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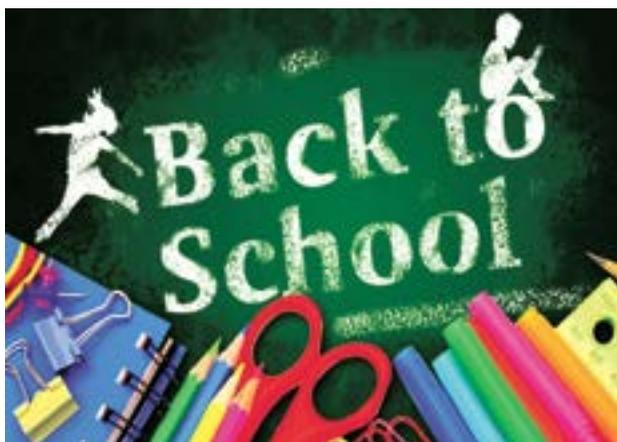
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Make-A-Wish recipient reunites with Army general years later



By Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt
 Army South Public Affairs

It was more than 10 years ago when 9-year-old Evan Schneider was granted his wish as part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation to become an Army Ranger.

Schneider was diagnosed with a heart defect before birth and had a heart transplant when he was just four weeks old.

After years of medications and the risk of his body rejecting the transplanted heart, Schneider qualified to fulfill his lifelong wish through the non-profit organization.

On Nov. 21, 2004, a limousine escorted Schneider and members of his family to the airport where they were then flown to

Fort Benning, Ga. – home of the U.S. Army's Ranger Training Brigade.

The commander of the regiment, then-Col. K.K. Chinn met Schneider, outfitted him with a specially sized uniform, then escorted him on a five-day tour with the elite unit.

Evan participated in various activities including wearing night-vision goggles, riding in a tank, rappelling down a 30-foot wall and learning hand-to-hand combat techniques.

He even enjoyed a Thanksgiving Day feast with the Rangers before flying back to California with his family.

After experiencing life as a Ranger, Schneider always

(Left) Pfc. Evan Schneider (left), former Make-A-Wish Foundation recipient and member of the California State Military Reserve, and Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn, U.S. Army South commanding general, listen to a briefing at the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston Aug. 7. Schneider and Chinn met more than a decade ago when Schneider's wish was to become an Army Ranger. The two stayed in touch over the years.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent Hunt



Courtesy Photo

Evan Schneider (left), a Make-A-Wish Foundation recipient, stands with then-Col. K.K. Chinn, Ranger Training Brigade commander at Fort Benning, Ga., in 2004, as part of Schneider's dream of becoming an Army Ranger. The two have stayed in touch over the years and recently reunited at Fort Sam Houston. Schneider is now a private first class in the California State Military Reserve and Chinn is the commanding general of U.S. Army South.

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Odierno: Nation at important flex point

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By **David Vergun**
 Army News Service

“I believe this nation is at an important flexion point, specifically regarding national security,” Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno said.

Odierno spoke during his last Pentagon press conference Aug. 12, before attending a change-of-responsibility ceremony Friday on Summerall Field, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va. Gen. Mark A. Milley is succeeding him to become the Army’s 39th chief of staff.

“Our security environment remains uncertain and dynamic with increasing requirements on our military while we continue to have decreasing resources in our military,” Odierno said. “This is of great concern to me.”

Threats to the United States faces include Russian aggression in Eastern Europe, China’s in-

creased military investment and aggressive posture in East Asia, the Islamic State and Sunni-Shia tensions in the Middle East, global terrorism and an unstable and provocative North Korea, he said.

Decreased resources will result in a decline of readiness and reduced modernization over time that is hard to quickly build back up, he said, adding that the situation will be much worse if sequestration returns in 2016.

Besides readiness and modernization, the active end-strength must not fall below 450,000, he said.

Odierno said that he’s not only concerned about where the nation and the Army are at today, but about events that could happen 10 or 20 years down the road. The outgoing Army chief of staff pointed out that the Army has published doctrine over the last 18 months that addresses-

the Army’s role and how it will maintain its strategic overmatch while operating in an increasingly dynamic and complex world. Two of those documents are, he said, the Army Vision and the Army Operating Concept.

Among the items the doctrine addresses is the need for the Army to be agile; have leaders of great character, competence and commitment; foster innovativeness; be interoperable with allies as well as the joint force; and be expeditionary, scalable and tailorable to meet several requirements around the world, he said.

“What do you think is the top military threat to the United States?” asked a reporter.

“I believe Russia is the most dangerous because of a couple of things,” he replied. “They are more mature than some of our other potential adversaries. They have some stated intents that

concern me, in terms of how the Cold War ended,” and “they’ve shown some significant capability in Ukraine to do operations that are fairly sophisticated.”

A follow-up question regarded Russian designs on Eastern European NATO allies.

“Russia is constantly assessing the reaction of NATO to any of their actions,” he said. “What I worry about is miscalculation, that they perceive that NATO might not be as concerned and they miscalculate and do something that would violate Article 5,” which is the NATO agreement whereby if one member is attacked, the others come to its defense. He added that this “greatly concerns me.”

Odierno said that it will take a credible deterrent to stop an increasingly aggressive Russia. “A true deterrent is one where

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AF surgeon general sends message to the Air Force Medical Service

By **Lt. Gen. Mark A. Ediger**
 Air Force Surgeon General

I am deeply honored to serve the Airmen and families of the world’s best Air Force as the 22nd Air Force Surgeon General.

I could not be more proud of the outstanding medical professionals with whom I serve – officers, enlisted and civilian Airmen – and those who laid the foundation for today’s Air Force Medicine.

Our Air Force faces many challenges that require Airmen, including medical professionals, to be innovative, knowledgeable, adaptive, resilient, and disciplined.

As we enter this crucial time in our history, we must prepare for and strive to deliver our vision of the best patient-centered, full-spectrum care to a rapidly changing and evolving Air Force.

The people we serve place their trust in us every day –

from permitting us to treat their wounds to delivering their babies and dispensing medication.

That trust is something we must earn every day by keeping our duty to those we serve at the forefront and committing ourselves to “Excellence in All We Do.”

We have the solemn responsibility to support and enhance the health and performance of Airmen, the Joint Team and their families as we all meet these current and

future challenges.

I am excited about working with you as the Air Force Medical Service and the Military Health System continuously adapt our capabilities and performance to meet a dynamic mission.

I thank each of you for the care and support you provide to those we serve – your professionalism, resourcefulness, and expertise make “Trusted Care Anywhere” a reality each and every day.



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Gazebo Concert Aug. 30

The U.S. Army Medical Command Headquarters, Army Medical Department Center and School and Southern Regional Medical Command will host a free gazebo concert at 7 p.m. Aug. 30, featuring the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" the 323rd Army Band. The concert takes place on the tennis courts by the gazebo on Staff Post Road and feature music from the 1960s and 1970s. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395 on Chaffee Road. The event is open to the public.

See Something, Say Something

August marks the Army's sixth annual observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The terrorist threats faced today are as complex as they have been at any time in the nation's history. These threats are persistent and constantly evolving as evidenced by the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The Army's antiterrorism program protects personnel, information and facilities in all locations and situations against terrorist activities. The purpose of Antiterrorism Awareness Month is to instill Army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to protect Army communities from acts of terrorism. Read more at http://www.army.mil/standto/archive_2015-08-03/.

Joint Base San Antonio 9/11 Remembrance Run

The Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is hosting a JBSA 9/11 remembrance run from 7 a.m. to 4:11 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Medina Fitness Center dirt track. This event will pay tribute to those lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and is open to all JBSA Department of Defense cardholders and family members. Commemorative run t-shirts are available for \$10. Registration closes Sept. 4. The event is open to teams and individuals. To register or for more information, call 671-2952.

JBSA Suicide Prevention 5K Run For Life

The 2015 5K Run For Life takes place at all Joint Base San Antonio locations, with free registration at 7 p.m. and the run beginning at 8 p.m. on the respective dates. The run takes place Sept. 13 at Worth and Stanley Roads at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Eberle Park at

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Fort Sam Houston prepares for command cyber readiness inspection

By Jonathan Poole
Chief, Cyber Security
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From Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, an inspection team from the Defense Information Systems Agency will conduct a command cyber readiness inspection for the Fort Sam Houston area of responsibility.

The main focus of the inspection will be on the Nonsecure Internet Protocol Router Network, known as the NIPRNet, and the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, or SIPRNet, and supporting traditional security practices.

The agency will inspect work centers, looking for adherence to standards and will also check Fort Sam Houston's technical and information systems for vulnerabilities.

In addition, DISA will inspect technical and operational adherence to the Department of Defense standard practices and policies, which includes secure and non-secure cyber security network compliance and physical security practices.

In order to ensure Fort Sam Houston passes the inspection successfully, every unit and network user has a responsibility for being knowledgeable on proper cyber security, traditional security and physical security practices.

Commanders and



senior civilian leaders at all levels within their organizations are asked to check and re-check that these standards are being adhered to – down to the individual user – to ensure awareness and compliance with cyber security measures.

The following are some tips network users can follow to ensure compliance success:

Cyber security

- Read your Acceptable Use Policy. As users of the Army network, you sign an AUP when first being allowed access to any Army network. It contains all the basics you need to know to keep you compliant when using Government computer systems.

Blackberry users are required to sign an additional AUP tailored for the device usage.

- At the conclusion of the business day, log computers off the NIPRNet system and reboot at the beginning of the next duty day ensure security patch compliance.

- Power on and log in to SIPRNet systems during mandatory SIPRNet "uptime" periods as established by the senior commander's operation order. Staying connected during the entire period is essential.

- Do not pass any information, especially critical operational traffic, over unclassified communications, such as phone, email, Facebook, etc.

- Remove Common Access Cards, SIPR

tokens and secure all SIPR drop lockboxes and hard drives prior to leaving computers unattended.

- Do not plug unauthorized electronic devices, like thumb drives, hard drives, portable media players or cell phones into a government NIPRNet or SIPRNet computer system unless you have an approved exemption letter.

Traditional security

- Know who your security manager, information management officer and information assurance support officer are and how to contact them.

- Verify security clearances and escort unauthorized personnel.

- Properly safeguard classified systems to include proper comple-

tion of applicable Standard Form 700 (security container information), SF 701 (activity security checklist) and SF 702 (security container check sheet).

- Use proper document cover sheets and face your monitors away from your doors and windows to eliminate viewing by unauthorized personnel.

- Properly label disc media and have proper classification markings, such as a Department of Defense Form 2056 (telephone monitoring notification decal) on communications equipment like computers, monitors, phones, etc., in a mixed environment.

- Know how to identify and respond to a network security incident or classified message incident by using the network incident reporting aid located on the NEC Information Assurance Share-Point site at <http://samhc25070:16628/IAD/SitePages/Home.aspx> under the cyber security links.

- Never bring portable or wireless electronic devices within three meters of a classified system.

For more information or assistance on keeping your areas inspection ready, contact your unit's G2/S2/security manager or your unit technical support G6/S6/information mission officer or internet assurance training officer.

For NEC support, call 221-1599.

ARMY NORTH HOSTS CANADIAN DOCTRINE AND TRAINING CENTRE COMMAND TEAM



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wynn Hoke

Canadian Maj. Gen. Jean-Marc Lanthier (second from left), Canadian Doctrine and Training Centre commander, poses for a photo next Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general and senior Army commander for Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, Aug. 4. Wiggins and Lanthier met to discuss the further enhancement of military-to-military relationships between U.S. and Canada ground forces. Focus areas included interoperability, civil assistance and combined defense plans. Also pictured are (far left) Canadian Maj. A.J. Gimby and (far right) Canadian Formation Chief Warrant Officer J.C. Chouniard.



Photo by Sgt. Christian Turner

Fort Sam Houston Museum director Jackie Davis (left) provides a tour for Canadian Maj. Gen. Jean-Marc Lanthier (center) and Canadian Formation Chief Warrant Officer J.C. Chouniard, from Canadian Doctrine and Training Centre, Aug. 4. Lanthier and Chouniard visited U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) to discuss the further enhancement of military-to-military relationships between U.S. and Canadian ground forces. Focus areas included interoperability, civil assistance and combined defense plans.

SOUTHCOM COMMANDER HOLDS TOWN HALL

Marine Corps Gen. John F. Kelly (right), commanding general of U.S. Southern Command, recognizes Dr. Isaac Hampton (left), U.S. Army South command historian, as Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn, Army South commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Olvera, Army South command sergeant major, look on during a town hall discussion on Fort Sam Houston Aug. 4.



Marine Corps Gen. John F. Kelly (right) speaks with Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn during a town hall discussion on Fort Sam Houston Aug. 4.



Photos by Eric Lucero

Marine Corps Gen. John F. Kelly (right) speaks to Soldiers and civilians assigned to U.S. Army South during a town hall discussion on Fort Sam Houston Aug. 4.

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JBSA-Randolph Sept. 12 and the Gillum Fitness Center on JBSA-Lackland Sept. 26. The event promotes awareness of the resources available to assist service members and their families with fitness, resiliency and suicide prevention. There are awards for the top three male and female runners and all participants receive an "I Run For Life" reflective belt and finisher's dog tag, while supplies last. For more information, visit <http://www.facebook.com/JBSArunforlife> and <http://www.facebook.com/JointBaseSanAntonio>.

JBSA Air Force Birthday Ball

The 2015 Joint Base San Antonio Air Force Birthday ball takes place Sept. 18 at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal uniform for military members and formal (black tie and tuxedo) for civilians. For tickets, visit <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=256363&k=0064440A7D54>. Ticket prices are \$70 for E-8, E-9, O-4 through O-10 and GS-11 and above; \$60 for E-7, O-1 through O-3 and GS-7 through GS-10; \$40 for E-5 and E-6, GS-5 and GS-6; and \$25 for E-1 through E-4 and GS-1 through G-4. For more information, send an email to 502abw.ccc.jbsaball@us.af.mil.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training For Trainers

The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training For Trainers, or ASIST T4T, workshop takes place at 9 a.m. Sept. 21-25 at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, building 3639 and is open to active duty military. The training workshop equips personnel with the ability to facilitate/train 2-day ASIST workshops, also called ASIST T2T. ASIST T4T certification requires the individual to complete this five-day course. Upon completion, the candidate will also be required to conduct three ASIST two-day workshops within one year to receive trainer status. Due to the demand of the T4T Workshop and limited seating, all applications will be evaluated upon receipt. Confirmation of registration in the workshop will be sent via email no later than one week prior to the start of the workshop. For more information and to register call 221-2093.

Teens volunteer their time at BAMC, explore their future career options

By Lori Newman
BAMC Public Affairs

A group of 73 enthusiastic teens between 14-17 years old sacrificed part of their summer vacation to participate in Brooke Army Medical Center's Summer Youth Program from June 22 to July 31.

This program, which has grown in popularity throughout the years, is a partnership between BAMC and the American Red Cross.

The teens volunteered their time to work in a variety of areas throughout San Antonio Military Medical Center, including behavioral health, research, pathology, surgery, facilities management, hospital education, optometry, patient administration, supply management and the provost marshal office.

"They worked in just

about every department that we have here and that's over 100 different departments and sections," said Army Col. Richard Evans, deputy commander for nursing. Evans addressed the teen volunteers during an awards ceremony Aug. 4.

"I will tell you that what you did by infusing the hallways with your youth, vigor and the exploratory way in which you approached this opportunity stimulated our staff to be more engaged with what we do each and every day," the deputy commander said.

"By instilling that enthusiasm you actually made a difference to the patients who walked through those hallways," Evans added. "I can't thank you enough because the number one reason we are here is to serve the patients and their families. That is an

honorable and noble thing."

Seventeen-year-old Nikhil Ananth looked at the experience as an opportunity to explore his future career options.

Ananth volunteered three days a week in the clinical research center helping to do literature searches and learning about how research is conducted. He said he was particularly interested in the gait analysis research being done at the Center for the Intrepid.

"My dream career is to be an orthopedic surgeon," he said. "The thing about orthopedics is that it's applicable anywhere. Since the skeletal system is the structure of the entire body, you can apply the practice and you can help anyone."

Pamela Jahelka, a research physical therapist assistant in the Military

Performance Lab at the Center for the Intrepid praised Ananth and Jack Winter, who both volunteered in clinical research.

"These students not only contributed to the ongoing research, they learned valuable skills

that will assist them with their future educational pursuits. Additionally, both students were able to shadow and question members of the professions they would like to enter:

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Photo by Audrey Westbrook

(From left) Jack Winter, research physical therapist assistant; Pamela Jahelka from the Military Performance Lab and Nikhil Ananth pose for a photo after the students summarized their findings in literature with a power point presentation to members of the Military Performance Lab of the Center for the Intrepid Aug. 4. Winter and Ananth both participated in the Brooke Army Medical Center Summer Youth Program from June 22 to July 31.



Photo by James Camillocci

Teens who participated in the Brooke Army Medical Center Summer Youth Program pose for a photo after an awards ceremony in the San Antonio Military Medical Center fourth-floor auditorium Aug. 4.

So far, 63 percent of Soldiers like proposed 'Ike' jacket

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

Preliminary results show that a majority of Soldiers want a chance to wear the Ike jacket for dress and black socks for physical training, but a survey on proposed uniform changes has been extended until Aug. 31.

In July, 120,000 active-duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers were offered the opportunity to opine, online, regarding new uniform options.

While 10 percent of those who were offered the opportunity to participate logged in and voiced their opinion, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey wants a more "robust response" from Soldiers before making

any further recommendations.

"It's a healthy survey sample, but I'd like to be sure it's what most Soldiers want before we move forward," Dailey said. He directed the survey period be extended for an additional two weeks.

Approximately 120,000 Soldiers were initially offered the option to voice their opinion on the uniform survey. A second email was sent Aug. 10 to those same Soldiers offering additional time to participate in the survey if they have not already voted.

The Army has a mechanism in place to prevent the same individual from voting more than once. The link contained in the latest email will only

work for those who have not already logged on to the survey site.

"This survey reflects Soldier uniform suggestions collected by the sergeant major of the Army and other senior enlisted leaders over the last six months," reads the email invitation to Soldiers, which asks them to participate in the survey. "As the SMA prepares to make recommendations to either the Army Uniform Board or the Army chief of staff on these suggestions, he wants to know what you think. Your votes will be tallied and used to inform the final decisions on possible changes to the wear and appearance of Army uniforms."

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Photo by C. Todd Lopez

The "Eisenhower jacket" has been proposed as a more appropriate indoor alternative to the black wind-breaker jacket. Named for President Dwight D. Eisenhower and designed in the late 1930s, the jacket is waist-cropped, includes additional pockets and does not require many adornments. The last modification of the shortened, British-inspired jacket was seen in 1965. The survey asks Soldiers' opinion of a version of it for all ranks.

Army South Soldiers learn the art of building and loading a pallet

By Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye
Army South Public Affairs

Building and loading a pallet might seem a rudimentary skill, but a group of 20 U.S. Army South Soldiers at Fort Sam Houston learned it's more complex and requires more proficiency to prepare mass quantities of supplies to move during air cargo lifts.

The 463L pallet system, one designed for the use in aircrafts, provides deploying units with the ability to consolidate loose or bulk cargo and efficiently

move it on a strategic airlift.

Army South Soldiers received instructions at the command's headquarters July 23 on how to inspect, build and document a proper 463L pallet in accordance with unit air movement planning guidelines and Department of Transportation regulations.

"When you are building a pallet, don't think of it as, 'it's just my cargo.' Think about it as, 'I might be sitting in that aircraft I just loaded with these pallets or these pieces of equip-

ment and I want it to be as safe as possible," explained Sgt. 1st Class Michael Haynes, Army South staff movement noncommissioned officer to the class participants.

Haynes repeatedly stressed the safety of the aircraft and personnel traveling aboard it as the number one reason for accurate building and loading.

It is the units' responsibility to prepare the pallets with the items strapped down to be loaded to the airplane. Because Army South supports multiple deployments to South America and the Caribbean, it's important to teach Soldiers the correct way to build a pallet.

The 463L pallet is made of a lightweight durable material, used to load and transport bulk material by aircraft. Part of the pallet is a set of nets in different sizes that will be used for different purposes when building the cargo.

During the training, Soldiers learned how to use the right type of nets for the right weight and height of cargo and the correct way to hook the net to the rings on the pallet in order to strap down the cargo.

In addition, they were also taught to place the heaviest items in the middle, so the center of balance does not affect a forklift or the aircraft during movement.

"The most important thing I learned during this class would have to be inspection of your equipment," said Sgt. Brian Watts, Army South human resource specialist.

As a trained and experienced movement NCO, Haynes trained students on the setbacks that can occur when a pallet is not built the right way. He said the effect can be detrimental to a unit's mission.

"When building a 463L pallet the smallest detail makes a big difference on the safety of the cargo as a whole," Haynes stressed.

Haynes has seen common mistakes like pallet builders using the wrong side of the net to strap down the gear, not checking all parts of the pallet, including the net, for serviceability or not storing hazardous materials in the right position for easier accessibility and inspection.

On top of building restraining the cargo on the aircraft is equally



Sgt. 1st Class Michael Haynes (second from right), Army South staff movement noncommissioned officer, shows Army South Soldiers the right way to build a 463L pallet during pallet building and loading training held at Army South headquarters July 23 at Fort Sam Houston.

important in an air movement mission, due to the possibility of cargo shifting during flight.

According to Hanes, cargo shifting mid-flight may cause the aircraft to change the center of balance, resulting in a possible crash.

Having deployed to Iraq and assisted in the

process of building pallets before, Watts shared the importance of shipping and receiving gear safely.

"Proper pallet building and loading is important not only for the safety of personnel but for the safety of the equipment being transferred," Watts said.



Photos by Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye

During 463L pallet building and loading training at Fort Sam Houston July 23, U.S. Army South Soldiers measure the height of the cargo they created in order to determine which type of netting is necessary to strap the cargo down to the 463L pallet.

Stage 2 water restrictions implemented across JBSA

By Benjamin Martinez
JBSA Water Conservation Manager

The 10-day average of the Bexar County index well J-17 has dropped below 650 feet mean sea level as of Friday. Stage 2 water restrictions for all Joint Base San Antonio locations is triggered when the J-17 drops below 650 feet.

The J-17 well serves as the official well for recording groundwater elevations in the San Antonio Pool of the

Edwards Aquifer, according to the Edwards Aquifer Authority website (<http://www.edwardsaquifer.org>).

The JBSA Base Civil Engineer declared Stage 2 water restrictions effective immediately, in accordance with the current JBSA Critical Period Management Plan and Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The biological opinion limits JBSA's water draw from the Edwards Aquifer in order to protect eight endangered species which

live in the aquifer and its associated springs. These species can only survive when aquifer levels and spring flows are adequately maintained.

The restrictions within Stage 2 facing base residents and personnel are substantial and all must comply with the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan.

All the Stage 1 restrictions in addition to Stage 2 water restrictions are in place:

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Preliminary results from the first two weeks of tabulation have been released.

The first survey question asked Soldiers their opinion on the wear of black socks, rather than white socks, with the Army Physical Fitness uniform. Of the 12,050 Soldiers who answered the question, 66.7 percent – or 8,032 Soldiers – voiced support for the wear of black socks.

In regards to the “Eisenhower jacket,” 62.8 percent agreed that purchase and wear should be an option, but not a requirement, for Soldiers.

Dailey has also received positive feedback on the Eisenhower Jacket from outside the confines of the survey respondents.

“The veteran community is really excited about the nostalgia aspect of the ‘Ike’ jacket,” Dailey said.

The Army currently has two “campaign hats” for drill sergeants. Campaign hats for male drill sergeants feature a flat brim all the way around the hat. For female drill sergeants, the brim is folded up on the wearer’s left side.

The Army asked if there should be a “single style of headgear for all drill sergeants.” More than 60 percent of Soldiers, who responded to the question, said “yes.”

Another question regarding headgear asked if there should be

a single style of service cap for all Soldiers. In particular, the Army wanted to know if the “bus driver hat” should be authorized for both male and female Soldiers. According to the survey, 66.7 percent of Soldiers said “yes” to that question.

The first four survey questions, regarding socks, the Eisenhower jacket, the campaign hat for drill sergeants and the service cap, involve changes to uniform policy that would require no cost for the Army.

Black socks would be an authorized purchase for Soldiers, for instance. The Eisenhower jacket would not be a required uniform item – it would be manufactured by companies outside the Army and would be an optional, not required, uniform item.

The Army would not need to buy the Eisenhower jacket for Soldiers. Soldiers would instead buy it on their own, if they wanted it. Finally, for the campaign hat and the service cap, these items are already in the Army inventory. The Army would not need to create a new item for Soldiers.

One additional question on the uniform survey asks if the blue service cap should be required headgear for use when wearing the Army Service Uniform, for senior noncommissioned officers, officers and warrant officers. A little more than half of Soldiers, or 55.8 percent, said yes to that question.

For the question regarding the blue service cap, making the cap a requirement for Soldiers, who are E-7 and above, could incur a cost to the Army, as the Army would need to provide the cap or an allowance to at least some Soldiers.

“Additional analysis will be used before a final decision is made on any item that could result in a cost to the Army,” an Army official said.

Dailey agreed fiscal responsibility is paramount to any decision on uniform changes.

“Being good stewards of the taxpayers’ money is critically important,” Dailey said. “While we value Soldiers’ preferences and opinions on uniforms, we must always consider how any changes could affect our bottom line.”

Dailey plans to endorse the final data.

“If it’s what Soldiers want, I’m all for moving the ball down the field on their behalf as long as it doesn’t result in a new bill,” Dailey said.

Dailey must present Soldier selections to the chief of staff and in some cases the Army Uniform Board for approval before any changes can be made. If changes are approved, Soldiers would not be able to wear new items until further instructions are provided by official means. Guidelines and timelines for wear would be released via All Army Activities, or ALARACT, messages to the force.



Photo by Ryan Mattox

Col. Tim Strange (right) officiates a change of responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Hammond Jr. (second from right) to Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Charles (second from left) during a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston Aug. 13. Strange is the 412th Contracting Support Brigade commander.

412th Contracting Support Brigade welcomes new command sergeant major

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Members of the 412th Contracting Support Brigade welcomed their new command sergeant major during a change of responsibility ceremony at Fort Sam Houston Aug. 13.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Charles assumed responsibility of the organization from outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Hammond Jr. during a ceremony officiated by Col. Tim Strange, 412th CSB commander.

The brigade commander said Hammond ensured Soldiers were trained and ready to support Army worldwide operations.

“Hammond led the brigade for 37 months with perseverance and personal example,” Strange said. “He was the senior enlisted member for the operational contracting support joint exercise for the past three years and was integral for the success of these exercises, as they were recognized by senior Department of Defense leaders. He was the lead trainer, the lead motivator, a leader of Soldiers and Army civilians and a fine NCO.”

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Back-to-school tools for military families

By Rosemary Freitas Williams
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Summer vacation should never end, says every kid, and it's hard to blame them. But, telling your child it's time to come inside and get ready for school doesn't have to be bad news. As my friends at Sesame Street recently reminded me, school is a great place to make friends.

With that number in mind, there are two other things I'd like to share as you begin to plan for the new school year.

First, if you are one of the many who recently moved to a new school district, please know that school liaison officers can be a huge help. They work with relocating families and local schools to assist with the transfer of a student's credit to their new school district for courses already completed. School liaison officers serve all relocating families, regardless of the member's branch of service, ensuring a smooth transition to their new civilian schools.

For a military family, back to school is not just about the annual gathering of school supplies. It can also include a host of other challenges, such as deployment or learning how to register your child in a new school in a new community.

Military OneSource (<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>) offers information and resources to help during the back-to-school season. Here's a short list of what's available:

- Digital library resources are available on Military OneSource after you log in. Children, youth and teens will find TumbleBooks, the Student Resource Center, tutoring services, CultureGrams for Kids, resources for geography, current events, the arts, science, sports, government, history and more. You can also visit your local installation library for additional learning resources.

- Tutor.com (<http://military.tutor.com>) connects eligible students in military families to a live tutor online at any time 24/7 for one-to-one expert help with homework, test prep, proof-reading and more in 40+ academic subjects. As of Aug. 1, traditional drilling/part-time Reserve and National Guard families are once again eligible to use Tutor.com through the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

- MilitaryINSTALLATIONS (<http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil>) is Department of Defense's global directory where you can search for programs and services at a particular installation, or you can search for resources within a state or ZIP code.

- The Education Directory for Children With Special Needs (<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/family-and-relationships/special-needs>) provides detailed information about schools throughout the country to help you make informed decisions and ease the transition. Military OneSource specialty consultants also provide information and resources to help you become familiar with educational rights and ease those first-day-of-school jitters for you and your kids.

- Are you homeschooling? At Military OneSource, you'll find a variety of resources, from youth programs and military support services to virtual classes offered by the DOD Education Activity and non-DOD schools.

- Child and youth behavioral military and family life counselors are available to speak with a child who may need help adjusting to a new environment or handling grief, fear, loss or separation issues. These counselors understand the issues military children face. With your permission, they can help your child to address these issues in a healthy way.

- Military OneSource offers confidential help at no cost for parents who need help balancing the challenges of military life. Confidential non-medical counseling gives you the tools you need to effectively manage parenting challenges, stress, grief and loss, deployment, and relationships at home and work.

Military OneSource has the tools you can use to help you get started with the back-to-school season, whether it's practical information about a Sure Start, special education or available scholarships or perhaps your child's first bus ride already makes you teary.

For everything else you need, Military OneSource has the information to help make this the best school year yet.

See more at: <http://www.dodlive.mil/index.php/2015/08/back-to-school-tools-for-military-families/#sthash.aauDZMcc.dpuf>

Has safety been incorporated into your back-to-school preparations this year?

By Gilbert Resendez
JBSA-Lackland Safety Office

As summer vacations end and parents rush to get school supplies to start their children off on the right foot this coming school year, let's not forget the most important tool: safety.

Parents need to go over basic safety rules with their children every year, whether it will be the first time the children will be allowed to walk home or not.

The following are some things parents need to know and consider so their kids may get to school and home safely.

Parents should take the time to educate their children about safety, regardless of their age.

Although some kids mature faster than others, there is no right age for children to start walking or riding their bicycles to school alone or with a friend.

Let your children know drivers and cars are their No. 1 threat on the street. When crossing the street, they should stop on the crosswalk, look to the left, then to the right, and then to the left again before proceeding across the street.

If they ride bicycles, children should never ride across a busy intersection. Let them know it is best to get off the bicycle and walk their bikes next to them as they cross the street. Remember, not all intersections have traffic lights and many times, there are no crossing guards at these intersections.

As parents, make your children understand the importance of playing it safe and using common sense.

A safe route needs to be drawn out, but don't forget

that an alternate route is just as important. Talk with your children and develop a simple route. One thing to consider is children will be safer with fewer street crossings and intersections.

In addition, make sure they wear the proper bicycle headgear and obey all traffic laws.

If your children ride the school bus, some basic rules to follow are:

- Children must wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before approaching it from the curb. Never let your children run toward the bus. The bus driver may not see them and this could lead to a tragedy.

- Tell your children they are to remain seated at all times and keep their hands and heads inside the bus while it is in motion.

- Today's busses come equipped with seatbelts. Make sure your kids use them, just like they do when they ride in the family car.

- When the bus comes to a stop, your children should exit the bus in an orderly manner and look for oncoming traffic.

Children should also be reminded to be active pedestrians and bike riders by not texting and being preoccupied with modern mobile devices.

As an additional safety measure, children should know their home telephone number, their address and, if possible, a parent's work telephone number. It's also good for children to know the number of a trusted adult who has been designated for notification in case of an emergency.

With back-to-school plans, there is no reason why your children can't enjoy another school year – safely.

Remember: school and safety go hand-in-hand.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District bus schedule

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

TIME	LOCATION	TIME	LOCATION
Elementary 01 AM		7:13 a.m.	Graham and Harney Roads
7:11 a.m.	200 Forbush Road	7:15 a.m.	Graham and Schofield Roads
7:13 a.m.	332 Forbush Road	7:17 a.m.	Graham and Henry T. Allen Roads
7:15 a.m.	519 McMurray Road	7:25 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)
7:22 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)	Elementary SAS 11a AM	
Elementary 02 AM		7:17 a.m.	SAS
7:18 a.m.	3906 Decker Circle	7:25 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)
7:19 a.m.	Buckner Court and McMurray Road	E/MS/HS 12 AM (Guest House/Fisher House/campgrounds)	
7:20 a.m.	469 McMurray Road	7:05 a.m.	3298 George C. Beach Road (Guest House/Fisher House)
7:26 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)	7:20 a.m.	3514 W.W. White Road (campgrounds)
Elementary 03 AM		7:25 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)
7:24 a.m.	Johnston Circle and McMurray Road	7:35 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
7:26 a.m.	McMurray Road and Rodrigues Circle	Operation Home Front AM	
7:29 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)	6:45 a.m.	Mallard Meadow
Elementary 04 AM		7:15 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)
7:11 a.m.	Chaffee and W.W. White Roads	7:20 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
7:12 a.m.	Chaffee Road (between Quarters 3061-3081)		
7:13 a.m.	Chaffee Road (between Quarters 2871-2891)		
7:14 a.m.	Chaffee Road (between Quarters 2751-2731)		
7:15 a.m.	Chaffee and Taylor Roads		
7:16 a.m.	2720 Marvin R. Wood (playground)		
7:18 a.m.	2870 Marvin R. Wood (playground)		
7:21 a.m.	3071 Marvin R. Wood		
7:26 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)		
Elementary 06 AM			
7:14 a.m.	Goroaden Avenue and Birkhead Drive		
7:15 a.m.	Goroaden Avenue and Playground 322		
7:16 a.m.	Ingram Path and Walter T. Bahl		
7:17 a.m.	Walter T. Bahl and Birkhead Drive		
7:23 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)		
Elementary 07 AM			
7:18 a.m.	Patch Road and Foulis Pass		
7:19 a.m.	Patch Road and Birkham Avenue		
7:20 a.m.	Birkhead and Forage Avenues		
7:21 a.m.	Forage Avenue and Foulis Pass		
7:29 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)		
Elementary 08 AM			
7:17 a.m.	Infantry Post		
7:30 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)		
Elementary 09 AM			
7 a.m.	Graham Road and S-16 Road West		
7:01 a.m.	Graham and N. New Braunfels Roads		
7:04 a.m.	Artillery Loop (Quarters 176)		
7:07 a.m.	Artillery Post Road (Quarters 165)		
7:10 a.m.	Artillery Post Road (Quarters 101)		
7:13 a.m.	Artillery Post Road (Quarters 109)		
7:16 a.m.	Artillery Post Road (Quarters 115)		
7:17 a.m.	Staff Post and Stanley Roads		
7:21 a.m.	Staff Post Road (Quarters 13)		
7:24 a.m.	Hancock Road (Quarters 2283)		
7:27 a.m.	Candlewood Suites		
7:30 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)		
Elementary 10 AM			
7:09 a.m.	Gorgas Circle (Quarters 1016)		
7:10 a.m.	Gorgas Circle (Quarters 1099)		
7:12 a.m.	Graham and Worth Roads		



Courtesy photo

NOTES: Students need to be at their bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Elementary school dismissal time is 3 p.m. Bus schedules are subject to change.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

TIME	LOCATION	TIME	LOCATION
		7:50 a.m.	Staff Post and Stanley Roads
		7:51 a.m.	1869 Staff Post Road
		7:52 a.m.	1809 Staff Post Road
		7:53 a.m.	2041 Staff Post Road
		7:55 a.m.	2446 Hancock Pass
		8:10 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
		Cole HS/MS 10a AM	
		7:45 a.m.	4053 Gorgas Circle
		7:48 a.m.	4015 Gorgas Circle
		7:50 a.m.	Graham and Worthfield Roads
		7:53 a.m.	Graham and Harney Roads
		7:56 a.m.	Graham and Schofield Roads
		8 a.m.	Candlewood Suites
		8:05 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
		Cole HS/MS 10b AM	
		7:45 a.m.	Graham and Henry T. Allen Roads
		7:59 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
		Cole MS 07 AM	
		7:34 a.m.	Patch Road and Foulis Pass
		7:35 a.m.	Patch Road and Birkhead Avenue
		7:36 a.m.	Birkhead and Forage Avenues
		7:37 a.m.	Forage Avenue and Foulis Pass
		7:43 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
		E/MS/HS 12 AM (Guest House/Fisher House/campgrounds)	
		7:05 a.m.	3298 George C. Beach Road (Guest House/Fisher House)
		7:30 a.m.	3514 W.W. White Road (campgrounds)
		7:35 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)
		7:45 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
		Operation Home Front AM	
		6:45 a.m.	Mallard Meadow
		7:15 a.m.	Fort Sam Houston Elementary School (101)
		7:20 a.m.	Cole Middle/High Schools (001)
		NOTES: Students need to be at their bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Middle school and high school dismissal time is 3:50 p.m. Bus schedule is subject to change.	

Local Sailors team with VFW to honor Medal of Honor recipient

By Larry Coffey
NMETC Public Affairs

Sailors from Navy Medicine Training Support Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston joined local veterans Aug. 13 for a graveside memorial service honoring Seaman John E. "Jackie" Kilmer, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Kilmer, who is buried at the San Jose Burial Cemetery in San Antonio, died from injuries sustained Aug. 12, 1952, from enemy fire during the attack on Bunker Hill in Korea.

Nearly 100 people gathered for the ceremony, which was a team effort by the NMTSC Chief Petty Officer's Mess and several San Antonio-area Veterans of Foreign War posts.

Marine Corps Vietnam veteran John Rodriguez from VFW Post 9186 has led the annual ceremony for 10 years and described the importance for young hospital corpsmen to experience their heritage.

"Here we have a man who gave his life so others can keep theirs," Rodriguez said. "I want these young Sailors to know this about one of their own.

Master Chief Petty Officer Melissa Foster, NMTSC command master chief, described how Kilmer's picture has "graced the bulkhead of every military treatment facility I have been associated with throughout my career. As a hospitalman, I remember reading his Medal of Honor citation and thinking how he was so selfless and honorable at such a young age."

The ceremony included the national anthem sung by the NMTSC student choir. VFW members paraded the American and five military service flags and Lt. Cmdr. Scott Adams, NMTSC chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction. NMTSC CPO selectees read Kilmer's biography and his Medal of Honor citation and then led the Hospital Corpsman Pledge.

Rodriguez said 32 Medal of Honor recipients have ties to San Antonio. Of those, Kilmer is the only one from the Korean War who served in the Navy.

Kilmer was born Aug. 15, 1930 in Highland Park, Ill. He quit high school at 17 to enlist in the Navy from Houston, and graduated from Hospital Corps School in San Diego, in April 1948. Kilmer was assigned to the Hospital Ship USS Repose (AH-16) when war broke out in Korea. His enlistment term expired in August 1951, but he soon rejoined the Navy.

Army South headquarters conducts active shooter exercise

By Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye
Army South Public Affairs

Antiterrorism training is the Army's "Antiterrorism Awareness" theme for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2015. It focuses on training Soldiers and civilians to protect themselves and their battle buddies from any terrorist attacks including an active shooter situation.

To support this, U.S. Army South conducted an active shooter training exercise as part of the antiterrorism training at their headquarters building Aug. 13. The exercise prompted everyone in the command to react appropriately to the incident.

"Active shooters are almost impossible to prevent, but through training and practice, casualties can be minimized," said Lonnie Crook, Army South antiterrorism officer. "Active shooter exercises

give the command a holistic view of the command's readiness in the event of an actual active shooter incident."

When the "shooter," carrying an automatic weapon, started his shooting rampage on the first floor of the building, individuals responded to the incident by either sheltering in place or evacuating depending on where they were situationally located in relation to the shooter.

Sgt. 1st Class Anwar Anderson, Army South finance noncommissioned officer, was in his office in the east wing of the building when the first shots were fired.

"The first thing we did when we heard over the intercom 'there is an active shooter in the building' was to start evacuating out the back door. A few people locked themselves in the office that had a sturdy door," Anderson said. "We evacuated the building and hid

behind a trailer to give us concealment and then moved off to a different hiding spot."

The training exercise was intended to be a surprise to Army South headquarters employees, forcing them to make quick and on-the-spot decisions on whether to run, hide or fight.

Prior to the active shooter scenario, Crook explained to Army South Soldiers and civilians that during an active shooter incident, individuals should evaluate their options and choose the one that best suits their situation: run, hide or fight to save their lives.

"Fight is the last resort. If it's time for you to fight, your life is in imminent danger. That means you run or hide," said Crook, who is in charge of active shooter training for Army South. "Run is the preferred method, but it might not be your best option. Hiding might be your best option. You need to make that decision on what you are going to do in that situation."

After the active shooter scenario was over, Army South headquarters personnel came together to review and discuss the events that transpired during the training.

Participants of the exercise agreed they made the right decisions during the training that would have saved their lives in a real world active shooter situation.

"The training was effective. It reminded people to know where the exits are and where the closest route out of the area you are in," said Maj. Jaime Navarro, chief of current operations for the Army South medical directorate, during the action review session.

Active shooter training provides participants the opportunity to practice and be prepared on how to respond to an active shooter incident at work or outside of work.

"An active shooter exercise is not a fire drill," Crook stressed to members of Army South headquarters, reminding everyone to react to the active shooter drill as if it was real and to think about their actions before they react.

"You need to be aware, you need to be prepared and you need to be flexible on whatever actions you decide to take," he added.



Playing the role of active shooter, Rafael Torres (left), antiterrorism officer for U.S. Army South, moves through the different offices in the Army South headquarters building on Fort Sam Houston simulating attacking employees during an active shooter exercise Aug. 13.



Photos by Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye

Members of U.S. Army South military police apprehend Rafael Torres, Army South antiterrorism officer, who is playing the role of an active shooter, walking out of the Army South headquarters building during an active shooter exercise Aug. 13.

What Soldiers should know about the Qualitative Management Program

By Kimberly Balkcom
Fort Knox Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

It could happen to you. You get a negative Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report, or NCOER, but you think it will not have a long-term effect on your career. After all, each of your previous NCOERs has been pristine.

However, some time later you get a notification memorandum advising you will be considered by the Qualitative Management Program, or QMP, board for denial of continued service and you begin to worry about your future in the Army.

The following article provides an overview of the QMP process, explains why the Army has such a program, to whom it applies and to whom not, and provides a few tips on how to respond to notifications.

Why does the Army employ QMP?

The purpose of QMP is to enhance the quality of the career enlisted force, selectively retain the best qualified Soldiers while denying continued service to nonproductive members, and to encourage Soldiers to maintain their eligibility for further service.

Negative information that prevents promotion in a Soldier's file directly conflicts with the Army's philosophy that Soldiers acquire a successful military status. Acquiring a successful status shows a commitment to the United States, to the Army, to the American people and to fellow Soldiers. The idea is, those who cannot meet that standard should leave the Army.

To whom does the QMP process apply?

QMP boards are normally held in conjunction with senior NCO selection boards and consider Regular Army and U.S. Army Reserve Active Guard Reserve, or AGR, Soldiers in the ranks of staff sergeant through command sergeant major (E6-E9) for possible involuntary separation.

NCOs are considered for denial of continued service under one of three circumstances.

- U.S. Army Human Resources Command, or HRC, receives negative

material for inclusion in a Soldier's Army Military Human Resource Record, or AMHRR. That material can include a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand, or GOMOR, a court-martial, an Article 15, a negative NCOER, or Service School Academic Evaluation Report indicating Noncommissioned Officer Education System, or NCOES, failure.

- The Army's deputy chief of staff, G-1, or designee, approves a request from the Soldier's commander with General Court-Martial Convening Authority, or a referral to a QMP screening board from the HRC commander or his designee.

- The NCO fails to qualify for promotion consideration to the next grade without completing the appropriate level of NCOES training within 48 months of promotion.

To whom does the QMP process not apply?

NCOs in the rank of staff sergeant and sergeant major or command sergeant major (E6-E9) are not subject to QMP if:

- They have an approved retirement.

- They were previously retained on active duty by a QMP board, as long as no new basis for QMP has been documented since the earlier determination.

- They hold the rank of sergeant major or command sergeant major and are within two years of the retention control point for their rank.

- They are promotable to the next higher grade when the basis for the QMP consideration was filed in the AMHRR and was included in the official file seen by the promotion board.

How to respond to notifications

Soldiers subject to denial of continued service under QMP will be notified of their status through their chain of command. The notification memorandum will identify the basis for referral and inform the NCO of his or her right to submit mitigating

matters to the president of the QMP selection board within 30 days.

Once notified, the Soldier has several options.

- Submit a request for voluntary retirement, if otherwise eligible, in lieu of facing the QMP board.

- Submit documentation to the board president addressing the NCO's potential for continued service.

Documentation may include letters of support from the Soldier's peers or chain of command. The Soldier must note that he or she cannot appear personally before the QMP board.

Once a rebuttal option is selected and a rebuttal packet submitted – and for those Soldiers who choose not to submit matters to negotiation – the board will review the file and consider several factors. These may include the Soldier's moral and ethical failures; his or her future potential for performance of duties; declining efficiency and performance over a continued period of time; discipline problems; or other derogatory factors such as a failure to meet height or weight standards or the Army Physical Fitness Test, or the imposition of a field commander's bar to re-enlistment.

The QMP board will then consider the Soldier's overall AMHRR and any matters of mitigation submitted to the board and render a decision.

If a board decides the Soldier will be denied continued service, the Soldier can appeal. However, appeal matters are limited to newly discovered evidence, the subsequent removal of documents from the Soldier's AMHRR, or material errors in the Soldier's record that were reviewed by the QMP screening board.

The Soldier must then send a notice of intent to appeal to HRC within seven days of receipt of the QMP board results, and must submit the appeal itself to his or her immediate commander within 30 days of receipt of the notification memorandum.

Soldiers with questions about QMP boards and their response options can turn to their installation staff judge advocate or legal services office for information and guidance.

NMTSC from P12

After running afoul of a superior, Kilmer chose to be transferred to the Fleet Marine Force. On Aug. 12, 1952, Kilmer took part in the attack on Bunker Hill, caring for the wounded. He was mortally wounded after using his body to shield another man from enemy fire and died the next day, two days before his 21st birthday.

Seaman Danielle Mobley was one of several Hospital Corpsman students from the Medical Education and Training Campus at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston attending the ceremony. A member of the NMTSC student choir, Mobley said she was deeply touched by the ceremony.

"I'm grateful I was able to be here," she said. "We walk past the pictures of the Hospital Corpsmen on the memorial wall every day. To be here and be in the midst of this is a great experience, it makes me happy about my choice to become a corpsman. It makes me feel honored to be a corpsman."

MICC from P9

Charles comes to the 412th CSB from Fort Drum, N.Y., where he served as the command sergeant major for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry).

"It is a privilege to join the ranks of the 412th CSB and it is a privilege I do not take lightly," Charles said. "To the men and women of the 412th – you have sacrificed greatly and I accept the challenge to serve with each and every one of you."

Charles' operational deployments include three tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A native of the Caribbean island of Trinidad, Charles calls Hempstead, N.Y., home. He holds a master's degree in management and leadership from Webster University.

Hammond retires from the Army in a ceremony Thursday after 32 years of service. A recipient of the Expeditionary Contingency Contracting Medallion No. 45, he has deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom.

The 412th CSB plans and executes contingency contracting support for U.S. Army North in support of Army and joint operations throughout the Northern Command area of responsibility. The brigade trains, mobilizes, deploys, sustains, transforms and reconstitutes contingency contracting forces, providing relevant and ready acquisition support and capability to global combatant commanders.

MAKE-A-WISH from P1

hoped he would someday be healthy enough to become a part of the Army family and fulfill a lifelong dream.

Fast forward to today, the previous little 9-year old with a life-threatening medical condition is now a tall, 19-year-old private first class who is a citizen-Soldier with the California State Military Reserve, or CSMR.

The unit is an all-volunteer service whose mission is to support California National Guard service members during times of state emergencies.

And the former commander of the Ranger Training Brigade now wears two stars and is the commanding general of U.S. Army South at Fort Sam Houston.

Remarkably, Schneider and Chinn have stayed in touch throughout the years.

Recently, Schneider mentioned to Chinn that he and his brother would be in Texas on vacation and Chinn invited them to visit. Schneider was thrilled to visit his Ranger friend again.

"Hanging out with the general today was really great. I got to see a lot of behind-the-scenes work with the wounded warriors, the inner workings of the base and a day in the life of a general," Schneider

said. "I really appreciate the general taking time out of his day because I know he is pretty busy."

Just as in 2004, Chinn was glad to see Schneider and to show him around his command and the post. Chinn said he always felt a connection to Schneider through the years.

"I stayed in touch with his mom over the years and one day he emailed me and asked if I remembered him. I told him absolutely," Chinn recalls. "I was really excited and inspired when he said he wanted to come and see me again. I told him to come on down to San Antonio."

During Schneider's visit, he and his brother, Austin, toured Army South headquarters; the Quadrangle, the oldest building on post, built in 1876; the Fort Sam Houston Museum; the Center for the Intrepid, a state-of-the-art medical facility; the Department of Combat Medic Training and the Warrior and Family Support Center, an organization dedicated to providing wounded warriors and their families support during their recovery.

"Today inspired me," said Schneider, a Murrieta, Calif. native. "My mentor for wanting to stay connected to the Army is Maj. Gen. Chinn and to see all of the support and training outlets available to



Evan Schneider (center), a previous Make-A-Wish Foundation recipient, stands with his brother, Austin, and a group of Rangers from the Ranger Training Brigade who he met in 2004. Schneider's dream was to become an Army Ranger.

Courtesy Photo

Soldiers reaffirms my choices."

The commanding general was glad to see Schneider fulfilling his dream as a member of the CSMR.

"I'm really proud to see how he has grown. The last time I saw him was when he was 9," Chinn said. "Evan is a remarkable human being. He is the kind of son that personifies the best of America, I am extremely proud of him."

Schneider said he never wanted to do anything else but be a part of the Army and the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Ranger Training Brigade made

his dream come true as a young boy. With great perseverance, he continues to fulfill his dream as a member of CSMR.

"Working with the California State Military Reserve is great, because we are all volunteers and we all have the same reasons for serving," Schneider said.

Not only is Schneider proud of the journey he's made, but his brother, Austin, who accompanied him to Fort Benning years ago and traveled with him to San Antonio, is also proud of his brother.

"Back then it was a dream, but now it is a reality," said 24-year-

old Austin. "It is amazing to me. Although, Evan can't be in the Army because of health limitations, he still gets to be a part of it. I loved watching him buy equipment the other day that he will actually get to use when he is back at the CSMR. The Make-A-Wish Foundation made his dream come true back then and today he is continuing to fulfill that dream."

Founded in 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation's mission is to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Its goal is to enrich the human experience with hope,

strength and joy. Today, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has grown to granting a wish, on average, every 37 minutes. In 2014, it granted more than 14,200 wishes.

Schneider said the wish granted to him did change his life. But enjoying a week with the Rangers and spending a day with the general were only the first steps. He has more aspirations and hopes he can fulfill those wishes too.

"After I graduate from college, I want to be a police officer," said Schneider, currently a sophomore at California Baptist University. "I can now see the sky is the limit for my future."

TEENS from P6

prosthetics and orthopedic surgery," Jahelka said.

"This opportunity fueled their excitement of their potential careers. At the conclusion of their volunteer time

this summer, Nikhil and Jack summarized their findings in the literature with a power point presentation to members of the Military Performance Lab of the Center for the Intrepid," Jahelka said.

Like Ananth, Jose Pague also volunteered

because he is undecided about his career choice.

"I'm hoping to become a gastroenterologist, neurosurgeon or oncologist, so this seemed like an interesting experience learning what I truly want to become when I'm

older," Pague said.

Even though the teens were not paid for the time they spent volunteering, the hope is that working with the staff and patients here was a learning experience that was both personally and professionally rewarding

for them.

"These outstanding individuals took it upon themselves to spend their summer with us when they could have been sleeping late, chilling with their friends, or whatever else teenagers do. Instead they chose

to spend their summer here learning and helping others," said Michael Dulevitz, chief of BAMC Volunteer Services.

Statistics show adults who were given volunteer opportunity as teens are twice as likely to volunteer as adults.

INSIDE THE GATE

Newcomer's Orientation

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

Employment Readiness

Mondays, 9-10 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797.

This is an opportunity for us to get to know you and to assess how we can best assist you with your employment needs and desires. Call 221-2380.

Air Force Pre-Separation

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Service members planning to separate from the federal service must attend this mandatory counseling. To register, call 221-2380. Patrons separating are encouraged to begin the process 18-months prior to their separation date.

Spouses' Club Of The Fort Sam Houston Area Membership Signup

Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 2-p.m. at the Pershing House, 6 Staff Post

Road. The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area is open to all ranks of all military service and to Department of Defense civilians. Come learn about all the events and services the club has to offer. Call 705-4767.

Military Knowledge

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Review military customs, community resources and family preparedness across all branches. This course provides information to help patrons thrive in our constantly changing military environment. Register no later than Friday by calling 221-2380.

Key Caller Training

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Military &

Family Readiness, building 2797. This training defines the Family Readiness Group key caller's role and responsibilities, address issues key callers may face and identifies resources. Call 221-2418.

Helping Us Grow Securely Playgroup

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. Parents and their children, ages 5 and under are welcome to join fun with an interactive playgroup. Registration not required. Call 221-2418.

Army Pre-Separation

Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Army patrons separating are encouraged

to begin the process 18 months prior to their separation date. This counseling is coordinated through the Soldier for Life Program. Call 221-1213.

Mandatory Post-Deployment Briefing

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Service members returning from deployment are required to attend a resiliency training discussing ways to deal with the stressors associated with post-deployment and reintegrate back into the home life. Call 221-2418.

Salary Negotiations, Social Media

Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797.

Learn the skill of salary negotiation and discover ways to effectively utilize social media to find jobs and market yourself. Call 221-2380.

Avoid Thinking Traps

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Identify and correct overly rigid patterns in thinking through the use of Mental Cues and Critical Questions. For more information on Comprehensive Soldier & Family Fitness or to register, call 221-2418.

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, 9-10 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Newly assigned volunteers will in-process and receive training on their responsibilities. Call 221-2380.

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people worry that if they do conduct operations, there will be some level of response." He added that the United States does have a deterrent there, but it needs to increase over the next several years so that Russia perceives an increased level of risk for aggression.

To increase deterrence, the United States needs to continue focusing on interoperability between the armies of NATO, and increasing training and capability.

The United States must also ensure its military can get there quickly and sustain itself while there over time, he added.

Some of that can be done by prepositioning equipment, he said

Asked if the United States is prepared for conventional war with Russia since the Army has been focused on counterinsurgency over the last 15 years, Odierno replied that the Army has been training for the "hybrid" threat for the last 18 months and will continue doing so.

The hybrid threat is a combination of conven-

tional warfare and counterinsurgency. Odierno said he believes Russian aggression involves a hybrid threat

He cautioned that training for the hybrid threat will be threatened should sequestration return. As of now, only 33 percent of the brigade combat teams are ready for that and the capability needs to increase to at least 60 percent, which will likely take several years.

Reporters asked Odierno what went wrong in Iraq.

Odierno replied that when the United States pulled its forces out of the country, a decision made in 2008, violence was down and the economy was growing.

The problem, he said, was "more political than anything else." The infighting among the factions led to frustration, which in turn led to violence. This was the case in Syria as well, he noted.

The Islamic State took advantage of that frustration and exploited it to their gain in both countries, he said.

The Islamic State's threat has since been



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Chuck Burden

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno addresses issues facing the Army and the nation during his final news conference Aug. 12 at the Pentagon.

"blunted" due to air strikes, retraining the Iraqi security forces and building up their capabilities, but it would be a mistake to think there's only a military solution.

If the United States put troops on the ground and defeated the Islamic State, "six months from now, we'd be right where we are today." Nations in the region need to solve the problem and be part of the long-term solution, he advised.

In addition to Iraq and Syria, the United States must continue keeping an eye on Afghanistan, the chief said, and keep the dialogue going with the governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

With regard to Iran, Odierno said the priority should be reducing the nuclear threat, but the United States cannot be naive about the nation's willingness to engage in mischief in the region.

A reporter asked about

women in Ranger School and entering previously closed jobs like artillery.

Odierno responded that this is related to talent management; putting the best people in the right job. He said the Army has worked hard over the last two years to ensure the standards are fair and valid across the military occupational specialties, and more work is being done. No advantage will be given to anyone.

As for the female Ranger candidates, he said the feedback he's received is that everyone has been impressed by the incredible effort they put forth and their motivation.

"Frankly that's what we want of all our Soldiers," he said.

There will be another integrated course at Ranger School in November and at that point the Army will determine if an integrated class will be permanent, he added.

Odierno thanked the press for the positive relationship he's had with them over the last 15 years at the Pentagon and during his journeys around the world.

The general praised

their coverage of the Army and noted that they raised important issues.

"I've always enjoyed the time I've had with the press," he said.

Finally, Odierno noted the incredible sacrifices of Soldiers, their Families and caregivers, who have helped Soldiers with their recovery process. The nation should continue to ensure caregivers are provided with the resources they need and programs remain in place to help Soldiers and veterans, he added.

The recovery process will be long term, he continued, particularly for those with post-traumatic stress.

"As well, the nation should not forget the sacrifices of the fallen and their families," Odierno said. "We have to remain connected to them. I have meetings with families and they love staying connected to the Army and units their loved ones were in. It's incredibly important we do that. We should never forget the sacrifice they made and their families make. That's something I'll live with for the rest of my life."

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Westover Medical Home Open

The Westover Medical Home on the Northwest side of San Antonio is open. TRICARE beneficiaries who want to enroll or move to the new Westover location can visit <https://www.humanarmilitary.com> or call 800-444-5445. For beneficiaries age 65 or older, call 808-2721 for more information. Beneficiaries who sign up for care at the new clinic will need to see their provider at the Fort Sam Houston Clinic or the Taylor Burk Clinic at Camp Bullis until the clinic opens. The 12,500-square-foot community-based medical home will house 13 board-certified providers with varied backgrounds and a multitude of experience to serve their patients. People will also have the benefits of on-site laboratory capabilities and a drive-through pharmacy. The address is 10010 Rogers Crossing, which is located off State Highway 151 and Westover Hills Boulevard.

Air Force Military Ambassador Program Accepting Applications

Two articulate, self-confident Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members are needed to serve as military ambassadors at community events to represent Joint Base San Antonio in 2016. One male and one female ambassador are chosen each year to represent the Air Force at many community events and promote the military's commitment and relationship with the local community around South Texas. All E-4 to E-7 Air Force members, who are 21 years old and older and assigned to Joint Base San Antonio are eligible to apply to be a military ambassador. Nomination packages will be distributed to public affairs offices across JBSA Sept. 1. Once nominated, candidates appear before a selection board of chief master sergeants and former Air Force ambassadors. The selection panel reviews applications, conducts interviews and selects the ambassadors. Nomination deadline is Oct. 16. For more information, call 808-0002.

Traffic Flow Altered Near Fort Sam Houston Elementary

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

North New Braunfels, Harry Wurzbach West Access Control Points Open In Mornings

The North New Braunfels Access Control Point, located by the Quadrangle, and the Harry Wurzbach West ACP, also known as the Pershing Gate, are open from 5:30-8:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays, except on federal holidays, according to the 502nd Security Forces Squadron.

Harry Wurzbach East ACP,

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

Closure of Ludington Road

Ludington Road, located in the industrial section of the southeast corner of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, will be closed through Feb. 10, 2016, to rebuild

the road. Access to the Army South organizational parking area will be from Parker Hill Road through the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron Operations storage yard. Access to the Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility, building 4115, is restricted to contractors only.

New Joint Base San Antonio Website

The Joint Base San Antonio website has a new look and includes easier access to family-related resources. Visit the new site at <http://www.JBSA.mil>.

Stray Animals Notice For JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Residents

Many stray or roaming animal sightings are near residences. The stray or roaming animals are seeking food, water and shelter. Although this is not necessarily a housing problem, housing officials ask that residents refrain from feeding any animal that does not belong to them or that is running wild on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. If stray or roaming dogs in housing areas or entering the installation are seen, please call the 502nd Civil Engineering Squadron service call desk at 671-5555 to establish a work order and report the stray as soon as possible. Civil engineers will set traps for the strays and remove once the strays have been caught. If a wild animal is seen, keep away and make sure that no one is leaving food or water near housing areas. Call Lincoln Military Housing at 221-0948 to have pest control service place a trap around the residence.

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.



Children's Vegetable Garden Program

The Bexar County Master Gardeners are taking applications for the Fall 2015 Children's Vegetable Garden Program. Space is limited. Children must be able to attend from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays from Aug. 22 through Dec. 5. For more information and to register, visit the San Antonio Botanical Garden website at <http://www.sabot.org/education/childrens-education/childrens-vegetable-garden-program>.

SeaWorld, Aquatica Offer Veterans Free Admission

Military veterans and up to three guests are invited to enjoy complimentary admission to both SeaWorld and Aquatica on scheduled operating days during their San Antonio tribute program through Nov. 8. Veterans must register in advance at

<http://www.WavesofHonor.com> and verify their proof of service through the ID.me qualification process. SeaWorld is working with ID.me to provide an online verification of former military personnel in a secure manner. Once veterans and their guests have registered online, they can bring their e-tickets directly to the park's turnstiles. Tickets may be obtained and redeemed by Nov. 8.

2nd Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and its 94th annual reunion in San Antonio from Sept. 22-26, email Zidahq@comcast.net or call 224-225-1202.

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.

Enlisted Association

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

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- Continue practices from Stage 1, except as noted or replaced by Stage 2 rules.

- Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week from 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. on your designated watering day, as determined by your address or facility number.

- Watering with drip irrigation or five-gallon bucket is permitted any day, but only between 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m.

- Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed any time on any day. Use of fountains, waterfalls or other aesthetic water features – outdoors or indoors – is prohibited, unless a variance has been granted for 100 percent non-potable water use.

Installation of new landscape plantings or turf is prohibited unless included in contract deliverables, required to repair damage resulting from maintenance or construction actions, or authorized by the base civil engineer.

- Irrigation of new turf or landscape outside of the allowed times requires base civil engineer approval. Irrigation of athletic fields is permitted only as required to maintain the turf viability/safety. Athletic fields may water between the hours of 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m. once per week on the days from Table 2. Government vehicle washing allowed twice a month, during the first (full) and third weeks.

In Stage 2, the watering days are as follows if address/facility number ends in: 0 or 1, Monday;

2 or 3, Tuesday; 4 or 5, Wednesday; 6 or 7, Thursday and 8 or 9, Friday.

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

JBSA personnel should not confuse the JBSA water restrictions with the SAWS restriction levels. The JBSA water restrictions are more stringent and begin sooner than SAWS restrictions.

Contact the JBSA water conservation manager at 671-5337 for the reporting of water abusers. Those found not abiding with the JBSA Critical Period Management Plan may face potential disciplinary measures. Reports will remain anonymous.