up – please don't look away. Be a good Wingman and take action to prevent a serious incident from occurring. The bottom line is your "action" or "lack of action" can make the difference in the eventual

outcome of a situation.

Throughout the summer, you can expect to be reminded of key safety tips through commander's calls, base publications, etc. Pay attention to the warnings and reminders such as the ones we are recommending for the extended weekend.

They may seem simple but we are reminded that they continue to be major factors in fatal mishaps:

- Wear seatbelts at all times.
- Remain alert while at the wheel and plan rest breaks at frequent intervals.
- Have a plan; don't speed in an effort to ar-

rive early. Better to arrive late than not arrive at all.

- Don't drink and drive.
- Anticipate the unexpected and be ready to react.
- Wear proper safety equipment when participating in water related activities or other high risk activities.

Remember, personal safety is the responsibility of each individual and is a vital part of all activities. The person you see in the mirror each day is the person that can make a difference.

Think safe; act safe; be safe and enjoy the time off.



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FSHISD Non-Resident Student Transfer Program

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

Technology Expo At JBSA-Lackland

The 21st annual Technology Expo is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 4 at Mitchell Hall on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, located on Kenly Avenue next to the fire station. More than two dozen exhibitors are scheduled to attend this free event, which is open to all Department of Defense, government and contract personnel who have gate access. For more information, call 671-8869 or 877-332-3976.

Volunteers needed to test gender-neutral physical standards

Joint Base San Antonio area Airmen are needed to volunteer for physical standards studies required to potentially open the last six Battlefield Airmen career fields to women and to ensure gender-neutral standards across all Air Force specialties. The Physical Tests and Standards Study runs through July 18 and will consist of familiar physical tests like

Military spouse recipient of MEDCOM Dr. Mary E. Walker Award

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S, HRCoe Public Affairs

Renee Edwards was presented the U.S. Army Medical Command's Dr. Mary E. Walker Award by Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army Surgeon General and commanding general, Army Medical Command, May 3 at the Holiday Inn Airport. Edwards was recognized for her volunteer work to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

Edwards volunteered her services in support of Brooke Army Medical Center and the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Warrior Transition Battalion from June 2013 to July 2014.

While at BAMC, she guided a brigade-sized Family Readiness Group, served as the voice of Army families

as an Army delegate to the Army Family Action Plan Conference and dedicated countless hours to providing guidance, assistance, education and emotional support to more than 700 families in transition. She would routinely sit at the bedside of wounded warriors until families would arrive, offering her support during days, nights and weekends.

She has also provided support as a senior spouse mentor for the Army Medical Department Pre-Command Course and the Command Team Development Program since 2013. She coaches, teaches, mentors commander's spouses on unique command team challenges and shares her plan for a successful Family Readiness Program.

Edwards developed the WTB Spouses Forum that include briefings from subject matter experts on topics such as post traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, effective communication with children of Soldiers with disabilities and the Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

As the Army Medical Department ambassador, she seeks out every opportunity to tell the Army and Army Medicine stories. Edwards is the wife of Col. Eric Edwards, who is assigned as the chief of staff to the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Us Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence.

"While I'm incredibly honored, it is with great humility that I accept this award," Edwards said. "I am surrounded by amazing people who



Photo by Esther Garcia

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho (right), Army Surgeon General and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, presents Renee Edwards (left) the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award on May 3 at the Holiday Inn Airport.

share my passion for helping our Soldiers and their families. It is amazing what you can do when you have a great team of individuals working together to make a difference."

Dr. Mary E. Walker

was one of the first women physicians in the country at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 and is the only woman in the United States history to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Alamo Federal Executive Board recognizes Army Medicine employees, teams



Courtesy photo

Cathleen Salas receives her award from John W. "Bill" Snodgrass, executive director at Headquarters, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

By Kirk Frady
Army Medicine Public Affairs

Several local Army Medicine employees and teams from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston were recognized by the Alamo Federal Executive Board May 5 for their accomplishments and achievements during the 2015 Federal Recognition Awards ceremony held at the Schertz Civic Center in Schertz, Texas.

The Federal Recognition Awards Program is a prestigious form of non-monetary recognition available to civilian and military employees

of the U.S. government in the San Antonio metropolitan area.

"Today marks a celebration of excellence," said John W. "Bill" Snodgrass, executive director at Headquarters, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, who presented the awards. "Today, we acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of San Antonio's federal employees and honor the best of the best."

"These honorees were chosen through a competitive process that began with 116 total nomination packages

from 30 San Antonio area Federal agencies," Snodgrass added. "I welcome each participant with the hope that we will continue to build upon our partnerships and continue our individual and collective quests for excellence."

2015 Winners from Army Medicine were: Finalist, Category 1 (Administrative Support): Jonelle Joiner, Brooke Army Medical Center.

Finalist, Category 3 (Law Enforcement): Cathleen Salas, U.S. Army Medical Command.

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running, pull ups, push ups, as well as combat-related simulations like swimming, carrying life-size dummies, rock climbing, and climbing walls. Interested Airmen should get permission from their supervisors and then email T2@us.af.mil or call 652-2043. The Re-validation of Strength Qualification Standards Study runs through Aug. 1 and will consist of familiar entry physical tests, to include those that measure strength. Airmen volunteers should contact Katie Linnenkohl at kastville@humanperfsys.com. Volunteers can come from a variety of backgrounds – active duty, guard or reserve, female and male. All participants must be between the ages of 18 years and 45 years old, must have a current passing physical fitness test (all four components), current preventive health assessment/medical clearance, willing to attempt physical tasks and must complete a safety and medical screening questionnaire.

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.

Master-at-Arms recognized as one of two Spotlight Sailors

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Public Affairs

Commemorating fellow Sailors by assisting families who are navigating that last ceremonial voyage with their loved ones is Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Kagebein's current mission coordinating the Navy Funeral Honors detachment at the Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

“You know the family is taking it hard, but you know you are doing something that will honor them,” Kagebein said. “There is a deep sense of pride that you are giving back to those who served.”

Kagebein enlisted into the Navy Reserve and began participating with the honors detach-

ment just four years ago. After the first year he was offered funeral honors coordinator and accepted the position immediately.

“I figured it would be a great opportunity to begin my active duty career, but to also continue with the funeral honors program,” he said.

“Petty Officer Kagebein was selected as one of our Spotlight Sailors due to his outstanding performance as funeral honors coordinator,” said NOSC Command Master Chief Jermaine “Jay” Rawls. “Although recently advanced to petty officer second class, Kagebein supervises lieutenants and below on a daily basis in carrying out his responsibilities. Our NOSC has not missed a funeral during his tenure.”

The funeral honors detachment is comprised

of 26 Reserve Sailors from various ranks and ratings who perform the service several times a week.

“Last year we had 475 ceremonies and approximately 500 in 2013,” Kagebein said, adding that they do honor fallen service members from other military branches, but that the majority of the people are Navy retired or active duty.

“In March we were already up to 162 ceremonies,” Kagebein said. He explained that between ceremonies both established and new members train regularly to ensure their professionalism and military bearing.

Navy funerals are conducted and based on long-standing customs and traditions dating as far back as the formation of the Continental Navy, according to the Naval History and Heri-



Petty Officer 1st Class Rachel Figueroa and Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Kagebein hold their salutes as Figueroa moves toward the casket to fold the flag. After the flag is folded, it is presented to the spouse of the fallen Sailor or a member of the family.

tage Command website (<http://www.history.navy.mil/>).

Funeral honors instructions standardize movements and sequences to maintain the dignity of the service while escorting a fallen member to his or her final resting place. They also dictate that a funeral honors detail shall, at a minimum, perform a ceremony that includes folding the U.S. flag, presenting the flag to the family and playing “Taps.”

“It’s a really special time,” Kagebein said. “When a family member receives the flag – it’s hard presenting it – but it is also one of the best feelings, knowing that that loved one served his or her country and has the support of his or her family. That’s the symbol they’re going to have of their loved one for the rest of their lives.”

Serving as coordinator of the funeral honors detachment is

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Kagebein presents the folded U.S. flag to the spouse of the fallen Sailor. After the spouse takes the flag, Kagebein will take one step backward and salute as a sign of honor and pride for the fallen service member and his or her family. Kagebein is the coordinator for the Funeral Honors detachment at the Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and one of two Spotlight Sailors recently recognized as part of the Navy Reserve Centennial celebrations.



Photos by L.A. Shively

(From left) Petty Officer 2nd Class Cy Daniels, Petty Officer 1st Class Rachel Figueroa and Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald Kagebein salute as the flag-draped casket arrives for a memorial for a fallen Sailor's family at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The Sailors are members of the Funeral Honors detachment comprised of Navy Reservists from various ranks and ratings who perform the service several times a week.

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Courtesy photo

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins (far left), U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general and senior Army commander for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, poses for a photo with 18 of the Army's newest lieutenants at the University of Texas-San Antonio May 8. Wiggins administered the oath of office to the students during their commissioning ceremony, transitioning them from ROTC cadets to Army officers.

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2015 Air Show, Open House takes place at JBSA-Randolph Oct. 31-Nov. 1

The 12th Flying Training Wing, with direct support from the 502nd Air Base Wing, will hold a Joint Base San Antonio air show and open house from Oct. 31 through Nov. 1.

Co-hosted by Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, and Col. Matthew Isler, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, the two-day event will take place at JBSA-Randolph.

"This year's theme, 'Taking Military City USA to New Heights,' is certainly befitting as we have dedicated an entire weekend to showcasing air, space and cyber power by opening the gates of JBSA-Randolph to our incredibly supportive public," LaBrutta said. "It's no secret

that the region and surrounding community have established a tremendous partnership with all 266 Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force missions that reside on Joint Base San Antonio."

Headlining the schedule are the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, along with the Wings of Blue and U.S. Army's Golden Knights parachute teams.

Along with 300 minutes of flying time, the show will also feature static displays and fun for all ages.

"This event is about Airmen," Isler said. "You'll see on our flight line the evolution of joint air power and the incredible advancements in technology that have occurred throughout the Air Force's extraordinary his-

tory. War birds representing each of those generations of Airmen will be on display, from World War II, Korea and Vietnam eras, to today's 5th Generation of remotely piloted aircraft, trainer, and fighter weapon systems."

At this time, some of the scheduled flying acts are a T-6, Mig-17, T-33, T-38, P-51 and the B-25. The schedule is subject to change and will be updated as information becomes available.

The free event is open to the public and gates for base access will be publicized as the event nears. Department of Defense ID card holders will have normal base access through the Main and West Gates and will have pedes-

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Force protection level boosted at DOD facilities nationwide

By Cheryl Pellerin
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

The commander of U.S. Northern Command has elevated the force protection level for all Defense Department facilities in the continental United States, but not because of a specific threat, Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Steve Warren said May 8 in Washington, D.C.

Force protection condition levels, or FPCON levels, range from Alpha, which applies when an increased general and unpredictable terrorist threat exists against personnel or facilities, to Delta, which applies in an immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or is imminent.

NORTHCOM raised the force protection level at all DoD facilities na-

tionwide from Alpha to Bravo May 8. Bravo applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists.

"I won't go into the specifics of what that means because it is information that a potential adversary could use against us," Warren said.

But in general, he added, at DOD posts, camps and stations, the elevated FPCON level means more comprehensive checking of those entering the facilities, heightened awareness of personnel at the facilities, and in some circumstances, more security personnel on duty at the facilities.

"As far as what the American public can expect to see," Warren said, "broadly speaking there won't be a change, but in specific areas

there could be longer lines as personnel enter posts, camps and stations around the nation and this could have traffic implications."

At NORTHCOM in Colorado Springs, Colo., spokesman Air Force Master Sgt. Chuck Marsh said that raising the baseline force protection condition "was a prudent measure to remind installation commanders at all levels within our area of responsibility to ensure increased vigilance in safeguarding our DOD personnel, installations and facilities."

The raised FPCON level is in addition to random drills or exercises performed at all DoD facilities, Marsh added, "and they're all a means to insure that we effec-

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Photo by Mike Kucharek

Members of U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command monitor systems and networks in the NORAD and NORTHCOM Command Center on Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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command sergeant major for U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command

“This assignment will be very rewarding for my family,” Orosz said. “The core of our Army mission is to defend the homeland and the American way of life. I can think of no better place than here at Fort Sam Houston.”

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), and senior Army commander of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, presided over the ceremony. He praised Rhodes for his dedication to duty.

“It’s not about how many medals you get, or what rank you achieve, but how you influence Soldiers,”

Wiggins said. “I have had more Soldiers come up to me and tell me ‘I am a better Soldier because of CSM Rhodes.’ That is success.”

Wiggins also praised the selection of Orosz as the incoming command sergeant major.

“This is the second time I have had the honor of selecting Ron to serve as my command sergeant major,” Wiggins said. The first time was when Wiggins was a division commander.

Orosz enlisted in the Army in March 1985 as a basic infantryman. He has served in every duty position from machine gun ammo bearer to command sergeant major and, like Rhodes, Orosz has spent a large portion of his career in Ranger units.

RHODES from P1

These were the departing words of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, spoken during his retirement ceremony May 15 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater. Rhodes served 31 years, over the course of five decades.

Rhodes first enlisted in the Army on April 2, 1975.

“I am defined by the Vietnam War,” said Rhodes during his retirement. “For those of you who didn’t live through it, you have no idea what it was like to watch TV every night and see the list of names of those who died in Vietnam scroll over the screen. For most of us, this is how we found out our loved ones died.”

Rhodes father, a helicopter pilot, was killed in Vietnam. Even before Rhodes enlisted his life had been about the Army.

“Everything in my life has been part of the Army,” he said. He told the story of learning to throw a baseball from his mother because his father was deployed. “That’s just the way it was done. Mothers filled in.” Rhodes paused and joked, “I still throw like a girl.”

Like many Soldiers, Rhodes only intended to serve one enlistment.

“I got out of the Army on April Fool’s Day in 1979,” Rhodes said. He said he wanted to be like the Vietnam veterans he knew who did their time and then got out and rejoined the

civilian community.

However, the call of the Army was too great and in 1988, he re-enlisted. Over the next 27 years, Rhodes served around the world, mostly with the 75th Ranger Regiment. His last assignment was as the senior enlisted leader of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army).

“I first met Hu, when I was the deputy commanding general of Army North,” said Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general, U.S. Army North.

“He walked into my office, and said, ‘Sir, my name is Hu Rhodes, not H-u-g-h, but H-u, and I am from Texas. I serve Lt. Gen. Caldwell as the senior enlisted advisor for this unit, and I will serve you the same way.’”

Wiggins said that what struck him the

most about Rhodes was that he was all about the Soldiers.

“There is one quality all great NCOs must have,” Wiggins said. “You can be physically fit, be brilliant, whatever, but you have to love Soldiers. Hu Rhodes loves Soldiers.”

There was one group of “Soldiers” at Army North that Command Sgt. Maj. Rhodes held very close to his heart – the horses serving in the Fort Sam Houston Caisson Platoon.

“I can’t count how many times Hu was over at the stables feeding those horses, riding them and spending time with them,” Wiggins said.

As a tribute to Rhodes dedication to the Caisson platoon, one of the horses was named after him.

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When disaster strikes, Joint Task Force Civil Support responds

By Airman 1st Class
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Joint Task Force Civil Support recently ended Exercise Vibrant Response 15, a joint exercise which took place at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Ind., May 3-8. Vibrant Response is an annual training exercise conducted by the U.S. Northern Command and led by U.S. Army North, testing the capabilities of JTF-CS and other Department of Defense units to respond on short notice to a natural or man-made disaster. The exercise tested 119 different units working together to save lives, mitigate suffering, and restore a city to normality after a simulated catastrophic incident. "Fifty percent of our people are from outside agencies, and they integrate at the time of execution," said Col. Michael Houston, JTF-CS



Photo by Senior Airmen Christopher Reel

Members of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan., arrived in six UH-60 Black Hawks May 2 to support Exercise Vibrant Response 15, a 616-member Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Response Force command post exercise, at Camp Atterbury, Ind. The exercise tests the capabilities of the federal response to meet the expectations of the nation. It provides realistic training to prepare CBRN response units to integrate with civilian partners and respond to natural or manmade catastrophic CBRN events. JTF-CS anticipates, plans and prepares for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response operations.

joint operations director. "It's difficult early on to get synergy, but early in the exercise everyone was fully integrated and ready to operate. I think that the exercise was a huge success."

This year's notional scenario involved a catastrophic event in a fictional metropolitan city, by terrorists. The scenar-

io put JTF-CS's chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear response force to the test.

"Everyone approached it with the same amount of enthusiasm and professionalism that they would in a real scenario," said Navy Command Master Chief Jeffrey A. Covington, command senior enlisted leader. "Hopefully,

we never have to do this, but in case this were to happen we have the right people out there."

All integrated units, approximately 610 personnel, performed around the clock operations to ensure mission success.

"I think it went very well," Covington said. "It was good seeing our partners out there, being

able to have the face-to-face interactions with them and relation when we are addressing this scenario that was an extremely bad day for America."

Joint Task Force Civil Support anticipates, plans, and prepares for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense Support of Civil

Authorities response operations. When directed, JTF-CS deploys within 24 hours of notification to command and control DOD forces in support of civil authority response operations in order to save lives, prevent further injury, and provide temporary critical support to enable community recovery.

Assistance program provides GS employees counseling, more

By Joanne Perkins
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Public Affairs

Personal and family problems can diminish a person's happiness, health and ability to be their best at home or at work. With help from the Employee Assistance Program, employees of authorized federal agencies can resolve these matters and become happier, healthier and more effective.

According to Ed Thomas, an EAP field consultant, "Working at a military installation

can involve stressors that are not present in off-base workplaces.

"When an individual's work is the security and defense of our nation, that increases the amount of daily stress for that person," he said.

These stressors can often be compounded because government service employees are reluctant to visit their agency's human resource department.

"They are concerned that negative information might be included in their employee file,"

he said. "We assure them that our contact is confidential. Our duty to report is only in the case of harming oneself or matters of national security. Our counseling sessions are solution focused, and either the supervisor or employee can make contact with us."

Thomas said GS employees and their immediate family members are entitled to six counseling sessions for any issue causing stress in their life that may impact their work performance. Counsel-

ing beyond the six free sessions can include accessing the nationwide network of more than 17,000 affiliates to serve civilian employees, and often engages the employee's behavioral health insurance benefits.

"Staff members are experts in behavioral health and work-related issues," Thomas said. "When we need to engage financial or legal help for an employee, we use the services of these professionals, such as attorneys and financial advisors."

Available financial services include family and college budgeting, buying or leasing a vehicle, debt consolidation, savings and investment strategies, buying a home and retirement planning.

In addition to providing help on an individual basis, covered agencies are entitled to four one-hour presentations per year.

"We have 50 presentations available on topics such as conflict resolution, balancing work and life, time and stress management and civility

in the workplace," he said.

Ultimately, EAP is about empowering employees to do their best on the job.

"Our mission is to address any stress in a person's life that affects their work performance," Thomas said. "We want people to be happy in their job and we are here to help make that happen."

For more information on the EAP, call 800-222-0364 or visit the website at <http://foh.hhs.gov/services/EAP/EAP.asp>.

The legacy of the U.S. Army's Philippine Scouts

These were Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Soldiers, who fought America's first battle of World War II – the Philippine Division – probably the best trained and possibly the best prepared U.S. Army division at the outset of the war.

Some of them were farm boys from California and Kansas, and Italian-Americans from New Jersey, as depicted in the black and white movies made during and after World War II.

However, many of them were professional Filipino soldiers serving in the U.S. Army, commanded by American officers. They were special men in special units, officially designated Philippine scouts, a term applied both to the Filipino enlisted men and to their American officers. For a young Filipino man, acceptance into the Philippine scouts was a distinct honor – as was service in the scout units for American officers.

The Imperial Japanese Navy attacked Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, but Pearl Harbor was only part of a much bigger Japanese operation that day.

On Dec. 7, the Japanese not only sank the U.S. Navy's Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, they also bombed the U.S. Army's B-17 bomber base at Clark Field in the Philippines, attacked British Hong Kong, and landed troops on the shores of British Malaya.

The four attacks were coordinated to begin at the same moment, but because of weather problems, the U.S. Navy's battleships were already

sinking to the bottom of Pearl Harbor by the time Japanese bombers destroyed the American fighters and bombers on the ground at Clark Field.

The Japanese invasion of the Philippines was the first action of World War II in which units of the U.S. Army faced the enemy on the ground. MacArthur had his entire Army withdraw to the Bataan Peninsula and to Corregidor Island to hold off the enemy until the U.S. Navy could bring reinforcements and supplies.

The Philippine Scouts, side-by-side with U.S. National Guard and Philippine army infantry units, defeated the Japanese army in numerous actions in the interior and on the coastlines



of Bataan. Survivors of the Battle of Bataan, to a man, describe the Philippine scouts as the backbone of the American defense there.

President Franklin Roosevelt awarded the U.S. Army's first three Congressional Medals of Honor of World War II to Philippine scouts: Sgt. Jose Calugas for action

at Culis, Bataan on Jan. 6, 1942; Lt. Alexander Nininger for action near Abucay, Bataan on Jan. 12; and Lt. Willibald Bianchi for action near Bagac, Bataan on Feb. 3, 1942.

By March 1942, the Japanese army had marched through Southeast Asia and completely overrun every country and island in the western Pacific with the exception of the Philippines.

The Philippines, and MacArthur's army, were alone. On the Bataan peninsula of Luzon Island, the Philippine scouts, a few U.S. Army National Guard units, and 10 divisions of poorly equipped, almost untrained Philippine army soldiers held out for four months against the Japanese.

With the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor in shambles, and the Japanese navy blocking the Philippines, there was no way for America to get reinforcements, food or medicine to the troops on Bataan. Nonetheless, they held out while malaria, dysentery and malnutrition ravaged their ranks, and Japanese attacks drove them further down the Bataan peninsula.

Fresh Japanese troops began a crushing attack on the U.S. forces on Bataan, April 3, 1942. Although the men fought bravely, the Battle of Bataan ended, April 9, 1942, when Gen. Edward King surrendered rather than see any more of his starving, diseased men slaughtered by the advancing Japanese army.

At that point, 75,000 men became prisoners



Photo by Sgt. Ken Scar

Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Frankie Ramirez shows a display of his medals at his Killeen, Texas home July 12, 2014, earned during a 20-year Army career in which he saw combat in World War II and Korea. A native of the Philippines, Ramirez, 95, fought with a regiment of the Philippine Scouts during WWII at Fort Frank, a small rocky island that served as one of four defense forts at the entrance to Manila Bay. When allied forces were forced to surrender after the fall of Bataan, Ramirez became one of 70,000 prisoners of war who were either carted to Camp O'Donnell, which the Japanese had converted into a prison camp, or forced to walk in the infamous Bataan Death March. After three months, Ramirez was released with other native Filipinos and immediately joined a guerilla group, where he continued fighting the Japanese until the war ended. After WWII, he went on to serve for another 16 years, including a tour of duty in the Korean War.

of war – about 12,000 Americans and 63,000 Filipinos. What followed was one of the worst atrocities in modern wartime history – the Bataan Death March.

In the Philippines, a strong guerrilla movement developed to fight Japanese oppression. Philippine scout officers and enlisted men, who had escaped from the Japanese, and others who chose to ignore their parole terms, joined these clandestine groups to do what they could to hasten the return of U.S. forces.

Contrary to the impression many of us get from our history textbooks, help was not on the way. MacArthur had his forces, such as they were, engaged around the Solomon Islands and New Guinea to protect Australia from Japanese attack.

It was not until 1944 that MacArthur, in the south, and Admiral Nimitz, to the east, commenced their two-pronged advance into the Pacific.

But during the interim years, the Philippine guerrillas put together a close network to gather intelligence data on Japanese troop movements and shipping, and transmit it to MacArthur's headquarters using radios smuggled in by submarine. It has been said that their information was so complete, that when MacArthur finally did make it back to the Philippines, he knew what every Japanese lieutenant ate for breakfast and where he had his hair cut.

As MacArthur's forces, supported by the guerrillas, rolled into the Philippine Islands, men began to come out of hiding.

The Philippine scouts, some who were members of the guerrilla forces, some who were not, stepped forward and rejoined the U.S. Army. Other Filipino guerrillas joined them and the Army set up new Philippine scout units.

The new scouts actively participated in combat against the Japanese army in north Luzon, and served as military police to restore order and help locate pockets of escaped Japanese in the south.

As planning for the invasion of Japan progressed, the Philippine scouts were included in the invasion forces and began training for what was expected to be the bloodiest struggle of World War II.

(Source: U.S. Army Stand-To!, May 6, 2015)

SAILOR from P6

just the kick start of what Kagebein sees as a productive career with the Navy. Prior to enlisting Kagebein said he had already finished a bachelor's in kinesiology with a minor in psychology.

He intends to start a master's program in nutrition or physical therapy, earn a commission through the medical program and eventually help wounded warriors heal.

"I believe that would be the biggest impact I could make," Kagebein said. "They've sacrificed a lot for us."

The San Antonio native said he chose the Navy because he believed it would give him the best

opportunities for building a solid foundation in life and continuing his education. He also acknowledged that choosing a Navy career in a usually Army or Air Force town has its surprises.

"Somebody actually made it a point to run out of a restaurant and find out which branch I was in. They weren't used to the color of the uniform or the pattern, so he stopped me and asked me," the Sailor recalled. "There's no water around but that doesn't mean the Navy isn't around. We are growing here in San Antonio and we do show a presence here."

Kagebein said he understands the sacrifices and responsibilities

Reservists have with dual vocations.

"The units we have at NOSC San Antonio augment active duty commands – some are active, not just reserve units. When Reservists are called upon they have less notice than an active duty member does," Kagebein stressed.

Drilling one weekend a month and going on active duty two weeks out of the year means transitioning from a civilian world into a military environment and then back again which can be difficult for some Sailors he explained.

"If we have to deploy, we make other sacrifices with families, friends, our jobs," Kagebein said. "But we make an impact."

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AIRSHOW from P9

trian access to the air show from 5th Street West. The East, South and Sable Gates will only provide access to

air show public parking areas.

The air show and open house web page features current information on acts and frequently asked ques-

tions. The website address is www.jbsa.af.mil and posts from now and all the way through the air show will be made at www.facebook.com/JBSA-Randolph.

Public access points into Air Show Parking:



- ★ FM 78 - East Gate
- ★ FM 1518 - Sable Gate
- ★ Lower Seguin Road - South Gate

East, South and Sable Gates will only provide access to air show public parking areas.

Road closed during Thunderbird Demonstration

★ DoD ID gate access:

★ DoD ID card holders will have normal base access through the Main and West Gates and will have pedestrian access to the air show from 5th Street West.

DOD helps protect TRICARE beneficiaries from deceptive pharmacy practices

By Cheryl Pellerin
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

In the face of recent aggressive and deceptive marketing practices of some compounding pharmacies targeting TRICARE, the Defense Health Agency is taking aggressive action to help TRICARE beneficiaries, DHA's chief of pharmacy operations said in a recent interview.

Dr. George Jones described compounding as a way that some pharmacies prepare medications for patients who need different kinds or strengths of medications than are available in commercially available products.

"Pediatrics, for example, is a big area for compounding, where infants or toddlers may not

be able to take tablets or capsules or need a particular strength, so a compounding pharmacy ... can make exactly what that patient needs," Jones said May 14.

Some pharmacies have the expertise and equipment to compound medications and others specialize only in compounding, the clinical pharmacist added. Specialty compounding pharmacies create creams, ointments, capsules and liquids to make specific products and doses.

"Compounding pharmacies definitely have a role in medical care – a very important role," Jones said.

But a phenomenon that's arisen over the past five or six months involves compounding pharmacies "that are

charging unsupportable costs for some of these products, and expanding into areas where there is not good evidence to support the products' safety," he added.

According to DHA, DOD costs for compound drugs have skyrocketed from \$5 million in fiscal year 2004 to \$514 million in fiscal 2014. In the first six months of fiscal 2015, DOD costs already exceed \$1 billion.

The normal compounding process begins when a doctor writes a prescription for a compounded product for a patient – in this case a TRICARE beneficiary.

The patient takes the prescription to a compounding pharmacy, which then makes the product and bills TRICARE for the medicine,

typically using the average wholesale prices of the medications they use in the compounded product.

Now, Jones said, a new breed of compounding pharmacy is distorting some of the elements of this traditional process.

Some compound pharmacies are using aggressive outreach programs to target TRICARE beneficiaries and collect their personal information.

Once they have the information, they use it to bill TRICARE as high as \$15,000 for a single compound prescription. These prescriptions may not be tailored to the beneficiary's needs, and sometimes the beneficiary never even meets or speaks to a doctor before



Photo by Airman 1st Class Alystria Maurel

A pharmacy technician counts pills to fill a prescription at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., May 22, 2012.

the pharmacy sends them the drug. Not only that, but often there is little or no evidence that these products are safe

or effective, Jones said. Such aggressive pharmacies "put these

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President nominates new Army chief of staff, Navy chief of naval operations

By Jim Garamone

DOD News, Defense Media Activity

President Barack Obama has nominated Gen. Mark A. Milley as the next Army chief of staff, and Adm. John M. Richardson as the next chief of naval operations, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in Washington, D.C. May 13.

If confirmed by the Senate, Milley would replace Gen. Ray Odierno and Richardson would replace Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert. Milley and Richardson would be members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Army Secretary John M. McHugh, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, accompanied Carter at

the lectern.

Milley is serving as the commander U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Richardson serves as director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

Carter called Milley a warrior and a statesman.

"He not only has plenty of operational and joint experience in Afghanistan and Iraq and the Joint Staff, he also has the intellect and vision to lead change throughout the Army," the secretary said. The secretary said Milley was a clear choice for the job.

Richardson is the first officer to be nominated for chief of naval operations from the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. He assumed duties as the program's director in 2012 and it is usually

an eight-year term.

Carter called the admiral a "bold thinker" and tremendous leader. The admiral was "the go-to officer for many of the Navy's tough issues in recent years," the secretary said.

Richardson has been instrumental in handling issues such as the replacement of the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine and dealing with problems of integrity and ethics.

Carter looks forward to working with both men "as we drive change, build the force of the future and help the president with real solutions for the national security challenges we face."

Carter thanked both Odierno and Greenert for their contributions.

"Both Ray and Jon have been tremendous leaders for their respective services over these last four years – four years that have been critical for the military and the country," the secretary said.

Carter said both officers faced an ever-changing security environment and an uncertain fiscal situation, and the men and women of the Army and Navy performed magnificently.

"President Obama, Chairman Dempsey and I could not have been better served," the secretary



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Nathan Laird

WASHINGTON (May 13, 2015) Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter (right) announces during a Pentagon press briefing May 13 that he has recommended Adm. John M. Richardson (left) as the next Chief of Naval Operations and Gen. Mark A. Milley (center) as the next Chief of Staff of the Army.

said. "And the same is true of the American soldiers and sailors and their families across the country, and across the world."

Milley is a 1980 ROTC graduate of Princeton University. Before commanding Forces Command, he commanded the Army's 3rd Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, and in Afghanistan, he headed the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command.

The general has also commanded the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., and

he served as the deputy commanding general for the 101st Airborne Division. He wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Special Forces Tab and Ranger Tab.

Richardson is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds three master's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the National War College.

A submariner, Richardson served on USS Parche, USS George C. Marshall and USS Salt Lake City. Richardson

commanded the nuclear attack submarine USS Honolulu, served as a naval aide to the President of the United States, as well as numerous other assignments through his career. Richardson received the Vice Adm. James Stockdale for inspirational leadership award in 2001, among a long list of personal and unit awards.

Richardson also served as commodore of Submarine Development Squadron 12 in Groton, Connecticut and the commander of Submarine Group 8.

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Finalist, Category 3 (Law Enforcement): Officer Israel Herrera, BAMC Provost Marshal Office
Honorable Mention (Individual): Anthony Hopkins (BAMC), Dawn Keeler (Southern Regional Medical Command), Robert Skelton (BAMC)

and Mary Ellen Stevens (MEDCOM).

Honorable Mention (Teams): Army Medicine Workforce 2020 Project (MEDCOM); Medical Affirmative Claims Team (BAMC); Medical Command Resource Manager's Training (MEDCOM); Supply Chain Management, Logistics Division

(BAMC); Team Medical Expense and Reporting System (MEDCOM).

Outstanding employees may be nominated for consideration in one of nine categories; Administrative Support, Specialist, Law Enforcement, Professional, Customer Service, Military or Civilian Deployed, Supervisor,

Teamwork (small team, 10 members or less) and Teamwork (large team, 11 or more members).

The Alamo Federal Executive Board is made up of approximately 86 Federal agencies across the San Antonio and Austin area, totaling more than 90,000 federal employees.

PHARMACY from P15

combinations of ingredients together and then put them on the market. They're supposed to be on a prescription for an individual patient, but it seems nowadays they're trying to do a one-size-fits-all with a lot of pain and scar creams," Jones said.

The pharmacies combine ingredients, he added, "where you think they might work but there's no study, no evidence, nobody has looked carefully" to make sure it will not do harm and that it will benefit the patient."

Some pharmacies reach out to beneficiaries, calling them and requesting personal information to use to create prescriptions, Jones said.

Using aggressive marketing efforts, pharmacies are trying to give compounding creams away, almost like door prizes, he added.

"There's a lot of internet and social media use as well as trucks advertising free lunches out in front of bases," Jones said.

"They say, come and get a free lunch and then they get people to sign up for some of these compounds whether they really need them or not ... and then really raise the prices when they sell them."

When the pharmacies get a beneficiary's personal information, they can create a file, create a prescription, then submit the prescription to TRICARE for payment – sometimes \$10,000 to \$15,000 for a prescription, Jones said – and if TRICARE pays, the phar-

macy sends the beneficiary the medication.

Several websites have been created to look like TRICARE websites, Jones said, "they look like something for you as a TRICARE beneficiary but they're not. They suck you in and get your information and then start sending you these prescriptions and billing the government."

Patients are being exploited with these marketing efforts, he said, so beneficiaries should be very careful if someone calls asking for patient information, social security number or TRICARE number.

"TRICARE will almost never call you and ask you for personal information, so if someone does and tells you they're going to give you a prescription, be very wary of that kind of call," he added.

Jones said that on May 1, TRICARE began extra screening of compound prescriptions to "look at the ingredients to see if there's evidence of safety, to see if it's something that can be marketed in the United States, to make sure it's in the best interest of that patient and that it's cost effective," Jones said.

TRICARE has been monitoring compound activity for the past couple of years, Jones said, but only over the last four or five months has the aggressive marketing outreach and exorbitant prices become a factor.

"The commercial insurance industry has been a little faster to begin restricting the compounds," Jones said, "but we have been careful to be sure that we don't create problems for those who need legitimate compounds and

compound prescriptions."

For the last six months, Jones said DHA has been working to make beneficiaries aware of some of the nefarious practices and outreach efforts being made to try to get their personal health information and scam the government.

"There are a lot of tools available on the (<http://www.TRICARE.mil>) and (<http://www.health.mil>) websites. There's also a fraud line if you get one of these calls or you run across someone who's trying to give you a free lunch or something for nothing," he said.

Jones said that when beneficiaries call, DHA follows up to see if the situation is legitimate or if they should turn it over to investigators.

"TRICARE sent around 30,000 letters to patients who receive

compounds to let them know that we were starting a new screening process, but [told them if theirs was a legitimate compound they needed, it should go through with no problem," Jones said, adding that the letter let patients know what to do if they had questions.

Jones said that very preliminary data for May indicate that this screening is having an impact. DHA will continue to closely monitor and assess the effects of these new policies.

"It will be an ongoing process," Jones said, "and we'll continue to make adjustments to ensure that we can provide access to legitimate compounds and still be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, and do what we can to help protect patients from some of these bad actors."

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Courts-martial, crimes and punishment at Joint Base San Antonio

The Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General completed four Air Force courts-martial in the months of February and March. The results of a court-martial are not final until the clemency and/or appeals process is completed.

All courts-martial are open to the public and upcoming courts-martial can be viewed at the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate Generals website at <http://www.afjag.af.mil/docket/index.asp>.

Capt. Edward Hudson from the 342d Training Squadron at JBSA-Lackland was tried by a general court-martial consisting of officer members March 23-27 at JBSA-Randolph. Hudson pled not guilty to one charge and specification of committing an indecent act on a minor in violation of Article 134, Uniform Code of Military Justice. He was found guilty of the charge and specification and sentenced to a dismissal and three years confinement.

Airman 1st Class Dominic Hunter from the 802nd Security Forces Squadron at JBSA-Lackland was tried by a special court-martial consisting of a military judge March 13 at JBSA-Lackland. Pursuant to a pre-trial agreement, Hunter pled guilty to one charge and 19 specifications of larceny in violation of Article 121, UCMJ, for stealing another Airman's government travel card and making unauthorized purchases. He was sentenced to confinement for two months, to perform hard labor without confinement for three months, reduction to E-1 and to forfeit \$600 pay per month for five months.

Pursuant to the terms of the pre-trial agreement, no confinement in excess of 45 days, and no hard labor without confinement of 30 days will be approved by the convening authority.

Airman 1st Class Nelson Enos from the 902nd SFS at JBSA-Randolph was tried by summary court-martial March 12 at JBSA-Randolph. Pursuant to a pre-trial agreement, he pled guilty to one charge and specification of underage drinking in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, one charge and specification of driving while intoxicated in violation of Article 111, UCMJ, and one charge and specification of wrongful use of Xanax in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. A1C Enos was sentenced to twenty-one days confinement and reduction to E-1.

Airman 1st Class Tyler Ogden from the 902nd SFS at JBSA-Randolph, Texas, was tried by summary court-martial March 18 at JBSA-Randolph. Pursuant to a pre-trial agreement, he pled guilty to one charge and specification of underage drinking in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, one charge and two specifications of wrongfully using marijuana on multiple occasions and of using Xanax in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. Ogden was sentenced to 24 days confinement, restriction to JBSA-Randolph for four days,

reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of \$250.

U.S. Army South completed two courts-martial in March:

Spc. Michael Rhoades from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston was tried by general court-martial consisting of judge alone March 30-31 at JBSA-Lackland, Texas. In a companion case to U.S. vs. Spc. Avery Mose, Rhoades was charged with six specifications of assault, consummated by battery and assault, resulting in grievous bodily harm, as well as additional charge with three specifications for failure to report. The charges and specifications were based on law enforcement investigation into reports that on or about July 26, 2014, Rhoades and Mose assaulted an Airman at a local Veterans of Foreign Wars post which resulted in the Airman receiving severe head injuries. After considering evidence and argument from both the government and defense, the military judge found Rhoades

guilty of assault resulting in grievous bodily harm, but not guilty of assault consummated by battery or failure to report. The military judge sentenced Rhoades to 18 months confinement, reduction to E-1, total forfeiture of pay and a bad conduct discharge.

Spc. Avery Mose from the 470th MIB at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston was tried by general court-martial consisting of judge alone March 23-24 at JBSA-Lackland. Mose was charged with six specifications of assault, consummated by battery and assault resulting in grievous bodily harm. The military judge found Mose guilty of only assault consummated by battery, but not guilty of assault resulting in grievous bodily harm. The military judge sentenced Specialist Mose to seven days confinement and reduction to E-2.

From February to March, JBSA Air Force commanders administered 58 non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the UCMJ.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record. Officers may not be reduced in rank as a punishment. A suspended punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension.

The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston (12):

The Article 15 actions include, but are not limited to:

Larceny – An airman basic stole from another airman and received 14 days restriction to base and extra duty, forfeiture of \$360 and a reprimand.

Disrespect to non-commissioned officer

– An airman first class used insulting language to an NCO and received a reduction to airman and a reprimand.

Dereliction – A senior airman attempted to enter base with a loaded firearm with an open container of alcohol in the vehicle without current auto insurance. The senior airman received a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$1,027 and a reprimand.

Failure to go and false official statement – A senior airman missed an appointment

and lied to an NCO about it and received a suspended reduction to airman first class, 14 days extra duty and forfeiture of \$466.

Dereliction, failure to go, going from place of duty – A technical sergeant failed to go to work on time on two occasions, left her place of duty early without authorization and brought her child to work and received a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,562 per month for two months and a reprimand.

Damage to military property and dereliction

– An airman first class damaged their Common Access Card and was caught drinking underage and received a reduction to airman and a reprimand.

Driving under the influence and use of marijuana – An airman first class used marijuana and operated a vehicle while impaired by alcohol and received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

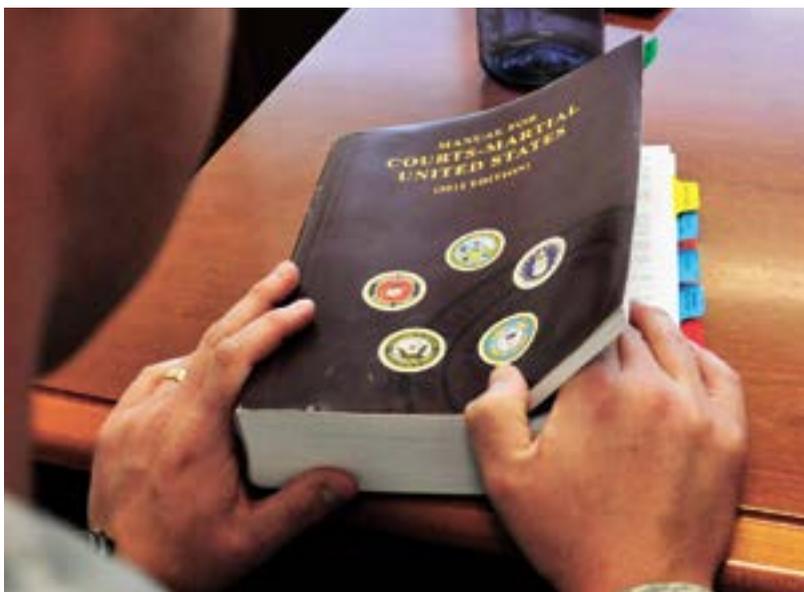
Indecent language and sexual harassment

– A senior airman used indecent language to and about fellow airmen and sexually harassed other airmen and received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$1,027 and a reprimand.

JBSA-Lackland (44):

The Article 15 actions include, but are not limited to:

Dereliction – A technical sergeant left the country without authorization and altered leave dates upon returning to duty and received a reduction to staff sergeant,



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suspended forfeitures of \$1,562 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Urinating in canteen

– An airman first class urinated in another airman's canteen while the other airman was asleep and received a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$773 and a reprimand.

Dereliction

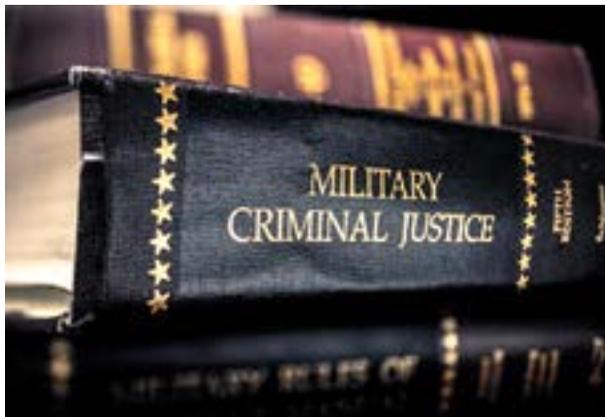
– A technical sergeant failed to properly inventory property for which the technical sergeant was accountable and received a suspended 30 days of extra duty, suspended forfeiture of \$1,782 and a reprimand.

Use of marijuana

– An airman basic tested positive for marijuana and received 14 days restriction to JBSA-Lackland and extra duty, forfeiture of \$733 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Use of marijuana

– An airman basic tested



positive for marijuana and received 45 days restriction to JBSA-Lackland and extra duty, forfeiture of \$773 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Use of marijuana

– An airman first class tested positive for marijuana and received 30 days restriction to JBSA-Lackland and a reprimand.

Use of marijuana

– A senior airman tested positive for marijuana and received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

Assault – An airman first class shoved another airman to the ground on multiple occasions and received a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days restriction to JBSA-Lackland, forfeiture of \$867 and a reprimand.

Assault – An airman first class pretended to stab another airman in the neck and received 30 days restriction to JBSA-Lackland and extra duty, forfeiture of \$773 pay per month for two months with one month suspended

and a reprimand.

Dereliction – An airman first class made racially derogatory comments to another airman and received a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days restriction to JBSA-Lackland and extra duty and a reprimand.

Use of oxazepam – A staff sergeant tested positive for oxazepam without a prescription and received a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,225 and a reprimand.

Drunk on duty and dereliction – An airman basic failed to report for accountability and was consuming alcohol while on charge to quarters duty and received forfeiture of \$715 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Dereliction, false official statement, underage drinking – An airman first class possessed and consumed alcohol while underage and lied

about providing alcohol to minors. The airman first class received a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic, five days extra duty, forfeiture of \$773 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Dereliction – Seven airmen first class drank alcohol off base while in student status and visited an off-base hotel without authorization and each received reductions to airman, forfeiture of \$867 pay and reprimands.

Larceny – An airman first class stole candy from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and received a suspended forfeiture of \$50 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Damage to property and dereliction – An airman first class caused damage by ramming his head into the wall of his commander's office and

received a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$867 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Sleeping on duty

– An airman first class was found sleeping on duty and received a suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

JBSA – Randolph (2):

The Article 15 actions include:

Larceny – A master sergeant stole multiple items from AAFES and received a reduction to technical sergeant, suspended forfeitures of \$1,817 and a reprimand.

Dereliction – A senior airman made unauthorized personal purchases on a government travel card and received a reduction to airman first class, 45 days extra duty, 25 days restriction to JBSA-Randolph and a reprimand.

(Source: Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General)

FPCON from P10

tively execute our force protection mission.”

The FPCON level was raised at this time because of a general environment of heightened threats, he said.

“This is the new normal,” Marsh said, “so

we're going to be doing random security protection measures ... to be able to best execute the safety and security of our people and our facilities.”

According to NORTHCOM, the commander last raised the FPCON level from Alpha to Bravo in 2011 in

preparation for the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

At the Pentagon, Warren said, the FPCON level has been at Alpha but “with selected measures from Bravo in effect. Now it's Bravo.” This is an acknowledgement,

Warren added, that “right now we believe the threat level nationwide has increased.”

According to NORTHCOM, the potential for another attack is always possible and implementing random force protection measures is one way to minimize the

likelihood of an attack on an installation or service members.

“Some of you can see for yourselves – you can look at Twitter or at other social media sites and see threats,” Warren said.

“We have a little bit more capability than

you do so we see a little bit more than you do. Some of [the threats] are international, some are domestic ... but it's an overall increase in the environment,” he said.

Warren added, “It's as if the temperature of the water has gone up a degree or two.”

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INSIDE THE GATE

LINKS Class

Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., Family Advocacy Program portable building 33387, 3030 Patch Road. This class focuses on reconnecting with a partner through discussion on gender differences, communication and intimacy. Call 292-5967.

Pre-Deployment Briefing

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m. and Thursday, May 21, 28, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. All military members scheduled to deploy, go on temporary duty for more than 30 days or on a remote assignment are required to attend this briefing. Call 221-2418.

Post-Deployment Briefing

Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. All military members returning from deployment are

required to attend resiliency training to help reintegrate into home life. Discuss how to deal with the stressors associated with returning home. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Call 221-2418.

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, 9-10 a.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Newly assigned volunteers will in-process and receive training on their responsibilities. Call 221-2380 to register.

Volunteer Management Information System

Wednesday, 10-11 a.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Volunteers will receive hands on training with the Volunteer Management Information System. Open to all registered volunteers. Call 221-2380.

Bringing Baby Home (2-part series)

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (session 2), Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797.

Learn how to care for your newborn baby with information on your baby's homecoming, infant care, safety and more. Patrons must attend session one before attending session two. To register, call 221-2418.

Trails & Tales Tour

Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This tour offers the newcomer an opportunity to become familiar with the installation and visit sites of our historic post. Transportation is provided, seating is limited. Call 221-2705.

Step Families 101

Thursday, 9-11 a.m. (session 4), Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland-Military & Family Readiness Center, building 1249. Combining Families can be a challenging and very rewarding. This workshop focuses on what it means to be a stepparent, balancing different aspects of a stepfamily life, define roles and rules, understand child development and relationships as well as communicating with a child's other parent. Patrons must attend each

session in order. To sign up, call 221-2418.

Special Olympics Family Day

May 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Middle School Teen Center, building 2515 on Funston Road. Youth Programs, the Exceptional Family Members Program and the Special Olympics of Texas co-host an event for military families providing indoor and outdoor games and sports. Lunch will be provided. Call 221-2705.

EFMP: What Does It Mean To Me

June 4, 1-3 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. The Exceptional Family Member Program will host a community forum for families, leaders and supporters within the area. Patrons will gain wealth of information regarding the Army EFMP. Registration is required, call 221-2705.

Briefer Training Course

June 16, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797.

Are you known for death by PowerPoint? Discover methods for preparing a presentation that captures the audience and become proficient on the platform. Register no later than June 12 by calling 221-2380.

Take Aim at Sportsman's Range

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

Military and Family Life Counselors

Military and Family Life Counselors address a variety of issues such as stress, anxiety and deployment. MFLCs are licensed mental health professionals who provide situational, problem-solving counseling anonymously and

confidentially. No written records are kept and it is free to military and family members. Contact a MFLC at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston at 517-6666 general number, 243-4143 for Army students and 488-6804 for Air Force and Navy students; at JBASA-Lackland, call 540-5025 or 540-5030 for adults, 627-0054 or 540-5033 for children and youths; and at JBASA-Randolph, call 627-1223 or 426-1412 for adults, 627-0338 or 627-0525 for children and youths.

Thrift Shop

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

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MICC HOLDS DATABASE SYSTEMS WORKSHOP



Photos by Todd Bales

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Gabber reinforces the importance of the Contracting Tactical Operations Center database application to members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command May 6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Gabbert is the MICC commanding general.



Lisa Seery presents systems information on the Contracting Tactical Operations Center database application to members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command May 6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The command conducted a training workshop for 35 individuals from each of its three brigades, field directorate office and installation contracting offices located throughout the nation. Individuals attending the workshop were those whose backgrounds on database systems lend them to serve as technical and functional experts for their respective offices. The CTOC application serves as an acquisition workload and workforce management tool throughout the command. Seery is chief of the mission support division and CTOC technical lead for MICC-Fort Belvoir, Va.

BAMC OFFERS ASTHMA INFORMATION



Photo by Robert Shields

The Brooke Army Medical Center Pulmonary Clinic provided information and screenings during BAMC's World Asthma Day May 5 in the San Antonio Military Medical Center medical mall. Tech. Sgt. Ricardo Empeno (left) tests his lung strength with a spirometry screening as Georgette Haislip from BAMC's Pulmonary Clinic encourages him.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

National Polka Festival

The 49th Annual National Polka Festival will be held Friday-Sunday in Ennis, Texas, which is southeast of Dallas. Enjoy traditional Czech cuisine, colorful costumes, 14 live polka bands, Ennis Rotary Club's Polkafest Run, the 6th Annual Kolache Eating Contest, parade, king and queen dance contest, Farmers Market (Saturday only), horseshoe tournament, free shuttle service, great arts and crafts, and more! Grammy award winning Brave Combo will also be performing. Call 972-878-4748 or visit <http://www.nationalpolkafestival.com> for more information.

National Museum Of The Pacific War Exhibits

Through September 15, the National Museum of the Pacific War, 311 E. Austin Street, Fredericksburg, Texas, will host one of fifteen exhibits presented across the country by the World Golf Hall of Fame that tells the story of the Guinness World Records' "most

honored" entertainer, Bob Hope. The "Bob Hope: An American Treasure" exhibit celebrates Hope's comedic contributions, achievements in entertainment, relationships with a number of US Presidents and his other passion — golf. The exhibit includes reproductions of more than 200 vintage photos, seven videos and more than 170 items including an original vaudeville contract from 1922, his Ellis Island medal, the final set of golf clubs used in his life, Emmy and Honorary Oscar awards, an outfit he wore during USO tours, gifts and awards from Presidents and celebrities, his Congressional Gold Medal awarded by President John F. Kennedy and his "Honorary Veteran Citation" from Congress, which he called the most important honor of his life. In addition, the exhibit includes a 30-stop audio tour and an educational program. For more information, visit <http://www.PacificWarMuseum.org>

Four Parks and Recreation Regional Pools Now Open

Stay cool at one of the Parks and Recreation Department's four regional pools, now open through June 11, offering open swimming Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and

Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. Lap swimming will also be available Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Admission is free. The regional pools are Heritage, 1423 Ellison Dr.; Lady Bird Johnson, 10700 Nacogdoches; South Side Lions, 3100 Hiawatha; and Woodlawn, 221 Alexander Ave. In addition, the four regional pools will be open in celebration of the Memorial Day weekend to include May 23-25 from 1 to 7 p.m. The regular outdoor pool season that includes 23 outdoor pools begins June 13 and continues through Aug. 16. For more information, call 207-3299.

New San Antonio Women's Basketball Team

The San Antonio Crusaders is a women's professional development league basketball team that starts their season Saturday, competing in Mid-South Division of the Women's Blue-Chip Basketball League. The Crusaders will compete against Dallas Lady Diesel, Houston Sparks, Shreveport Suns and Texas Storm. The WBCBL league was founded in 2004 as a way to provide highly competitive basketball for women in the United States and give them exposure to play at the next level. The Crusaders will be competing at the Antioch Sports

Complex, 314 Eross Street in San Antonio. For more information, visit <http://sacrusadersbball.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/sanantoniocrusadersbball>.

Texas Military Polo Club

Interested in a challenge and know how to ride a horse? The Texas Military Polo Club is offering polo lessons. For more information, call 512-484-4384 or visit <http://www.facebook.com/texasmilitarypolo>.

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 Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The Sgt. Maj. Of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve 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.

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

1:15 p.m. - Jummah, 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/samhoustan.asp>.

Did you know?

One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service.

It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.



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of Outdoor Recreation and one block behind the Family Medicine Clinic. Call 221-5794.

Loan Locker/Lending Closet

The loan locker provides temporary loans of household items to incoming and departing permanent party personnel (first priority), students (second priority) and temporary duty, retirees and civilians (third priority) assigned to the area. Items available include: high chairs, pack and plays, strollers and booster seats, pots and pans, dishes, silverware, coffee pots, baking dishes, irons, ironing boards, toasters, vacuum cleaners, tables and chairs. Bring a copy of your orders. There is a 30-day time limit. To utilize the Lending Closet at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston,

call 221-1681. The Loan Locker at JBSA-Randolph is open Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., call 652-5321 for details.

School Liaison Services

The School Liaison Services is a Department of Defense program designed to improve the educational environment and academics of K-12 family members whose parents are members of the military. The program reaches out to all branches of the military to provide a link between military families and both on and off the installation schools and provide services that enable families to be more involved in their child's education. For more information, call 221-2214 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, 671-3722 at JBSA-Lackland and 652-5321 at JBSA-Randolph.

Cole student named golf state champion

Jacob Lowe, a senior at Robert G. Cole High School on Joint base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, won the 3A state golf title in a tournament from April 27-28 at the Grey Rock Golf Course in Austin, Texas.

Since his arrival three years ago from Fort Lewis, Wash., Lowe has been on a path towards athletic success. His accomplishments include three District championships, two regional championships, and two trips to the state tournament.

Last year, Lowe placed 15th in the state tournament. This year, he was the best performer among 220 3A schools and more than 1,000 golfers.

Jacob's win was not an easy task at the Grey Rock Golf Club in Austin. He was down two strokes after the first day and had to deal with gusty winds that reached 30 miles per hour throughout the second day.

In addition, he was also down three strokes with only two holes to play on the final round. Lowe cemented the win by making a shot from 45 yards out which came within an inch of the hole. He finished out the hole with a birdie and won the title by one stroke.

"I am very proud of the way Jacob kept his composure and focus throughout

the two-day tournament even when he was down by one stroke with only one hole left to play," said Cole golf coach Darrell Kurek. "At that point, Jacob told me he relished this moment of pressure and felt confident he could tie or pull off the win. It was an amazing finish and an amazing accomplishment for Jacob."

Lowe is also a top student, taking many advanced placement courses while attending Cole. Lowe has been accepted to Florida Atlantic University and intends to major in fire rescue.

(Article and photo courtesy Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)



Cole Senior Jacob Lowe won the 3A State Golf title as the best performer among 220 3A schools and more than 1,000 golfers.

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