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COMMENTARY

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

Deputy chief of staff for operations imparts wisdom

By Capt. Christopher Umphres
435th Fighter Training Squadron

It is easy to forget, as we carry out our daily duties, that we are an important part of the larger Air Force. Our development as individuals is vital to the success of the organization. The Air Force's senior leaders are a phenomenal resource for this personal development if you can leverage their wisdom and experience by reaching out to them and engaging in thoughtful discussions.

In an effort to continue our personal development and to put our efforts into a broader context, the 435th Fighter Training Squadron flight commanders recently conducted a roundtable discussion with Lt. Gen. Tod Wolters, deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, via conference call. Wolters generously devoted a full hour of his busy day, allowing a very frank and honest discussion on a wide range of topics.

One of the topics Wolters covered contained some very practical advice about work-life balance. One specific method he employs to maintain that balance is protecting weekends. He feels strongly that weekends are necessary to allow Airmen and families to recharge and reconnect. As a commander, he tries not to infringe upon his people's precious family time, even with "fun" events that can feel like an obligation.

The roundtable was eager to learn as much about leadership as possible from a successful combat leader. When asked to discuss some decisions that were exceptionally difficult as a commander, he said many of the most difficult decisions involved weighing the impacts on people and families against the unit's operational needs.

When confronted with those choices as a commander in Afghanistan, Wolters said he always took care of families first, even in situations where it might have had a negative impact on unit effectiveness in the short term. This senior officer perspective is invaluable for young officers like me. It is hard for me to comprehend that there are things in life more important than the mission, but

Why would he be pushing for new training hardware? He explained that training is at the heart of everything we do and that we must protect it. He stressed how hard our leadership fights to preserve training time and assets to keep Air Force personnel well trained and safe and to prevent short-sided decisions from eroding the training that makes the Air Force so effective.

with the benefit of Wolters' experience, I am beginning to see the bigger picture. Taking care of families is in the long-term interest of our combat capability.

Wolters discussed challenges he faced at the strategic level. He stressed the importance of remaining flexible when facing an ever-changing world with constantly shifting threats.

In Afghanistan, he made the difficult and controversial decision to swap F-16 and A-10 bases to better meet the changing needs of ground force commanders. Initially, he faced a lot of resistance to making that change, but ultimately the strategy was very effective. Flexibility really is the key to airpower, but there will always be plenty of people inconvenienced by change who want to say "no." Don't listen to them if it's the right thing to do strategically.

Gen Wolters spoke several times about the importance of being willing and able to lead from the front.

As a commander, competence and credibility are key. Commanders may find it difficult to devote the time necessary to be the best at the unit's primary mission given the other demands of command, but it is important to take the lead as much as possible.

The willingness to lead shows competence, but, more importantly, it demonstrates the ability to admit mistakes and shows commitment and enthusiasm for the mission.

According to Wolters, this attitude, energy and enthusiasm are essential for good leadership. A good leader can spread his/her enthusiasm and passion for the mission throughout the organization by using what he called the "language of champions." When a

commander attributes a success to the team and takes personal responsibility for failure, he/she is using the language of champions.

When asked about the Air Force's next major acquisition priority, Wolters listed long-range strike capability, a new tanker, a replacement for the T-38 (the T-X project), and a new low-cost close air support platform as future needs. He pointed out that budget constraints may significantly delay these acquisitions, but he was adamant that the T-X needed to be a priority.

It was surprising to me that the T-X was a high priority even for the A-3. I had imagined that he would be focused on directly impacting combat capabilities. Why would he be pushing for new training hardware? He explained that training is at the heart of everything we do and that we must protect it. He stressed how hard our leadership fights to preserve training time and assets to keep Air Force personnel well trained and safe and to prevent short-sided decisions from eroding the training that makes the Air Force so effective.

Perhaps more than any specific words of wisdom, the roundtable appreciated that Wolters took the time to answer our questions. I feel fortunate to be a part of an Air Force where senior leaders make themselves available to anyone who wants to better themselves. I would encourage everyone to reach out through your chain of command to a leader you respect and admire and request a little mentoring and motivation. It never hurts to ask and you will be impressed by the eagerness with which Air Force leaders devote their time to developing you.

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Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Top 3 Council's Airmanship award winners



Master Sgt. Elizabeth Sabeh (left), Air Force Personnel Center Readiness Operations branch superintendent, presents Staff Sgt. Matthew Cummings, 902nd Security Forces Squadron defender (left), and Airman 1st Class Michael Feliciano, 359th Medical Group Aerospace and Operational Physiology technician, with the Top 3 Airmanship Award for the months of May and June. This award serves as a recognition tool for Airmen and their peers who have demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership, Wingmanship and Airmanship in the performance of their duties, personal lives, everyday conduct and actions. Cummings led a three-man team through vigorous training requirements which resulted in the completion of a 60-hour San Antonio Police Special Weapons and Tactics course and volunteered for active shooter incident response course to help train 156 Airmen assigned to the 902nd SFS. Feliciano tracked \$1.7 million in equipment and found a way to return \$33,000 in items back to Air Force inventory, along with finishing his Career Development Courses one month early and scoring above a 90 percent on his end-of-course exam.

NEWS

Roberson takes command of AETC

By Tech. Sgt. Beth Anschutz

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson took command of the Air Education and Training Command in a ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph July 21.

Gen. Robin Rand, outgoing commander, handed Roberson the reigns before heading to his new assignment as the commander of Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

The ceremony was officiated by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III.

“To the 62,000 men and women of the First Command, who recruit, train and educate the more than 660,000 Airmen of our Total Force, thank you for inspiring me,” Welsh said. “Your efforts uphold all of our people programs. It blues and re-blues everyone in this unstoppable force. Despite political uncertainty and waning budgets, you infallibly develop our most valuable asset: the Airmen you educate and train. You build Airmen and there is no more sacred task in our Air Force.”

Welsh highlighted some of the accomplishments of Rand during his tenure, to include the stand-up of the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence, or PACE, the addition of Airmen’s Week to Basic Military Training, and other changes to the way the Air Force recruits, trains and educates through its First Command.

“Our Air Force simply can’t fly fight and win without you,” Welsh said to the men and women in attendance.

Rand took the floor and passed the praise to the Airmen of AETC.

“These great Airmen did all the hard work and I’m so darn proud of them,” Rand said. “Thank you, Chief, for the opportunity to command them.”

Rand used his time at the podium to thank the numerous distinguished visitors, commanders, civic and Air Force leaders in the audience. He encouraged the Airmen of AETC to keep up the hard work.

“You do something no other major command does: you produce, educate and train the future leaders of our Air Force. The next Air Force Chief of Staff, Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and all other leaders and commanders start in AETC,” Rand said.

Rand passed the command flag to Roberson and the newest AETC commander took a moment to speak to the Airmen of AETC for the first time.

“There are a few words to express how I’m feeling today: humbled, honored and extremely excited. I’m excited because of what AETC does for our Air Force and to be able to continue to serve among such stellar teammates and warriors who have pledged their lives to the defense of our great country,” Roberson said. “The mission of our command is vital to the success of our Air Force and the American way of war, since Air Power is such a core piece of how we fight. Air Power starts here.”

“To Air Education and Training Command members, I am excited to serve alongside you and I promise to give you my best effort every day. I will focus on motivational mission accomplishment, compassionate care of our Airmen and families, innovation and leadership. What I would ask of you is a commitment to excellence each day as we forge innovative Airmen to power our Air Force.”

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson

Commander of Air Education and Training Command



Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, speaks during the AETC change of command ceremony July 21 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

ON THE COVER: Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III (left) passes the Air Education and Training Command guidon to Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of AETC, during a change of command ceremony July 21 at JBSA-Randolph.

Roberson ended the ceremony with a call to action for the command.

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motivational mission accomplishment, compassionate care of our Airmen and families, innovation and leadership,” Roberson said. “What I would ask of you is a commitment to excellence each day as we forge innovative Airmen to power our Air Force.”

Recruiter provides Airmen with early separation program information

By Senior Airman Alexandria Slade
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph
Public Affairs

For most individuals who hear the term 'Palace Chase' for the first time, the name is followed by confusion. However, Master Sgt. George Higgins, 433rd Air Wing Recruiting Squadron in service recruiter, is ready to answer those questions and more for Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Airmen.

Higgins serves as the resident expert on all information for the Air Force Reserve and as the point of contact in determining the eligibility of Airmen seeking to continue service in the Reserve.

"The two separation programs that transition active duty Airmen into the Reserve are Palace Chase and Palace Front," Higgins said. "Palace Chase is a program that enables eligible active duty Airmen to transfer into the Air Force Reserve or Guard half way through their enlistment, while Palace Front serves the same purpose for Airmen who have completed their active duty enlistment period and want to continue into the Reserve directly after their date of separation."

While first term Airmen must meet the half way mark in their enlistment period to be eligible for the Palace Chase program, second term and beyond

can apply at any time. All applicants must have a clean service record devoid of legal or physical training failures.

"The first step in the process is contacting me," Higgins said. "I'll speak with you to see which program you're eligible for and guide you through the process of application."

Airmen can begin the application process as soon as six months from their half way mark in their enlistment or their end of enlistment separation date depending on which program they choose.

Unlike active duty, individuals who transfer into the Reserve choose their base and can cross-train if that location has no openings for their current career field.

Providing Airmen with answers to their questions for these options is part of what Higgins said he loves about his job.

"It's important to get these individuals the information they need to make informed decisions regarding their career goals," he said. "A lot of Airmen don't know that they can request an early separation from their active duty enlistment in order to fit school or family more easily into their lives."

For more information on transferring into the Air Force Reserve through the Palace Chase or Palace Front program, call 652-7532.



Photo by Senior Airman Alexandria Slade
Master Sgt. George Higgins (left), 433rd Air Wing Recruiting Squadron recruiter, briefs Senior Airman Miranda Gonzales, 902nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, on Palace Chase Monday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

CHIEFchat: Cody addresses new EPR form, Course 15

By Staff Sgt. Chris Gross
Air Force News Service

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody addressed several topics during his latest CHIEFchat, including the new enlisted performance report and Course 15, at the Defense Media Activity at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Cody said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III handed off the task of developing the new EPR form to him and provided guidance on the direction it needed to go. From there, he and the command chiefs at every major command worked with subject matter experts within the personnel system, and Airmen representing all tiers of the enlisted force, to develop the new form.

Cody said countless adjustments have been made based on feedback and recommendations from leadership.

“Once it gets out there, with the tens of thousands of Airmen and supervisors who are going to look at it, we’ll learn some more,” Cody said. “This is big change and it’s going to take time to get it exactly where it needs to be, and that’s OK.”

Release of the EPR form

The chief also acknowledged the criticism on why the form hasn’t been officially released. Some Airmen have had a chance to see a snapshot of the form as it makes

its way around the Air Force in the AFPC roadshow.

“The form is not ready to be released. Why? Because it’s a PDF-type form,” Cody said. “That’s a smart form, and when you select certain things, it impacts other things on the form. It is unlike the forms that we’ve been using in the past.”

Cody said that because the form is more interactive, they are currently working on finalizing the scripts that make the form work, which is one of the main reasons it has yet to be released.

Course 15

He also addressed Airmen’s concerns about Course 15 being a step back instead of progress in professional career development.

“We did take a good hard look at it. That’s why we chose to do this method of delivery in educating the force – only because, first and foremost, it is the proven method with the highest levels of learning,” Cody said.

Course 15, a distance-learning format, will only be one piece of the full NCO Academy experience. Airmen will be tested on all the information they’ve received from the course and then, at some point between eight and 12 years of service, they will attend the four-week Intermediate Leadership Experience course where they’ll discuss and expand upon what they’ve learned with other students and their cadre.

“So the idea here, in a blended approach, is

to give you the academics up front in a distance-learning environment, which is learner-centric,” Cody said. “If you know the concepts and you grasp them quicker, then you run right through it. If it takes you a little bit longer to get through that, then it takes you longer.”

For students who struggle to understand any of the material, Cody said they can receive help by reaching out to the service center comprised of subject matter experts. Distance-learning students enrolled in enlisted PME courses can ask questions about the curriculum by submitting a help ticket through the Air University Education Support Center website at <http://www.aueducationsupport.com>.

Additionally, having the advanced knowledge of Course 15 before entering the in-residence portion will really jump start the Intermediate Leadership Experience course, Cody said.

“So we will build on those academics that you received in the distance-learning portion ... and take you to higher cognitive levels of understanding of the material,” Cody said. “So, it’s actually a better experience ... it really values your time.”

CHIEFchat is a recurring initiative, designed to give Airmen around the world a direct connection to the chief master sergeant of the Air Force. The chief received questions via video message, social media outlets and from members of a studio audience.

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359th Medical Group raises immunization awareness

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

With National Immunization Awareness Month beginning Saturday, health care professionals at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's 359th Medical Group plan to step up their education efforts.

An information table set up in the family health waiting area throughout August will provide beneficiaries with pamphlets and other literature that explain why regular immunizations are important and describe the many benefits of vaccines, Capt. (Dr.) Adam Faizi, 359th MDG immunizations director, said.

"The focus of National Immunization Awareness Month is to educate families and make them aware of the importance, safety and efficacy of immunizations in preventing the suffering and possible death associated with vaccine-preventable illnesses," he said.

The monthlong observance is also an opportunity to emphasize the importance of back-to-school shots for 4- to 6-year-olds and 11- to 12-year-olds and to encourage boys and girls 11 years old and

up to be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, Faizi said.

Although the month of August is a time to place added emphasis on the importance of immunizations, the 359th MDG makes it a year-round mission.

"We as providers make it our goal to answer questions about immunizations and encourage families at every visit to stay caught up with immunizations," Faizi said.

Childhood vaccines are critical for a number of reasons, he said.

"They prevent many common and less common diseases and, therefore, their unwanted and sometimes devastating effects and outcomes," Faizi said. "They prevent suffering, illness and death associated with these diseases."

The diseases they prevent include pneumococcal pneumonia, haemophilus influenza B, hepatitis A and B to polio, chicken pox, meningococcal meningitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella and HPV.

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Photo by Joel Martinez

Staff Sgt. Alisha Stone, 359th Medical Group, immunizes Caiden Payne July 9 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Clinic.

Military members honored at local event



Photos by David Michael

Clockwise from top left: Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, throws the first ceremonial pitch during the Military Night at the San Antonio Missions minor-league baseball game July 22 at the Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio. The Missions players honored the men and women in the U.S. military by wearing commemorative camouflage uniforms and camouflage hats. More than 4,800 people attended the game against the Frisco Roughriders.

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Color Guard presents the flag as part of the opening ceremonies of the game.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Eden Meadows, U.S. Air Force Band of the West vocalist, sings the National Anthem before the start of the game.

Dave Gasaway (center), San Antonio Missions general manager, stands with Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Cadell (left), 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio Command Chief Master Sergeant, and Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd ABW and JBSA commander, prior to the start of the Military Night at the San Antonio Missions minor-league baseball games July 22 at the Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio.



Joint Base San Antonio

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Monthly Events

August

Bowling

Renovations roll on

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center has limited lanes available for use during renovation. For more information, call 652-6271.

Fall leagues are forming

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bowling center shows appreciation

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center appreciates bowlers with \$1 games, \$1 hot dogs and \$1 small fries Aug. 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 671-1234.

Bowlers are welcomed back

Tune up for fall leagues during the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center's Welcome Back League Bowlers special Aug. 17-21 and 24-28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bowlers enjoy a rate of \$2 per game, per person. For more information, call 652-6271.

The pros share bowling enthusiasm

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts "Rolling with the Pros" Aug. 29, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bowlers are invited to meet and play alongside the pros and possibly take a photo and get an autograph. For more information, call 671-1234.

Wednesdays are special

Visit the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center any time during normal operating hours on Wednesdays for special bowling rates of \$1 per game and \$1 shoe rentals. For more information, call 671-1234.

Bowling comes with a light show

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center has "Cosmic Bowling" with music and a light show Saturdays, 8-11 p.m. Use the online juke box to select and play personal music. For more information, call 652-6271.

Clubs

Fans attend fight night at the club

Join Fight Night Frenzy and watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship in Gil's Pub at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Aug. 1. Enjoy food and beverage specials and a chance to win a trip for two to a live UFC® fight in Las Vegas. Prizes for club members include force support squadron gift cards, UFC® T-shirts and other prizes sponsored by Budweiser®. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-3056.

Bingo provides a chance to get lucky

Join the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for Bingo Extravaganza Aug. 3 and 17 for \$15,000 in total jackpots and a complimentary buffet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Early Bird bingo begins at 6 p.m.

Attend "Birthday Bingo" at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Aug. 11. Birthday members receive one free machine and cake. This is open to Randolph club members only and ID and club card are required.

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts "Bingo Appreciation" Aug. 27, 5 p.m. Participants enjoy a complimentary Greek dinner featuring lemon and oregano chicken, homemade moussaka, roasted potatoes, Greek salad and baklava. Patrons must purchase a bingo package to obtain a dinner ticket. Dinner tickets are limited to one per person. For more information, call 652-3056.

The club dedicates a night to families

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club hosts "Family Night" Aug. 6, 5-8 p.m. Children enjoy a buffet with macaroni and cheese, chicken tenders and smiley fries, while adults enjoy country fried steak, corn, mashed potatoes with gravy, fruit

and dessert. The evening includes a hula hoop contest, musical chairs and Simon Says. Music is provided by a DJ and there are drawings for prizes. The cost is \$11.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers. Children 12 years and younger eat for free. For more information, call 658-7445.

Club offers evening entertainment

Renew at "First Friday" at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Maverick Lounge Aug. 7, 5-8 p.m., with food, cold drinks and entertainment by DJ Doggin' Dave Productions. For more information call, 645-7034.

The Maverick Lounge at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club celebrates "We're Halfway There" Aug. 14, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy music provided by DJ LJU, pool tables, cold drinks and big screen televisions. For more information, call 645-7034.

Children win free supplies for school

Bring the children to play bingo at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Aug. 16, 11 a.m., for a chance to win back-to-school supplies. This event is free for JBSA-Randolph club members and a complimentary buffet of chicken tenders and fries with cookies and milk is available for children 12 years and younger. Gil's Pub grill menu is available for all other guests. For more information, call 652-3056.

Time travel back to bobby socks and poodle skirts

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a "Nifty 50s" buffet Aug. 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The menu includes chicken pot pie, fried chicken, meat loaf with tomato glaze, sautéed shrimp and fettuccine, plain and pepperoni pizza, a hot dog bar with chili, French fries and onion rings, old-fashion pot roast with potatoes and carrots, whipped potatoes with brown gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, a build-your-own salad bar, coleslaw and potato salad. This buffet is \$10.95 per person. For more information, call 645-7034.

Club appreciates customers

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts "Customer Appreciation Night" Aug. 25, 5-8 p.m., in the Fiesta Ballroom. Entertainment is provided by Doggin' Dave Productions. The menu includes a salad bar, roast beef au jus, chicken breast stuffed with cheese and prosciutto and topped with white wine sauce, baked tilapia topped with mango and papaya salsa, rosemary roasted red potatoes, rice orzo mix, broccoli with hollandaise, baby carrots, fresh baked rolls, fruit marinated in champagne and cheesecake lemon bars. The cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Community Programs

Preparing for the new school year is a bash

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial library hosts the Back-to-School Bash Aug. 1, 9-11 a.m., with music and giveaways. Free school supplies are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. Department of Defense ID cardholders must have their children present with backpacks to receive supplies. Parents collecting supplies for children not in attendance must bring the child's report card and DoD ID. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, Dell®, Broadway Bank®, USAA®, Security Service Federal Credit Union and Starbucks®. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 652-5763.

Service members show confidence outside the uniform

Explore ways to readjust into civilian culture, translate military skills to civilian terms and make positive career choices at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, Aug. 4, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is held in partnership with the Texas Veterans Commission-Women Veterans Initiative and is open to transitioning service members, veterans and spouses. To register or for more information, call 221-2380.

Theater goes take in a fresh show

Visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theatre to watch the show "Assisted Living" Aug. 7 - 29. Anne is nearing 40 and still lives with her mother. Her deadbeat brother is not returning her phone call and the ancient family home is falling down. When a troubled younger man comes in to her life, Anne sees the upside of not always being grown up. This show is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

Volunteers encourage youth

Participants of the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Mentorship Training, Aug. 13, noon to 1:30 p.m., and the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center Mentorship Training, Aug. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, receive information and resources on becoming a mentor. After completion, mentors are placed in contact with a local school. Participants of the JBSA-Lackland Mentorship Training are placed in a school within the Southwest Independent School District. To register or for more information, call the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722 or the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321.

Troops turn into teachers

Military personnel in pursuit of teaching as a second career in public schools are encouraged to attend the Troops to Teachers counseling to receive referral and placement assistance, identify required certifications and employment opportunities. Attend the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center counseling Aug. 14, 1-3 p.m. or the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC counseling Aug. 20, 1-3 p.m. To register or for more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-1213 and the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722.

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Leaders learn to host effective briefings

The Briefer Training Course, Aug. 18, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. This course teaches the tools and skills necessary for preparing and delivering effective, powerful and impactful presentations and is required for all volunteer briefers. The registration deadline is Aug. 12. For more information, call 221-2380.

Key Spouses attend initial training

Learn about the Key Spouse program Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. This is mandatory for all newly appointed Key Spouses and highly recommended for Key Spouse mentors. All JBSA military spouses interested in the program or in volunteering are welcome to attend. Sign up is required. For more information, call 652-5321.

Key Spouses continue education

The JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center invites Key Spouses to a continued education training Aug. 31, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A TRICARE representative provides information on health care, medical benefits, standard versus prime enrollment, referral, access to care criteria and more. To register or for more information, call 671-3722.

Leadership is listening

The Armed Forces Action Plan gives service members, retirees, Reservists, Department of Defense civilians, survivors, teens, and family members the chance to identify critical issues concerning welfare and morale and present them to senior leadership for action and resolution. It gives

commanders a gauge to validate concerns and measure satisfaction, which results in legislation, policies, programs and services that strengthen readiness and retention. Submit issues, concerns, ideas or suggestions to usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil, no later than Sept. 15 for the 2015 AFAP Conference. To volunteer or learn more about AFAP, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3vSph> or call 221-2380.

Equestrian Center

Riders attend horsemanship camp

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

Fitness

Athletes team up to compete in a biathlon

Grab a teammate and join the JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center at Eberle Park to compete in the two-person team biathlon Aug. 1, 7:30 a.m. The first team member completes a 10-mile bike route in order for the second team member to begin running a 5K. For more information, call 652-7263.

Runners prepare for third summer triathlon

Participate in a triathlon at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center Aug. 9, 7 a.m. Endure a 400-meter swim, 15-mile bike ride and a three-mile run. Cost is \$20 and registration ends Aug. 3. For more information, call 221-4887.

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Lifters compete in bench press

Be a part of the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center's Iron Bench Press Classic Aug. 15, 9 a.m. Lifters show off lifting abilities, strength improvements and complete personal challenges. This event is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders 18 years and older. Entry fee is \$25 and registration ends Aug. 5. For more information, call 221-1234.

Tug of war makes for a eventful evening

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus Fitness Center for a fun-filled Friday night Aug. 21, 7 p.m. JBSA military students 18 years and older are invited to compete in team events and enjoy some food and drinks. This event is free. For more information, call 808-5713.

Marathon training continues to get runners in shape

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center is hosting an 18-mile run for marathon training Aug. 22, 6 a.m., at Eberle Park. This is the last of the three marathon training runs. For more information, call 652-7263.

Varsity Sports help athletes stay in shape

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston hosts tryouts for varsity sports including flag football, soccer and basketball. Flag football tryouts are Aug. 3-7, soccer tryouts are Aug. 10-14 and basketball tryouts are Aug. 31-Sept. 4. For more information, call 808-5710.

Passionate coaches make all the difference

Members of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston interested in coaching varsity sports can send in or drop off résumés at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus. Résumé must be turned in no later than Aug. 3 for soccer and Aug. 17 for men's basketball. For more information, call 808-5710.

Golf

Golfers partake in an introduction

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course introduces new players to the game Aug. 4, 6, 11, 13 and 18, 6-7:15 p.m. Returning golfers may also join for a refresher. This program is intended to make the game more approachable. Cost for golfers with golf clubs is \$125 and cost for golfers needing golf clubs is \$250. The classes include three rounds of golf including cart rental. For more information, call 671-2517.

The Warrior Golf Scramble is here again

Golfers are invited to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course to play in the Warrior Four-Person Scramble Aug. 7, 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart and dinner. Gift certificates are presented to the winners of the longest drive and the closest to the pin. The first-, second- and third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Combine scores to win the championship

All golfers are invited to participate in the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course Professional Golfers' Association Blind Draw Championship Aug. 15, with 7-9 a.m. tee times.

This is an individual low net, low gross tournament. Scores are combined with a PGA pro from the PGA Championship. The entry fee is \$10 plus green fee and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

Get rid of the old bag

During August JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course is offering a 10 percent discount on all in-stock golf bags. JBSA golf members receive a 15 percent discount. For more information, call 671-2517.

New golfers have a course to call home

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course invites all new arrivals to JBSA-Randolph and all new golfers to make Randolph Oaks the place to call home. Take advantage of affordable membership rates and cart rentals, friendly staff and more. For more information, call 652-4653.

END OF SUMMER
Bash

Say goodbye to summer with fun-filled family games and activities at JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs
Aug. 20, 1-4 p.m.

Activities include face painting, arts and crafts, relay races, water games, a bouncy house and more.
For more information, call 652-3298.

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Information, Tickets and Travel

Families enjoy Fiesta Noche Del Rio

Fiesta Noche Del Rio takes place Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 p.m., at the Arneson River Theater through Aug. 15. This is an outdoor extravaganza featuring the music and dance of Mexico, Spain, Argentina and Texas. The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information and Ticket office has adult and senior tickets for \$13.50, tickets for children 6-14 years are \$7 and children 5 years and younger are free. JBSA-Lackland and Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel have tickets for \$13.75 for guests 15 years and older and \$6.75 for children 6-14 years. Children 5 years and younger are free. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378, JBSA-Lackland at 671-3059 or JBSA-Randolph at 652-5142.

Adventurists love theme parks

The JBSA Information Tickets and Travel offices have one-year passes with parking for SeaWorld® San Antonio. Passes are \$83.75 for visitors 3 years and older. Pay for one day and get one day free passes are also available for \$52 for adults and \$41 for children 3-9 years. SeaWorld® is open daily through Aug. 23.

Enjoy roller coaster rides, shows and a water park at Six Flags®, which is open daily through Aug. 23. Purchase discounted daily passes for everyone 3 years and older for \$41.50 at all JBSA ITT offices.

Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels is open daily through Aug. 30. Visit any JBSA ITT for daily passes. Adult passes cost \$46, children 3-11 years old and seniors 55 and older cost \$38 Monday-Saturday. Sunday admission for all visitors is \$38. Season passes are \$132 for adults and \$92 for children and seniors.

Splashtown, open daily through Aug. 23 and on weekends Aug. 29 - Sept. 13. Daily ticket prices are \$16 per person for guests 3 years and older. Season passes are also available for \$35.

Prices for all theme park are subject to change. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-6262, JBSA-Lackland at 671-3059 or JBSA-Randolph 652-5142.

Library

Learning a new language is easy

For an innovative way to learn a different language, drop by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library and check out "Mango Languages" with more than 60 foreign languages and 17 English courses available. These online courses offer flexibility and mobility along with free mobile applications. Come by the library for assistance or log on to <http://www.jbsalibraries.com> and click on the eResources/research tab to begin. For more information, call 221-4702.

Libraries provide all types of entertainment

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, JBSA-Lackland Library and JBSA-Randolph Library offer best-selling and classic eBooks, audio books, music, videos and popular magazines through the libraries' digital collection, available 24/7. Browse, borrow and enjoy media on computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader devices. This service is free with a library card, which may be obtained at all local JBSA Libraries. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Library at 221-4702, the JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2678 or the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578 or visit www.jbsalibraries.org.

Outdoor Recreation

JBSA searches for bargains

Shop for deals and participate in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Flea Market Aug. 1, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attend as a seller or as a buyer. Tables are available to rent for \$5 and chairs for 50 cents each. This event takes place at the Command Pavilion and only Department of Defense ID cardholders are allowed to sell at the flea market. For more information, call 221-5225.

Archers take aim

Avid archers can practice aim on 30 targets randomly set throughout a wooded area at the JBSA-Camp Bullis Sportsman's Range Aug. 22-23, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Targets are set at various distances ranging from 10 to 55 yards. Registration is 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$15 for the fun shoot, \$20 for the tournament and \$5 for archers 12 years and younger. For more information, call 295-7529.

Guests beat the heat with a Canyon Lake sunset cruise

Head to JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake Friday evenings during August for a Sunset Cruise on Canyon Lake. Cast off from the Hancock Cove marina at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy a scenic ride around the lake on a chartered pontoon boat. The ride lasts approximately 90 minutes and cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and younger. Guests are welcome to bring drinks and snacks but glass and Styrofoam is prohibited. For more information, call 830-226-5065.

Salado Park is great for outdoor event

Salado Park is perfect for family fun and special events and is located adjacent to Salado Creek. The 13-acre park has 10 picnic areas available for rent for \$15 accommodating 25 people, two large patio areas for \$30 accommodating 50 or more individuals and a covered pavilion for \$45. Reservations can be made up to a year in advance at the Outdoor Equipment Center and include picnic tables and a barbecue stand. The park also features a volleyball court and playground areas. For more information, call 221-5225 or 221-5224.

Equipment available for rent

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Equipment Center has rentals for everyone, to include camping, water fun, fishing boats, speed boats, sports and party equipment. In addition, equipment rental has a Lemon Lot. For more information, call 221-5224 or 221-5225.

Take the paintball challenge

The JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation Paintball Course is the perfect place to be when the weather is nice. The field is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. by appointment only. Patrons can also reserve the field for their group's exclusive use during the week and we offer a group rate on pricing. For more information, call 925-5532 during the week or 925-2998 on weekends.

Youth and Children

Get ready for back to school

Youth Programs at JBSA-Lackland holds registration for before and after school care Aug. 4 until it is filled. Cost varies according to household income for youths 5-12 years. Registration after the due date is subject to a \$15 late fee. For more information, call 671-2388.

Teens hang out before school begins

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs hosts "Back to School Hang Out" Aug. 7, 9-11 p.m., for teens 13-18 years. Dance, play games or watch movies before the new school year starts. Refreshments are provided. Cost is \$3 per person with a membership card and \$5 per person without a membership card. For more information, call 671-2388.

Children register to play sports

Register children 5-18 years for JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs sports now through Aug. 14. Flag football for children 5-18 years is \$50, Cheerleading for children 5-18 years is \$45, Volleyball for children 9-18 years is \$50 and Lil Renegades Soccer, a six-week introductory sport for children 3-4 years, is \$35. For more information, call 652-3298.

Youth enjoy programs for free

Celebrate recreation and summer fun by participating in JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs during Aug. 10-15. There is no membership card needed to participate during this week. Youth Programs has a lot of activities, programs, camps and classes for children to enjoy over the summer and during the school year. Stop by JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs, building 585, to learn more or for more information, call 652-3298.

Parents schedule time to relax

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts "Give Parents a Break/Kids Adventure Night" Aug. 15, 6-10 p.m. Registration is Aug. 1-12. This event is held at the Child Development Programs Annex for children 2 years and younger and at Youth Programs for children 3 years and older. Registration for GPAB waiver holders is free and all others pay \$25. There is a multiple child discount. For more information, call 652-4946.

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs hosts "Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out" Aug. 29, 1-5 p.m. Children 5-12 years enjoy activities, games, entertainment and snacks. The enrollment fee is \$25 per child with multiple child discounts or free with a GPAB referral. Preregistration is required and late pickup is subject to a \$5 fee for the first five minutes and \$3 for each additional minute. For more information, call 671-2388.

Missoula Children's Theatre presents "Aladdin"

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Camp that runs Aug. 17-22. There is a one-week rehearsal process for an original Missoula Children's Theatre musical culminating in a performance. Auditions are open to all JBSA youth, grades 1-12 and once a part is assigned, participants rehearse throughout the week. There is no sign up and not everyone who auditions is cast. For more information, call 221-3381.

Young kids learn basic soccer

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs hosts a First Steps Soccer, an instructional development program for youth 3-5 years old, Aug. 17-21. Parental involvement and participation is required. Proof of immunization and a sports physical must be provided at the time of registration. The registration fee is \$35 and sessions are held Monday-Thursday at the track behind the elementary school next to Youth Programs. For more information, call 671-2388.

The theater searches for talent

Be a part of one of the largest theater companies just for youth by auditioning Aug. 17, 9 a.m., at JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs, building 585. Auditions are open to all JBSA youth, grades 1-12 and once a part is assigned,

participants rehearse throughout the week with a final performance Aug. 21, 1 p.m., at the Fleenor Auditorium. There is no sign up and not everyone who auditions is cast. For more information, call 652-3298.

Toddlers and tots make friends

Register children 3-5 years for the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Part Day Enrichment Program. This program is designed to help children learn how to work in a group setting and they are exposed to many preschool and kindergarten scenarios including learning colors, numbers and shapes, following directions, taking turns and sharing space. The program follows the Randolph Independent School District calendar. Registration is going on now and the program begins Sept. 7. For more information, call 652-1140.

Classes offered for youth

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs holds instructional classes in building 8420.

Dance classes for youth 3-12 years cost \$45 per person, per month. Days and times vary.

Tang Soo Do martial arts classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at various times. Cost is \$50 for children 4-7 years and \$55 for children 8-15 years.

Violin lessons are held Mondays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are offered for children 5 years and older. Four monthly 30-minute private lessons and one 60-minute group lesson is provided for \$125 per month.

Karate Classes are held Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. for juniors 5-12 years and 7-8 p.m. for seniors 13 years and older. Session include 10 classes offered once a week with a \$60 session fee. Family groups of three or more receive a group discount rate of \$150 per session.

Piano lessons are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. Cost is \$25 per 30-minute lesson for participants 5 years and older.

Guitar lessons are held Mondays and teach how to read music and play popular songs. Lessons are for participants 5 years and older. Cost is \$25 per person, per 30 minute session.

To enroll for classes stop by the front desk of Youth Programs weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enrollment is ongoing and space is limited. For more information, call 671-2388.

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Fifth annual Build-a-Backpack to run through Aug. 5



Photo by Senior Airman Krystal Wright

Master Sgt. Melissa Zollinger, Cryptologic and Cyber Systems Division 1st sergeant, drops off backpacks July 15 to the Military Family Readiness Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland as part of the annual Build-a-Backpack program.

By Gloria Kwizera

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The fifth annual Build-a-Backpack program, which provides school supplies to children on base and in the local community, kicked off July 20 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph.

Anyone interested in donating a backpack with school supplies is welcome to do so through Wednesday.

"The goal of this program is to give the children of military and local community families the opportunity to start school with the supplies they need to be successful," said Angela Green, JBSA-Randolph School liaison.

Active-duty enlisted Airmen with more than three dependents, are eligible to sign up to receive backpacks. Also eligible are children of service members currently deployed, on extended temporary duty or on a remote tour of duty and members experiencing unique circumstances or hardships.

"This is a great program that has truly helped many of our families and children. The smiles on the children's faces when they pick up their backpacks are priceless," Green said. "Some of the things we may take for granted each day are some of the very same things that some of our families struggle so very hard to obtain."

First sergeants should contact the JBSA school liaison office at jbsa.slo@us.af.mil with names of potential families to receive a donated backpack. Information must include the squadron, sponsor's name and the age group and gender of the child or children who will receive the backpack.

To donate, pick up a list at the school liaison office or print one at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-130731-032.pdf>. Then, choose either 'List A' for grades kindergarten through grade 5 or 'List B' for grades 6 through 12. Purchase all of the items on the list for that age group. Place the shopping list of the selected age group and gender in the backpack for identification purposes. Drop off the backpack at either JBSA-Lackland or JBSA-Randolph's Military & Family Readiness Center or libraries, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Last year's event helped more than 600 children start off the school year on the right foot," Lori Phipps said, JBSA-Lackland school liaison. "With seven boxes of school supplies and more than 480 backpacks donated and distributed last year, it was the largest and most successful drive since the program began."

More than 150 military families received backpacks and 200 additional backpacks were donated to local area schools.

"The remainder of the supplies was given to incoming families who arrived in the middle of the school year and had not received their household goods," Green said.

Backpack distribution is tentatively scheduled for the week of Aug. 10-14.

"The goal for this year's drive is to exceed the number of backpacks collected last year and to reach more families that are in need," Green said. "The community can help with the drive by donating and spreading the word about the program."

For more information, call the JBSA School Liaison Office at 671-3722 or 652-5321.

AF legal assistance website places help within reach

By Charles Hasberry Jr.

502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group
Chief of Civil Law and Client Services

Do you have questions about automobile purchases? Need a will or a power of attorney?

The Air Force legal community continually strives to find better ways to serve military members, retirees and their dependents.

A few years ago a legal assistance website was launched to help us serve you better. You can find it at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>. The site is public and is available from any computer and does not require use of a Common Access Card.

The website offers short information papers on common legal assistance topics. You can review basic information regarding things that commonly affect military members such as con-

sumer affairs, identity theft, dependent support, family law, wills or powers of attorney. There is also a Legal Services Locator to help you find your nearest military legal office within the continental United States.

The site also allows you to fill out an online legal worksheet prior to your visit to the legal office for expedited service, although this is not required prior to your visit. Eligible legal assistance beneficiaries can complete a will worksheet online. In return, they will receive a ticket number.

Please note that no legal documents can be printed from this website – you are required to visit the nearest Air Force legal office to obtain your legal document.

When you call to make your appointment, provide the receptionist with your ticket number. Your information will be retrieved from the secure website and you will be able to review your legal

documents during your legal assistance appointment. Only Air Force legal offices have access to the data you enter here, and data you enter is deleted after 90 days.

Following your visit to an Air Force legal office, you can submit anonymous comments through our online survey available on the site.

Please note the following when using the Air Force Legal Assistance website:

- The website does not produce legal documents.
- All information contained within the website is for educational and informational purposes.
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- You are not required to use this website prior to obtaining legal assistance at your nearest military legal office.

Lt. Gen. Richard C. Harding Judge

Advocate general, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, summed up the Corps' efforts. "Many of our clients use the Internet to take care of personal and financial matters already. Knowing that, we created a website that would provide access to legal assistance information and provide worksheets necessary to obtain legal forms, like powers of attorney and wills, in the base legal office. The website is an important supplement to Airmen's legal assistance benefits and a time-saver for the Airmen and their families. I encourage military members, dependents, and retirees to try this new website."

To schedule a legal assistance appointment at JBSA-Randolph, call 652-6781. Walk-in legal assistance is available every Monday for active-duty personnel and their dependents from 10-11 a.m. The office is located in building 202, across from the Taj Mahal, building 100, on JBSA-Randolph.

Class to teach parents about social media pitfalls

By David DeKunder

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Parents interested in learning about the potential pitfalls of social media and how their children use it are invited to attend the "Danger of Social Media" class Aug. 26 at the Human Performance Resource Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beatrice Castellano, 802nd Mission Support Group Family Life Program educator at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, said the class provides parents the tools they need to protect their children from online social media risks and dangers.

"It teaches parents how to maneuver through those social media apps and edu-

cates them on the apps as well," she said. "It teaches parents how to monitor what their children are doing online and to recognize those risks and consequences that come with using those apps."

Castellano said the class will cover how social media apps such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Instagram are used, including their benefits and drawbacks.

The class will emphasize greater communication between parents and their children in talking about the negative consequences that can come from using social media and bringing back family time, Castellano said.

To reserve a seat in the class, call the JBSA-Mental Health Flight at 652-2448.



Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

RFISD seeks board of trustee member

Randolph Independent School District is soliciting resumes for an upcoming opening on the board of trustees. Eligibility for the position requires the incumbent to be living or employed at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Trustees must take an official oath of office and serve without compensation. Those interested in applying for the position should submit a resume to the school liaison office no later than August 7. For more information, call 671-3722.

Legal offices move

502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio Legal Assistance services has moved out of the Taj Mahal, Bldg. 100, and into the Tax Center, Bldg. 202. New customer service hours will be Mon-Fri., 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Wills, notaries, powers of attorney, consumer affairs and preventive law functions are all included in the transition. Legal assistance for personal civil matters and will service will continue to be by appointment only. Walk-in service for active-duty members is every Monday from 10-11 a.m. For more information, call 652-6781.

New Joint Base San Antonio website

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

Actor volunteers needed

Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service is looking for volunteers to act in an upcoming public service announcement titled, "Say Yes." The 30 second TV spot will receive national exposure and is aimed at motivating kids to "Say Yes" to a drug free life. All filming will take place in and around San Antonio.

Candidates must be age 16-21, male or female. Acting experience is preferred but not necessary. Those interested can send a photo and resume to afrs.broadcasting@gmail.com. All submissions will be reviewed and those in consideration for a part will be contacted.

For more information, call the AFRS broadcast manager, Ken Raimondi, at 665-0524 or the broadcast producer, Master Sgt. Harry Kibbe, at 665-0525.

TRICARE breast pump policy update

TRICARE's breast pump policy was recently updated to include coverage of breast pumps, supplies and breast-feeding counseling. These supplies and services will be retroactively covered as of Dec. 19.

For more information about what is covered and instructions for filing a claim, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/breastpumps>.

The Air Force and ADA – incorporating talent, providing opportunities

By Leslie Bucher
Air Force Civilian Service

“Bring it!”

That’s what Joe Diaz, Air Force Civilian Service plan coordinator at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph can say about the future and its challenges after the opportunities he’s received through the Air Force over the years.

July 26 marked the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. By prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities in the provision of public services, transportation, employment, telecommunications and governmental activities, ADA has had a significant role in helping countless Americans pursue rewarding opportunities and careers.

For Diaz, ADA was also the solution to transforming his worry and concern about working in a dead-end job into having the opportunity to get hired into a good job that would lead to a rewarding career path for himself and a secure future for his family.

“Being a civilian working for the Air Force has changed my life in so many ways,” Diaz said. “I’m on a career path with career goals. It’s so much more than a job; I’m part of a team.”

Injured in an accident that severed his spine at age 19, Joe spent several years healing and adjusting to life in a wheelchair. While attending the University of Texas-San Antonio, Joe discovered opportunities to work as a student intern in the Air Force Civilian Service at JBSA-Randolph and quickly learned about the initiatives leading to full-time work in the federal service.

After completing his AFCS internships and earning his bachelor’s degree in information systems in 2007, Joe joined AFCS as a full-time employee, where he works to ensure the success of student interns to



Courtesy photo

Joe Diaz, Air Force Civilian Service plan coordinator at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, started with the Air Force Civilian Service as a student intern and has continued his federal service since earning his degree in 2007.

become full-time Air Force civilian employees.

“Part of my job is going out to recruiting events, so I feel I’m really contributing to the Air Force mission,” Diaz said. “Being confined to a wheelchair, I can show people I’m the product of a great opportunity. I’m proof that you can do well as a civilian in the Air Force.”

“Joe is an inspiration to everyone around him,” Mike Brosnan, AFCS chief of workplace planning and enter-

prise recruiting, said. “His enthusiasm and dedication as part of our human resource team inspires us all. He is a prime example of the power of an engaged individual who is committed to making a difference.”

Diaz recently garnered a prestigious award for creating a new reporting process that saved time and money for AFCS recruiters.

“In 2013, I received a Special Act Award for improving reporting processes,” he said. “I know this is just the start of what I’m capable of doing and achieving here. I don’t think my luck could be any better.”

“Our increasingly diverse citizenry places a special trust in us and we must keep that trust by ensuring our Air Force is representative of the best of the populace from which we draw our considerable strength,” states a memo signed in March by Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Cody. “It is our responsibility to create an environment that best supports and projects our Service’s collective and inclusive excellence.”

Diaz is proof of this commitment.

“I was fortunate the Air Force had programs aimed at promoting diversity – such as the internship I participated in,” he said. “It gave me the opportunity to be part of the team. Our diverse workforce gives us a lot of folks with different backgrounds and different ideas all leading to new ways of solving challenges.”

Diaz’s next goal is to be part of the select Air Force Career Broadening Leadership Program.

“I want to ultimately be able to better define current processes and introduce new ideas to meet Air Force goals and objectives for tomorrow,” he said.

For more information about serving in the Air Force Civil Service, visit <http://www.afciviliancareers.com>.

AF continues to work with DOD, OPM on cybersecurity incident

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force maintains its commitment to protect personal information from cyber threats by continuing efforts with the Defense Department and the Office of Personnel Management to assist those impacted by the recent cyber incident involving federal background investigation data.

OPM and an interagency response team, including investigators from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, concluded that sensitive information, to include Social Security numbers, was stolen from background investigations of 21.5 million individuals.

“We sincerely regret this has happened and that so many people were impacted by having their key information at risk,” said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. “Cybersecurity and protecting personal information of our personnel will always be a top priority for the Air Force. We will continue to support the DOD and OPM to ensure our personnel are protected.”

While background investigation records do contain

some information regarding mental health and financial history provided by applicants and people contacted during the background investigation, there is no evidence that health, financial, payroll or retirement records of federal personnel or those who have applied for a federal job were impacted by this incident, for example – annuity rolls, retirement records, <http://www.USAJobs.gov> and Employee Express.

OPM will offer affected individuals credit monitoring services and identity theft insurance. This comprehensive, three-year membership includes credit report access, credit monitoring, identity theft insurance and recovery services and is available immediately at no cost to affected individuals identified by OPM.

In addition to assisting OPM and DOD, the Air Force remains committed to protecting its own information systems from attack. The Air Force privacy and information assurance officers work directly with program managers or system owners to ensure those systems which contain personal identifiable information have the proper security controls in place

to prevent unauthorized access.

There are tools and techniques everyone can and should use to protect information in cyberspace.

“I want to stress again that our total force and their families need to be informed on how adversaries attempt to gain access to our information,” said Lt. Gen. William J. Bender, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force information dominance chief and chief information officer. “More importantly, we must be vigilant and act to deter them: guard information by practicing good OPSEC (operations security), follow basic computer security practices and alert the proper security offices of anything suspicious.”

The Air Force has created a toolkit of information for cybersecurity and safety at <http://www.af.mil/cybersecurity.aspx>. Additional information from OPM is available at <https://www.opm.gov/cybersecurity/>. This site contains details about what information was breached and what remedial actions and assistance will be made available.

Student, adult volunteers help fill staffing void at library

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Library concluded another summer reading program last week when more than 200 children and adults gathered July 22 for a morning of balloon art, dance instruction, crafts, music, prize drawings and book giveaways.

The event, like the summer reading program itself, required the efforts of library staff members and a dedicated group of high school students and adults who volunteer their time, providing the facility with much-needed support.

"I couldn't have pulled this off without them," Martha Samborski, senior library technician and children's programming coordinator, said. "They handled the door count, the prize table, the food table, the crafts table, and the preparation and cleanup."

With the reduction of staff due to budget cuts in recent years, the library's volunteer program is proving to be an invaluable resource.

"I think it's the best program here," Rhodeen Howell, volunteer program coordinator, said. "They're here all year and helping us in so many ways."

Howell, who served as a volunteer for six years before joining the library staff and becoming volunteer program coordinator two years ago, said the program initially met the needs of students looking for a summer job.

"It started with kids coming in and asking to help during the summer," she said.

Although the bulk of volunteer hours come during the summer, the program functions year-round thanks to the students who also work during the school year and an adult contingent that includes retirees, active-duty spouses and even active-duty members.

Howell said she trains volunteers and apprises them of their responsibilities, which include showing up on time, performing their duties and logging in their time. A majority of their duties involve shelving and straighten-



Photo by Melissa Peterson

Robin Miller, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Library volunteer, hands a book to Alex Auger July 22 at the JBSA-Randolph Library.

ing books and media, such as DVDs and CDs and reading materials, or making sure that books and other items are placed in the proper order.

"They don't have to be fast," she said. "We want quality over quantity. We ask them to take their time."

Volunteers assist the staff in other ways, too, such as dusting shelves, repairing damaged materials, sorting checked-in materials to be shelved and providing support during the summer reading program, story time and other library events.

Howell said students are ready to be volunteers once they reach high school.

Marcus Harris, 14, a sophomore at Randolph High

School, started working at the library the summer before his first year of high school.

"I was bored during the summer after seventh grade," he said. "I wanted to do something with my time the next summer, so I volunteered."

Marcus, who said he enjoys his volunteer position, attends to the usual duties of shelving, straightening and reading shelves, but he also put his musical talent to good use during the summer reading program finale when he performed on his saxophone.

The number of hours volunteers devote to the library varies from person to person, but Howell said some students work between 50 and 60 hours during the summer, often to satisfy community service requirements at their school or church. During the school year, their volunteer hours decline due to the demands of their education.

"I ask for one hour a week," she said. "Some want to work more, but this shouldn't interfere with their schoolwork. That comes first."

In addition to acquiring a work ethic, students gain valuable experience that can help them when they apply for college or a job, Howell said.

Volunteering is a different kind of experience for adults.

"I've been a volunteer off and on through the years," retiree Robin Miller said. "It's an opportunity to give back."

Miller, who has volunteered for family services programs at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and at JBSA-Randolph, said she enjoys the summer reading program because it allows her to interact with children and parents.

Staff Sgt. April Osborn, Air Education and Training Command's Command Center NCO in charge of training, said she chose to volunteer at the library because she loves to read.

"One of the most therapeutic places for me is in a library or bookstore," she said. "Reading is the best way to relieve stress and learn new things."

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Vaccines also have economic and societal benefits, Faizi said.

"They prevent billions of dollars spent on the health care of persons with vaccine-preventable illnesses as well as the days and hours lost at work and school," he said.

Children should be vaccinated according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention schedule, which can be found online or at any Air Force pediatric clinic, Faizi said.

"Generally speaking, the vaccine ages are birth, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months, 15-18 months, 4-6 years and 11-12 years," he said.

In addition, yearly flu shots are recommended starting at the age of 6 months.

Faizi also addressed safety concerns.

"As with any foreign substance, there is always a risk of adverse events called side-effects as well as risks for allergic reactions," he said. "Fortunately, vaccines are thoroughly tested before being released to the public and thoroughly studied once they've been released."

Faizi said patients at JBSA-Randolph are screened at every visit with their doctor for allergies to drugs and, before receiving a vaccine, families fill out a screening questionnaire.

"There is no way to guarantee there won't be a reaction to vaccines," he said. "Considering the number of doses given each day, each year and each decade, the

number of these reactions is extremely small compared to the number that don't have a reaction and the number of children's lives saved by these vaccines."

The HPV vaccine is recommended because it prevents four strains of the virus that can cause genital warts in boys and girls as well as cancers of the cervix, genitals, anus and throat, Faizi said.

"HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection," he said. "Ninety percent of individuals will have been infected with a strain in their lifetime and, fortunately, the majority of the strains are cleared by our bodies."

Faizi said Gardasil, the HPV vaccine

used by the 359th MDG, is the only vaccine available that is associated with cancer prevention.

According to the CDC, adult vaccination rates are extremely low and most adults are not aware they need vaccines, but ensuring that adults obtain the recommended vaccine is an emphasis at the 359th MDG.

Faizi said the recommended vaccines for adults are the meningitis booster at 16 years, the shingles vaccine at 60, the pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine at 65 and a tetanus booster every 10 years.

The 359th MDG's immunization clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.