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Commitment to excellence: Pursuit of happiness

By Maj. Michael Sackenheim
12th Flying Training Wing
Executive Officer



The mission of the 435th Fighter Training Squadron is “to prepare the best young aviators in the world to succeed as fighter wingmen and weapons system officers.”

While accomplishing this mission, the unit deliberately invests in its human capital and takes action to create leaders for the Air Force.

During the squadron’s professional development TDY to Missouri, 435th FTS instructor pilots and weapons system officers learned from Dr. Dan Haybron, professor of philosophy at the University of St. Louis.

Haybron recently received a \$5.1 million grant, the largest grant ever awarded to a researcher in the University of Saint Louis College of Arts and Sciences, to study happiness and well-being.

Through his research, Haybron is developing a happiness strategy that can help anyone achieve his or her personal happiness goals.

Haybron said to become a happier person, you must recognize and attend to the many internal and external forces that affect you. You must also foster positive relationships in your daily life.

He also said to improve your happiness, it is essential to focus on the happiness of others and think outside yourself. By applying these concepts to your life, you will improve your well-being, make the people around you happier, and in the process, become a happier and more effective leader.

Traditionally, philosophers categorize happiness strategies as either external or internal. External focuses on worldly things such as money, cars and travel. Internal focuses on a person’s attributes such as willpower, positivity and character.

Contrary to the traditional approach, Haybron adopts an interactionist perspective and believes that happiness arises from the complex interaction of one’s internal and external influence.

Therefore, the best happiness strategy

must account for both sets of influences.

Since no two people are alike, there is no cookie-cutter recipe for happiness. The good news is that one can build an individualized “toolkit” that will move a person towards a happier state. The toolkit must contain the internal and external resources required to meet personal goals.

For example, if a new car adds to your happiness, you must have the external financial resources to buy it.

Likewise, if you are happier with yourself when you eat well, you must have the internal willpower to avoid fatty foods and resist cravings.

Therefore, build positive habit patterns to expand your external and internal resources to achieve your personal happiness goals.

Social interactions are important to an individual’s happiness. Some of the strongest daily forces influencing happiness are interactions with family, friends and coworkers.

In philosophy, co-responsibility is the concept that your happiness is intricately intertwined with that of the people around you.

Positive interactions with a spouse or significant other improve your happiness levels more than negative interactions do.

Likewise, imbedding yourself with the right crowd and surrounding yourself with positive influences

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makes you happier.

One way to accomplish this is focusing on the happiness of those around you. Co-responsibility stresses the importance of others and their influence on your happiness and well-being. Therefore, it makes sense that others’ attitudes affect your attitude. Happiness is contagious. You can actually infect yourself with happiness by making others happy. By caring for others and helping make them happy, you create enjoyable experiences for yourself.

The positive feedback you receive from others directly affects you and improves your state of well-being.

Since making yourself happier is the goal, it is important to develop a strategy you can customize to reach your own state of happiness. By recognizing and addressing the internal and external forces that influence you, you can develop a plan to acquire the resources necessary to achieve your happiness goals.

You can work towards happiness by improving your interpersonal relationships and creating positive social experiences.

In the process, you will become happier, and you will make those around you happier. The path to happiness is different for everyone, but by applying these concepts, you will improve your life and your organization.

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Air Education and Training Command battles national 'epidemic'

From Air Education and Training Command Safety Office

What's worse than drinking and driving? According to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, texting and driving. As a matter of fact, texting while driving is about six times more likely to cause an accident than driving intoxicated.

That's why Air Education and Training Command is running a Distracted Driving Campaign through Jan. 15.

"Distracted driving – texting and driving in particular – has become an epidemic," said Blane Taylor, AETC occupational safety manager. "I think people are shocked to hear texting and driving is more dangerous than drinking and driving. But most people don't drink every day. Many people do, however, text every day. The sheer volume of texters makes this one of the leading mishap factors for motorists."

Taylor said in addition to safety awareness, the campaign will focus on letting people know the federal and state laws on distracted driving in the area in which they live.

The president himself has directed federal employees to not text message while driving government vehicles. And handheld cell phone use while driving on Department of Defense installations is strictly forbidden. Despite those efforts, however,



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Distracted driving kills and injures thousands of people each year.

the Air Force has not been immune to the catastrophic effects of distracted driving.

Less than a year out of basic training, a 20-year-old

Airman lost control of his vehicle while texting and driving. It flipped three times and ejected a passenger. The Airman survived, but his passenger died. He is still haunted by her death.

In another instance, a 19-year-old AETC Airman drove while trying to use the GPS on his cell phone, which sat on his lap. With his eyes off the road, he drifted into the lane of on-coming traffic, striking an ambulance head-on. Both vehicles flipped, and the Airman and two of his passengers died.

Distracted driving causes more than 350,000 vehicle mishaps per year, and texting and driving tops the list of distractions, NHTSA statistics show.

According to studies, five seconds is the average time texting steals a person's attention from the road. If you are going 55 mph, that's like traveling the length of a football field blindfolded.

"Each one of us can do our part to reduce this epidemic by being informed of the state and federal laws in effect," Taylor said. "Make a pledge to not use your phone or text while driving. Driving is dangerous enough – even without distractions. Our goal is simple: We want people to stay focused while driving so they can reach their destinations safely."

Taylor encourages everyone to check out the Department of Transportation's website at <http://www.distraction.gov> for more information.

NEWS

Schertz council passes motion to adopt study recommendations

By Dan Hawkins

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

In a major step toward ensuring the 12th Flying Training Wing's mission remains compatible with planned development around Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, the Schertz City Council formally adopted the 2015 JBSA Joint Land Use Study recommendations Nov. 17.

In a unanimous 5-0 vote, the council surged forward and became the first neighboring city to approve the study, a critical step in ensuring the ability to sustain missions at JBSA-Randolph.

"The City of Schertz has consistently led the region as a proactive partner in this effort to help protect our mission, which is ensuring our instructor pilots remain the best-trained military aviators in the world," said Col. Matt Isler, 12th Flying Training Wing commander. "This action represents the steadfast commitment of Schertz to protect our flying mission at JBSA-Randolph and we are exceptionally grateful for their deep investment and care for our mission, Airmen and families by Schertz."

The JLUS, completed in July and funded by grants from the Department of Defense and Office of Economic Adjustment, along with contributions from Bexar County, is focused on putting military installations and their local community partners at the same table to focus on finding solutions in mutual areas of concern, such as incompatible land use around airfields.

Schertz is happy to be able to continue the close partnership between the city and the base that has been fostered over the years, said Schertz Mayor Michael Carpenter.

"We are thrilled to continue working closely with the base to ensure not only that the flying mission at JBSA-Randolph continues, but that our city is also able to accommodate new growth and economic development that benefits our residents," Carpenter said.

Teaming up with the surrounding community has been a consistent theme throughout the study.

"We are grateful for the close relationships with our community partners to find common ground in JBSA-Randolph mission requirements while sustaining compatible community growth," said Col. David Drichta, 12th Operations Group commander. "Implementing the JLUS's recommendations provide a roadmap for JBSA-Randolph and community stakeholders, as well as reinforce our mutually beneficial ties. We are proud to serve in our nation's defense and glad that we have such terrific neighbors that help us sustain that mission and support our families."

Community partners impacted by the JLUS include Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe counties, along with the cities of Cibolo, Converse, Garden Ridge, Live Oak, San Antonio, Schertz, Seguin, Selma and Universal City.

JBSA-Randolph is home to more than 11,900 personnel, include active-duty, reserve, guard and civilian personnel and their families, contributing more than \$1.15

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Col. David Drichta

12th Operations Group commander



Photo by Randy Martin

Col. David Drichta, 12th Operations Group commander, thanks the city of Schertz for the community's support of the formal adoption of the Joint Land Use Study during a city council meeting Nov. 17 in Schertz, Texas. The study, a joint effort between the military and surrounding community partners focused on finding solutions in mutual areas of concern, such as incompatible development around airfields, was adopted by a 5-0 vote.

billion to the local area economy in fiscal year 2014.

Major mission partners at JBSA-Randolph include Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Headquarters 19th Air Force, Air Force Recruiting Service and the 12th Flying Training Wing.

Headquarters Air Education and Training Command was established and activated in January 1942, making it the second oldest major command in the Air Force. Its training mission makes it the first command to touch the life of nearly every Air Force member. Members of AETC operate at 10 installations across five states.

The 19th Air Force headquarters is responsible for 19 training locations, 10 regular Air Force wings supported by six Guard and Reserve wings, about 32,000 personnel and more than 1,350 aircraft spanning 29 different models.

Members of the Air Force Personnel Center execute programs covering the entire life cycle of military and civilian personnel for the Air Force, from accession through retirement, including recreation, growth, development and deployment. AFPC's diverse workforce, with 10 subordinate units, has more than 2,700 Air Force military, civilian and contractor personnel responsible for worldwide operations for 1.77 million total force Airmen, retirees and family members.

The mission of Air Force Recruiting Service is to inspire, engage and recruit future Airmen to deliver airpower for America. The command is responsible for accessing 100 percent of the enlisted force, 90 percent of the service's health professions officers, about 16 percent of the line officers and 100 percent

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Event identifies registrar improvements to meet RPA student increase

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

A projected 22 percent increase in the number of students enrolled in remotely piloted aircraft courses at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph this fiscal year was the basis of a recent event dedicated to exploring ways to improve the 12th Operations Group's registrar processes.

The 12th OG Registrar Utilization Continuous Process Improvement Event Nov. 2-4 at the JBSA-Randolph Library was the collaborative effort of a team representing the 12th OG, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center and other organizations.

It was also an example of the teamwork CPI events emphasize, said David Bernacki, 12th Operations Support Squadron lead Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals weapons system civilian simulator instructor.

"It's teamwork, people coming together," he said. "We had all the squadrons and other organizations working together to help the 12th OG look at ways to meet the increased RPA student load efficiently and effectively. Events like this increase communication among our organizations."

David Foret, 802nd Force Support Squadron management analyst and a member of the CPI event team, said the team's diversity is a strength.

"With today's environment, where additional manpower resources are very limited to nonexistent, it is critical to come up with ideas that can save time and effort

within existing resources," he said. "That is why it is very important to develop a team with different skillsets and viewpoints. In my case, I came from outside the process, and while I am no expert in this particular process, I am able to see the process/problem with fresh eyes and a different perspective."

The Air Force's Continuous Process Improvement initiative, formerly known as Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, is an eight-step approach to identify waste, focus activities on eliminating it and maximize resources to satisfy other requirements.

Bernacki, a CPI "black belt" candidate who served as facilitator for the registrar utilization event, said the 12th Flying Training Wing is committed to the initiative.

"The 12th Flying Training Wing leads AETC in CPI events to streamline processes, eliminate waste, create efficiencies and save resources and money," he said.

In addition to a facilitator, CPI teams include a "champion," who has the authority to dedicate resources, assets and people to an initiative; a "process owner," who leads an organization or group; a team lead; and other members.

The registrar utilization event featured champion Col. David Drichta, 12th OG commander; process owner Lt. Col. Courtney Hamilton, 12th OSS commander; and team lead Maj. Anthony Lau, 12th OSS assistant director of operations.

Bernacki, who has served as facilitator at other CPI events, said he prepared for the most recent event by

spending time at the 12th OG registrar office, calculating how much time is spent on registrar duties. The registrar office is responsible for providing 12th OG training squadrons with all the information necessary to track student training, including entry, tracking and graduation of students.

He said Drichta wanted to reduce the office's workload by 22 percent to accommodate the increase in students.

The team explored ways to increase efficiencies in the registrar process to meet the 22 percent increase, using the eight-step process to identify those measures, including the elimination of some requirements from AETC Instruction 36-2205, which governs formal flying training administration and management; developing standardized rosters; and increasing communication between 12th OG squadrons and the registrar office, Bernacki said.

Team member D. Diana Keany, AFPC trainer assignments chief, said the CPI event was "important on all levels."

"By improving communication among AETC, the 12th OG and the flying squadrons, the team streamlined the process to produce and distribute rosters while also re-examining AETCI 36-2205 requirements," she said.

Another team member, Lynda Conner, AFPC RPA assignments chief, said future student rosters "will not only be more accurate and timely, but also produced in a more efficient manner, thus decreasing total workload."

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of Air Force chaplains.

The 12th FTW conducts pilot instructor training, introduction to fighter fundamentals, and remotely piloted aircraft pilot and sensor operator training at Randolph using 148 T-1 Jayhawk, T-6 Texan II and T-38C Talon aircraft and numerous simulators. More than 850 instructor pilots and 500 remotely piloted aircraft pilots and sensor operators graduate each year. The wing also operates a satellite airfield at Seguin Auxiliary Airfield near Seguin, Texas. Additionally, dedicated

military training airspace extends across south and central Texas to support the wing's mission.

In addition to JBSA-Randolph, JBSA major installations include JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis. It is the largest joint base in the Department of Defense with more than 84,000 personnel, 135,000 students and 266 mission partners across 11 operating locations, contributing more than \$12.7 billion to the local area economy during fiscal year 2014.

Warrior Care Month spotlights achievements of wounded, ill service members

By Tim Pearce

DOD Office of Warrior Care Policy, Wounded Warriors

Many professionals working in the Department of Defense make it their year-round mission to ensure exceptional care is provided to wounded, ill and injured service members.

However, November is an especially important time for those working in the field of warrior care. In 2008, November was officially designated as Warrior Care Month; a month dedicated to honoring the courage, resilience and accomplishments of wounded, ill, and injured service members, their families, and their caregivers.

This year's Warrior Care Month theme is "Show of Strength."

"The theme 'Show of Strength' is about recognizing the mental and physical resilience consistently demonstrated by our wounded, ill and injured service members, as well as acknowledging the critical support provided by families and caregivers," said James Rodriguez, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Warrior Care Policy. "Show of Strength also underscores the DOD's ongoing commitment to policy, programs and resources that enable wounded, ill and injured service members to thrive as they embrace a new normal."

Throughout November, the Defense Department and the military services will sponsor events and

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James Rodriguez

Defense for Warrior Care Policy deputy assistant secretary

activities to increase awareness of the significant achievements and milestones that often occur during the recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration or transition process.

These events and activities include a sitting volleyball tournament, a wheelchair rugby exhibition, a healing arts recognition event, a Facebook Town Hall and a blog series focused on military caregivers. According to Rodriguez, highlighting adaptive sports – sitting volleyball and wheelchair rugby – demonstrates the DOD's broad focus on identifying and enhancing abilities after a wound, injury or illness occurs.

"Adaptive sports and reconditioning activities, such as healing arts which includes painting, ceramics, music therapy and expressive writing therapy, are an essential way of understanding what each wounded, ill and injured service member is

able to achieve – focusing on ability rather than disability," Rodriguez said.

Although the DOD has seen a steady decrease in the total population of wounded, ill and injured service members since 2007, prompting some questions about the future of warrior care, Rodriguez stated warrior care remains a top priority.

"While the case management needs of the wounded, ill and injured population are changing, policy, process and baseline capability will not," Rodriguez said. "The Defense Department continuously evaluates the needs of the wounded warrior programs to ensure an exceptional level of care is provided to the current and future population of wounded, ill and injured service members."

For more information about Warrior Care Month, visit <http://www.defense.gov/warriorcaremonth>.



The 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio asks members to identify any wasteful practice with a JBSA Makes Cent\$ submission.

Submitting suggestions on the JBSA Makes Cent\$ website can now benefit JBSA members with earned time off for ideas.

"1" Approved Idea = Certificate/Time Off Award (2 Hours)

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U.S., France to strengthen intelligence sharing

By Cheryl Pellerin

DOD News, Defense Media Activity

In the wake of the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks in Paris, the United States and France will strengthen intelligence sharing to the fullest extent allowed by law, Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook said in a statement Nov. 16.

The United States over the past year has worked closely with the French military, intelligence and security services to strengthen intelligence sharing against counterterrorism threats around the globe, he said, specifically those from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

"In the wake of the recent attack on France, we stand strong and firm with our oldest ally," Cook said, "which is why the U.S. and France have decided to bolster our intelligence sharing."

Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper have issued new instructions that will make it easier for U.S. military personnel to share operational planning information and intelligence with French counterparts "to the fullest extent allowed by existing law and policy," Cook added.

The new guidance stresses the strong U.S.-French security partnership and builds on longstanding cooperation that will improve the department's ability to deter and defeat mutual enemies, particularly ISIL, he said.

Also during a briefing with defense reporters Nov. 16, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said Carter has spoken twice since the Nov. 13 attacks with his French counterpart, Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, with both leaders agreeing to deepen military cooperation over a broad area of common interests.

Last night, as part of the Operation Inherent Resolve coalition fighting ISIL in Iraq and Syria, France conducted a strike near Raqqa, Syria, "with the full coalition weight and support behind them," Davis said.

Davis said the targets were nominated by France based on information the United States was able to share with them thanks to the new intelligence-sharing special instruction.

"We're continuously seeking out and assessing potential ISIL targets," he added.

Once a target is validated, Davis said, "we take great care, from analysis of available intelligence to selection of the appropriate weapon to meet mission requirements and to minimize the risk of collateral damage, particularly any harm to noncombatants."

As part of a broader operation called Tidal Wave II targeting ISIL oil revenues, Davis said, the coalition destroyed 116 tanker trucks using A-10 fighters and AC-130 gunships Nov. 16.

Since the start of Operation Tidal Wave II in October, the coalition has conducted a massive strike on Omar oil field near Deir el-Zour, Syria, Operation Inherent Resolve spokesman Army Col. Steve Warren said Nov. 13.

"We've stepped up our attack and focused our targeting on other oil facilities to include al-Tanak and several others," he said.

Davis said the current phase of Tidal Wave II is designed to attack the distribution component of ISIL's oil-smuggling operation and degrade its capacity to fund military operations.

"ISIL steals oil from the people of Iraq and Syria to fund its campaign of terror," he added.

"The long-term effects of this effort to degrade ISIL oil revenue will take some time to be fully realized," Davis noted, "but we know that in the short term we are disrupting this significant source of funding that's being used to kill innocent people and we are in the process of warning civilians to stay clear of oil infrastructure."

The U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, has implemented a travel restriction to France that applies to all DOD personnel, Davis said.

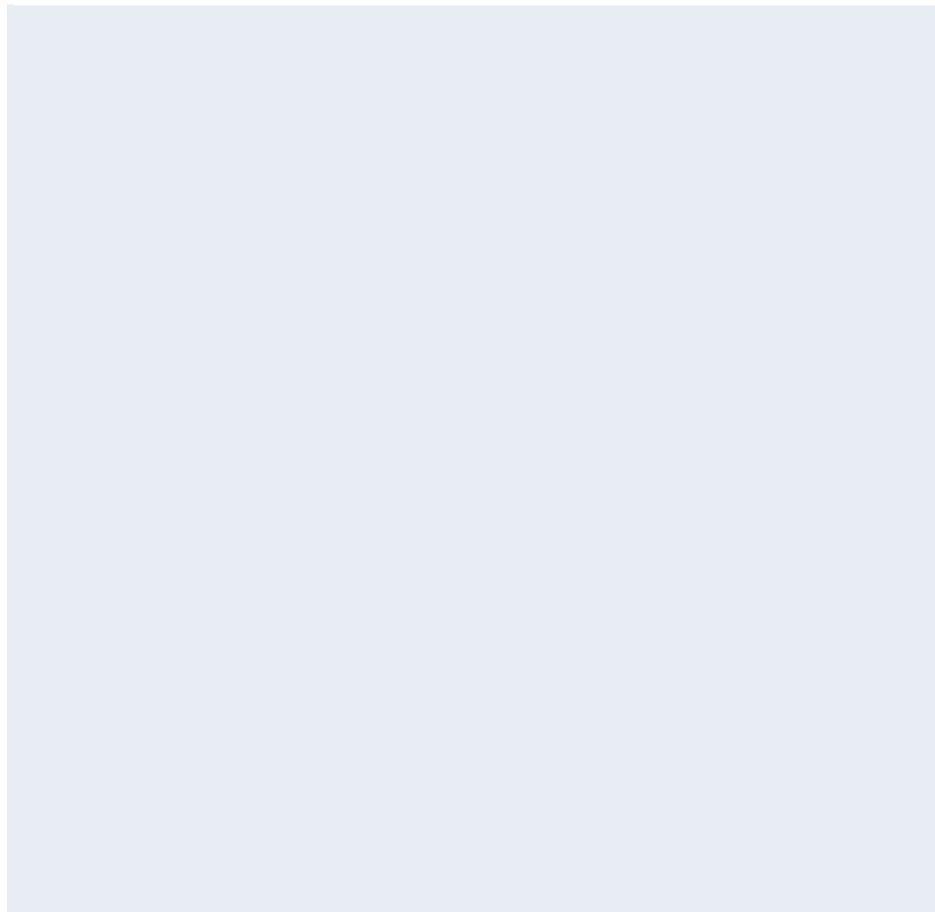
"Until further notice, U.S. European Command has prohibited unofficial travel to Paris, and for DOD personnel who are traveling outside Paris, it requires a higher level of approval to go," he added.

The policy applies to military personnel, DOD civilian employees, contractors and command-sponsored dependents and their families, Davis said.



Photo by Marine Cpl. Leah Agler

U.S. Marine aviation ordnance technicians with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-232, Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command, prepare an F/A-18 Hornet to launch for a strike mission June 9 in Southwest Asia.



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JBSA, Bexar County firefighters build joint knowledge base, support relationships

By Senior Airman Alexandria Slade

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Firefighters from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Randolph and Bexar County joined to review basic firefighting techniques and build support relationships during a joint training Nov. 16-18 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

The training covered multiple basic firefighting techniques including ladder rescue, emergency medicine, search and rescue and how to quickly suppress and extinguish a house fire.

"Bringing JBSA and local firefighters together for training like this better prepares us to work as one team against real world emergencies in the future," Scott Ridenour, 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of training, said. "Joint training is an opportunity to share resources and skill sets, understand each other's environments and to build bonds and better communication within JBSA and with local community fire departments."

The training began when a fire was lit in a designated training room within the building using materials similar to what would burn in most homes, including straw, wood pallets and excelsior. This combination produces a copy of the dangerous heat and smoke that firefighters would face from a real house fire.

To make training sessions more realistic, JBSA fire training facilities are at least two stories high with maneuverable rooms. While also focusing on the most efficient route for a fire hose, searching for injured individuals and keeping their team safe, training firefighters are unable to memorize their route through the 'home'.

"We have a constant stream of new firefighters at my station that will benefit from the training I'm receiving over these three days," Paul Espinoza, Bexar County firefighter and emergency medical technician, said. "There are a lot of different techniques I've learned for rescue and fighting structural fires, and I've made great connections with the military firefighters here."

For one of the newest JBSA firefighters, this training combined his willingness to learn and senior firefighter's ability to pass on years of expertise.

"I've only been in for a year, and it's been helpful during this training to be able to draw from the knowledge of people who have done firefighting as a career," Airman Evan Nares, JBSA-Randolph firefighter, said. "Having this knowledge can save lives. I'll be able to fall back on it when I'm in a real world emergency."

The basic firefighting techniques training is one of several held this year by 502nd CES firefighters, along with aircraft familiarization training, flash flood rescue, wildfire and vehicle extraction scenarios.





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Monthly Events

December

Arts and Crafts

Special memories deserve custom frames

Frame holiday memories or create a gift with help from the JBSA-Lackland Frame Shop. Framing professionals are ready to help make the best selections for art, photos, prints and more. For more information, call 671-5503.

Experts at the JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall, building 895, are available to help create the perfect custom frame for certificates, artwork or photographs. The Frame Shop matches any off-base price on a comparable custom framing job and there is no sales tax. For more information, call 652-5142.

Bowling

The Bowling Center has gifts for everyone

Stop by the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Pro Shop for a 10-25 percent discount on selected balls, bags and shoes now through Dec. 23. For more information, call 652-6271.

Santa and the Grinch join in holiday bowling

Visit the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center for pictures with Santa and the Grinch Dec. 12, 9 a.m., and bowl with them 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child and includes two games of bowling, rental shoes, refreshments, a goodie bag and photos. For more information, call 652-6271.

The JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center offers youth, 12 years and younger, an opportunity to meet the Grinch, bowl and enjoy light refreshments Dec. 19, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call 671-1234.

Holidays bring about bowling special

Bowl at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Dec. 21-24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for \$2.50 per game, per person. Shoe rental is \$2.50. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowling is unlimited

Enjoy an early present from the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Dec. 23, 2-10 p.m. Pay \$20 per lane for unlimited bowling with rental shoes included. For more information, call 221-4740.

Discounts are offered before and after Christmas

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers a discount bowling special Dec. 24, noon to 4 p.m. Bowl for \$1.50 per game, per person with a \$2.50 shoe rental or purchase the rent-a-lane special for two hours of bowling, a 16-ounce soda for each group member and a large pizza for \$40. This special does not include rental shoes.

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center holds open bowling Dec. 26, 1-5 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per game, per person and rental shoes are \$2.50. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowling center closes Christmas Day

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center is closed Dec. 25. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowlers compete in tournament

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center hosts the Military Bowling Championship Tune-up Tournament Dec. 28, 7 p.m. This is a four-game scratch singles format and cost is \$50. Prizes are given to first-, second- and third-place winners. For more information, call 652-6271.

New Year's Eve is celebrated at the Bowling Center

Enjoy open bowling at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Dec. 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per game, per person and rental shoes are \$2.50.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Dec. 31, 8 p.m., with an adults-only party. Participate in three games of Colorama Bowling with cash prizes. Cost is \$30 per person and includes a complimentary glass of champagne to toast in 2016. Breakfast is served afterwards. Reservations are accepted beginning Dec. 1. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowling balls are detoxed for a better game

Resurrect bowling balls at the JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center Pro Shop with the detox machine. Avoid the cost of a new ball by removing oil from deep in the surface using warm water, a mild cleaning agent and high-energy bubbles. Cost is \$20 per ball. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Music and food is offered during deck night

Stop by the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for Deck Night Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy food and live music. The bar is available 4:30-8 p.m. and the buffet is open 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for members, \$13 for nonmembers and \$6.50 for children 6-12 years. Coupons are not accepted. For more information, call 658-7445.

The chef prepares specials for every palate

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club chef creates a special evening dining experience in the Mesquite Dining Room, 5-8 p.m. The Dec. 4 menu features bacon-wrapped filet mignon with port wine sauce, sautéed jumbo shrimp, Duchess potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower florets and a house salad. The Dec. 11 menu features prime rib au jus, twice-baked potatoes, asparagus spears with red peppers and house salad. The Dec. 18 menu includes a porterhouse steak with mushrooms and onions, baked potato, grilled corn on the cob and a house salad. Cost is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Nightlife is full of fun at the club

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts First Friday in the Maverick Lounge Dec. 4, 5-8 p.m., with Doggin' Dave Productions. Enjoy bar food, cold drinks, good friends and great music. Variety Nights are held in the Lone Star Lounge Dec. 4 and 11, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., with DJ J Rock and Dec. 5 and 18, 6-11 p.m., with DJ LJU. For more information, call 645-7034.

Fly-in turns old school

Join old school camaraderie at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Auger Inn Dec. 4 and 18, 5 p.m., with free refreshments and a live band. For more information, call 652-4864.

Club hosts bingo events

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club holds kiddie bingo with Santa Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children 12 years and younger play five games of bingo for free and can win door prizes. There is a complimentary buffet for children and adults may order from the Gil's Pub grill menu.

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts a bingo extravaganza Dec. 7 with \$15,000 in total jackpots, a free buffet at 5 p.m. and Early Bird Bingo at 6 p.m.

Celebrate December birthdays with bingo at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Dec. 8. Birthday members get one free machine, cake and lots of fun. This is for Randolph club members only. ID and club card required.

Bingo players are appreciated Dec. 17, 5 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club. The evening includes a complimentary dinner with a 6-ounce prime rib, two crab legs, baked potato, vegetables, green salad mix and an assortment of desserts. Door prizes are drawn throughout the night and participants must have an active club card, proof of bingo card purchase or a ticket to receive a meal.

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts a Super Holiday Extravaganza Dec. 21 with \$20,000 in jackpots and a complimentary buffet at 4:30 p.m. Early bird bingo begins at 6 p.m.

Participate in New Year's Eve bingo Dec. 31, 3 p.m. at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club. Enjoy complimentary champagne and a dessert bar. Players must show purchase receipt to participate. For more information, call 652-3056.

December birthdays are celebrated with food

Celebrate December birthdays with a buffet at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Dec. 8, 4:30-7:30 p.m. The buffet includes salad, two vegetables, two starches, two entrées, soup and birthday cake. This is free for birthday members. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$5.95 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$7.95 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 years and younger eat for free. For more information, call 652-4864.

Santa visits for brunch

Meet Santa at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for brunch Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children can take photos with Santa and receive a candy cane while Santa listens to Christmas wishes. All children are invited to enter for prize drawings. For more information, call 658-7445.

Guests mix and mingle during the holidays

Celebrate the holidays with drink specials, music and a possible visit from Santa at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Christmas Mixx Dec. 18, 5 p.m. Office gift exchanges may also be held here. For more information, call 652-3056.

Holiday meals are prepared by the club

Save time during the holidays by taking advantage of the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club's holiday meals-to-go now through Dec. 19. A 12-14 pound roast turkey costs \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. A 9-11 pound glazed Virginia pit ham costs \$50 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Meals include cornbread stuffing, whipped potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and apple pie. Cost for the turkey meal is \$75 for members and \$80 for nonmembers. Cost for the ham meal is \$85 for members and \$90 for nonmembers. Orders must be placed two days before pickup. Cost for preheated meals is \$15 and requests must be made when the order is placed. The last day to order is Dec. 17 and the last day to pick up is Dec. 19. Coupon are not accepted. For more information, call 645-7034.

The club welcomes a new year

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Lone Star Lounge Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. DJ DeeDee entertains with music and karaoke while guests spend time with friends and enjoy food from the bar menu. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call 645-7034.

Community Programs

Families are invited to holiday tree lighting ceremonies

Attend the JBSA-Lackland annual tree-lighting ceremony Dec. 1, 6 p.m., at the Gateway Club main entrance. Enjoy entertainment while Santa visits with children. For more information, call 925-9914.

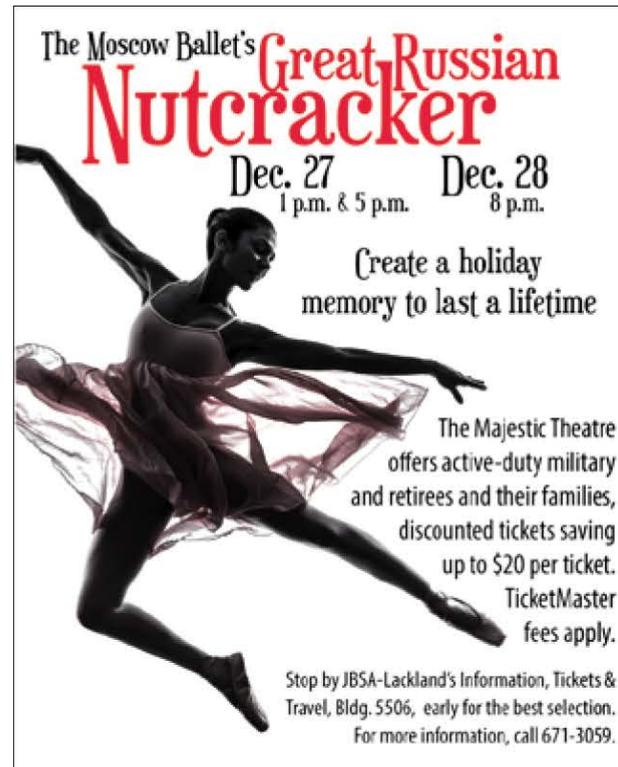
The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston tree-lighting ceremony is held Dec. 2, 6 p.m., at the flag pole on Stanley Road. Festivities include cookies, crafts, hay rides, a visit from Santa and the Grinch, real snow with a slide and music. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP and Starbucks®. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 652-5763.

The JBSA-Randolph annual tree-lighting ceremony is held at Washington Circle Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Entertainment and light refreshments are provided and Santa visits with children at the Taj Mahal. Washington Circle traffic is rerouted beginning at 4 p.m. This event is sponsored by First Command. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-4931.

Fitness

Zumba® lovers dance off calories

Burn calories at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus located on JBSA-Fort



The Moscow Ballet's **Great Russian Nutcracker**
 Dec. 27 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. Dec. 28 8 p.m.
 Create a holiday memory to last a lifetime
 The Majestic Theatre offers active-duty military and retirees and their families, discounted tickets saving up to \$20 per ticket. TicketMaster fees apply.
 Stop by JBSA-Lackland's Information, Tickets & Travel, Bldg. 5506, early for the best selection. For more information, call 671-3059.

Sam Houston Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with Zumba® Fest. Department of Defense ID cardholders workout for two hours of Latin-inspired dance with an array of instructors. Cost is \$10 and participants receive a T-shirt and refreshments. For more information, call 808-5713.

Bikers stay in shape with holiday bike ride

All Department of Defense ID cardholders can join in a 10-mile bike ride with the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Dec. 5, 8 a.m., at Eberle Park. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-7263.

Indoor marathon encourages self-improvement

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts an indoor marathon Dec. 7-11 during normal business hours. This self-monitored program is based on the honor system and participants complete 26.2 miles running or walking within one business week. Participants may pick up a card to track progress at the front desk. This program is open to Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 652-7263.

Basketball challenge adds to the holidays

Join the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center Dec. 11, 6 p.m., for the Holiday Basketball Challenge. Challenges include a three-on-three tournament, a three-point contest, a youth shootout and a shooting stars challenge. For more information, call 671-2016.

Train to save

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center offers a lifeguard certification course Dec. 19-22. Cost is \$160 per

student, 15 years and older. The course is a total of 32 hours and students must be able to pass a prerequisite swim test.

The JBSA-Lackland Aquatic Center has a heated indoor pool for lap swimming Monday, noon to 1 p.m. and Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open swim is Monday - Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 12:30-4:40 p.m. Swim lessons for youth 3 years and older and for adults are available. For more information, call 671-3780.

Fitness runs into the new year

All Department of Defense ID cardholders are invited to participate in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston New Year's Eve 5K run or walk at midnight Dec. 31. The event begins at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and refreshments are available afterwards. For more information, call 221-1234.

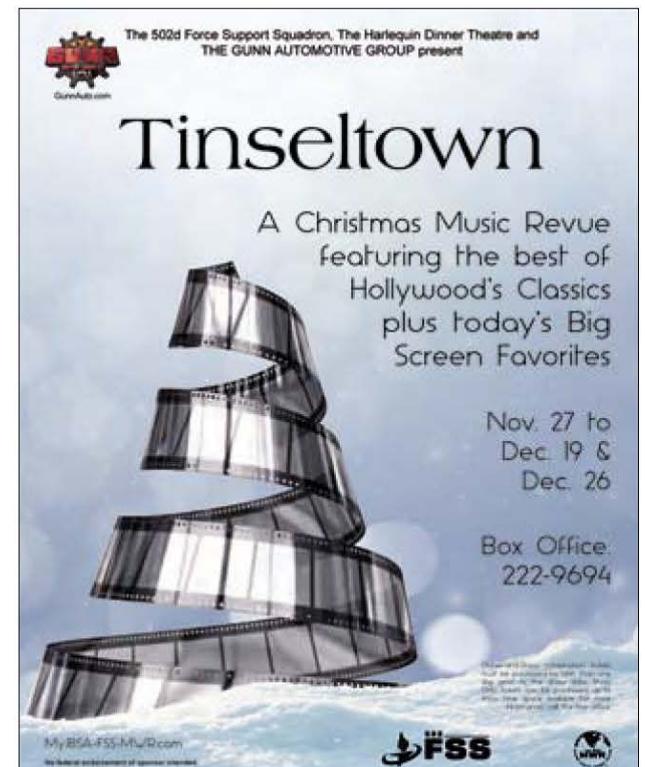
Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Warrior Four-Person Scramble Dec. 4 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner and gift certificates for the winners of longest drive and closest to the pin. The first-, second- and third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Golf course sets holiday hours

Mulligan's Grill at the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course is closed Dec. 24. The Pro Shop and Golf Course is open Dec. 24 and the entire facility is closed Dec. 25. For more information, call 652-4653.



The 502d Force Support Squadron, The Harlequin Dinner Theatre and THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP present
Tinseltown
 A Christmas Music Revue featuring the best of Hollywood's Classics plus today's Big Screen Favorites
 Nov. 27 to Dec. 19 & Dec. 26
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Junior golfers take holiday golf lessons

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course holds junior holiday golf classes Dec. 26-30. Children 8-11 years meet 10:30 a.m. to noon each day. Children 12-15 years meet 1-2:30 p.m. each day. Classes are limited to 10 golfers, cost is \$40 per child and each class is lead by a Professional Golfers' Association teaching professional. For more information, call 244-3415.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Theme park fun is ongoing

JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel, located in the Community Services Mall, building 895, has daily passes to SeaWorld®. Adult passes are \$60 and passes are \$50 for children 3-9 years. The park is open weekends through Dec. 31 and the Waves of Honor™ promotion is offered to active-duty military and ends Dec. 31.

JBSA-Randolph ITT also has discount passes to Six Flags®, open weekends to Jan. 3, 2016. For more information, call 652-5142.

Valentine's Day is celebrated with a cruise

Take a cruise to the western Caribbean Feb. 13-18, 2016. JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel offers a five-day Carnival Cruise sailing from Galveston, Texas to Progreso and Cozumel. Rates start at \$394 per person for an inside cabin, \$444 per person for an ocean view and \$574 per person for a room with a balcony. Gratuities are not included. A \$50 per person deposit and a \$10 service fee are due at booking. Final payment is due Dec. 11. For more information, call 671-3059.

Disney is waiting

Stop by the JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel for Disney tickets. The special admission ticket for active-duty military and retirees has been extended until Dec. 17. The limit of tickets that can be purchased has increased from six to 12 per military member or retiree. Military members must accompany the group to the gate to activate the tickets. Tickets are \$175.50 for a four-day park hopper with four additional days for Disney water parks and Disney Quest for \$250.50. The additional four day admissions must be used within 13 days of the original tickets. The JBSA-Lackland ITT also carries three-day park hopper admission tickets for \$130. For more information, call 671-3059.

Discount tickets for holiday show available

The Majestic Theatre offers active-duty military, retirees and their families discounted tickets to see the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker. Stop by JBSA-Lackland's Information, Tickets and Travel early for the best selection. Tickets are available for Dec. 27, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Dec. 28, 8 p.m. All ages feel the spirit of the season as the renowned, award-winning dancers thrill the audience with stunning leaps, turns and drops. Ticketmaster® fees apply. For more information, call 671-3059.

Spurs tickets available

The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has discounted Spurs tickets with no Ticketmaster® fees. Come

into the office or get the ITT discount online at www.spurs.com/lacklanditt. Use the promotion code: LACKLAND. For more information, call 671-3059.

Library

Family roots run deep

Participate in the JBSA-Lackland Library genealogical research workshop Dec. 13, 2 p.m. Receive an introduction to online tools, learn search techniques and discover websites available through the Bibliotech Digital Library that aid in locating ancestors. Registration is not required. For more information, call 671-2673.

JBSA libraries put on special holiday story time

Enjoy a holiday story or two plus an activity at the JBSA libraries. Holiday story time is hosted at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. The JBSA-Lackland Library holds holiday story time Dec. 15, 10 a.m., and the JBSA-Randolph Library celebrates the holidays with story time Dec. 16, 10 a.m. No registration is required. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at 221-4702; the JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2673 and the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578.

Military & Family Readiness

Computer skills are enhanced during training

Review the latest version of Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel and Word at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Microsoft PowerPoint level 1 is Dec. 1 and level two is Dec. 3. Microsoft Excel is Dec. 8. Microsoft Word level 1 is Dec. 15 and level 2 is Dec. 17. Classes are

8 a.m. to noon and are open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 221-2380.

Workshop teaches how to understand savings plan

Learn the major functions, investment options and more about the Thrift Savings Plan at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, Dec. 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 221-2380.

Participants learn tips for purchasing a new or used car

Join the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center Dec. 3, 1-2:30 p.m., for tips to help avoid classic sales traps and pitfalls associated with purchasing a car. For more information, call 671-3722.

Parents prepare for a new baby

Participate in the Bundles for Babies workshop at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., or at the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC Dec. 9, 1-4:30 p.m. Active-duty expecting parents receive information on financial planning, support groups and parenting skills. For more information, call the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321 or the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722.

Fortune 500 companies to hire military patrons

Service members, veterans and military spouses prepare for a transition summit and hiring fair Dec. 9, 4 p.m. and Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center. The two-day workshop features informative and interactive panel events, recruiter training, focused discussions on improving competitive employment, and a networking reception. To register visit <http://www.hiringourheroes.org>. For more information, call 221-2705.

Workshop focuses on the interview process

Participate in the Interviewing Skills workshop at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, or the Interview and Dress for Success workshop at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC Dec. 16, 9-11 a.m. These workshops focus on the importance of preparation, how to research prospective employers, how to discover ways to make a connection during an interview and how to answer questions during an interview. For more information, call the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321 and the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-2380.

Army Family Team Building has a birthday celebration

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center celebrates the establishment of the Army Family Team Building program Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. Army Family Team Building is a family training and readiness program that provides participants with a better understanding of the military culture, as well as the skills and resources needed to become resilient, self-sufficient and self-reliant. For more information, call 221-2705.

Single parents connect

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center hosts a brown-bag forum Dec. 17, noon to 1 p.m., to bring single parents together and share helpful resources and ways to overcome challenges. Focus on stress

management relaxation techniques followed by an open discussion. Registration is not required. For more information, call 652-5321.

Families attend a sensory-friendly movie

The Exceptional Family Members Program and the Family Life Program invite JBSA families to a sensory-friendly showing of "Author's Christmas," Dec. 21, 1-3 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 221-2705.

Facilities close for the holidays

All JBSA Military & Family Readiness Centers are closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31 for the holidays.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC is closed on the first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., for in-service training.

The JBSA-Lackland M&FRC is closed on the first and third Thursday of each month, 2-4 p.m., for in-service training. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-2418, the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722 and the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321.

Deployment briefing changes schedule

Beginning January 2016, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center offers briefings for post-deployment Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. Pre-deployment briefings are 9-11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month and 1-3 p.m. the second, fourth and fifth Thursday. For more information, call 221-2418.

Outdoor Recreation

Concealed handgun license class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center provides concealed handgun license classes Dec. 5 and 12, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. Cost is \$65. Students must be 21 years and older or active-duty military 18 years and older to participate. This program is for Department of Defense ID cardholders only. For more information, call 363-2332.

Archery takes on another dimension

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a three-dimensional archery competition Dec. 19-20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is 8-10 a.m. and the course must be completed by 1 p.m. The fun shoot is \$15, the competition shoot is \$20 and children 12 years and younger participate for \$5. For more information, call 295-7529.

Boat rentals are half price

Rent any boat at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake for half price during December. Cost includes safety equipment; fuel is not included. Rentals are on a first-come, first-serve basis and completion of the Boater's Safety Course through the state of Texas, a JBSA Outdoor Recreation office or JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake is mandatory. For more information, call 830-226-5357.

The JBSA-Lackland Equipment Rental offers half-price weekend boat rentals through the end of February. Prices vary depending on the size and type of boat. Weekend check outs begin Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and end Monday, 3 p.m. For more information, call 925-5533.

Cottages are discounted

Rent a cottage at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake for \$75 a night Monday through Thursday during the month of December. Cottages include three bedrooms with a queen-size bed in each room, a full bathroom, a full kitchen, a fully furnished living room with a television and a Blu-ray DVD player. Each cottage accommodates up to eight people and linens are provided. For more information, call 830-226-5357.

Youth and Children

Boys enjoy a night in

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs hosts the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Passport to Manhood Lock-in Dec. 4, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. This event is for boys in sixth grade and higher. Cost is \$15 per person and sign up is available through the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, building 1630, and the Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. For more information, call 221-3630.

Gifts are created at the Winter Craftapalooza

Youth 5 years and older are invited to the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a day of creating holiday gifts. Cost is \$5 per child and sign up ends Dec. 2. For more information, call 652-3298.

Youth have a ball at the winter dance

Join the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs for the Winter Ball Dec. 11, 6-9 p.m. This event is for youth 9-12 years and cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Light snacks are provided. For more information, call 652-2088.

Parents get a break

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs presents Give Parents A Break Dec. 12, 1-5 p.m. Parents drop off children 5-12 years at Youth Programs for activities, entertainment and snacks. Cost is \$25 per child with multiple child discounts or free with a GPAB referral. Preregistration is required. Parents with children 6 months to 5 years can call 671-3675 to make reservations. For more information, call 671-2388.

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts Give Parents a Break/Kids Adventure Night Dec. 12, 1-5 p.m. Registration is Dec. 1-9. This event is at the Child Development Programs Annex for children 2 years and younger and at Youth Programs for children 3 years and older. Cost is \$25 with a multiple-child discount and free for GPAB waiver holders. For more information, call 652-4946.

Youth programs available for free

Bring youth to participate in membership free week in celebration of Month of the Military Family Dec. 14-18 at the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs. No membership is needed to participate in clubs, activities or open recreation. This program does not include instructional classes, league sports and School Age Programs. Regular membership is \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298.

Teens are locked in

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs, building 1630, hosts a Teen Lock-In with lots of fun, food, sports and music Dec. 18, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person or \$5 for current Keystone Club members. For more information, call 221-3502.

Youth join JBSA-Fort Sam Houston holiday camp

Registration for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs holiday camp is ongoing and ends Dec. 9. Register youth at Parent Central, building 2530. Camp runs Dec. 23-24 and 28-31. Pre-registration is required and cost is based on total family income for participants in kindergarten to seventh grade. Cost for youth in eighth grade and higher is \$100 for the week or \$30 per day. For more information, call 221-4871.

Youth join JBSA-Lackland holiday camp

Parents working through the holidays are invited to enroll children 5 years and in kindergarten to 12 years, in the JBSA-Lackland School Age Programs for safe and fun activities Dec. 21-24. Deadline to register for camp is Dec. 7. Camps include field trips and are closed during observed holidays and have reduced hours on Air Education and Training Command Family Days.

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs offers youth, 9-18 years, a chance to sharpen basketball skills at Holiday Basketball Camp Dec. 28-30, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$50 per child with lunch included. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 14.

Sign up for the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs Robotics and Photography Camp. Robotics camp runs Dec. 21-23 and sign up ends Dec. 7. Photography camp runs Dec. 28-30 and sign up ends Dec. 14. Both camps are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost is \$50 per child, per camp.

Sign ups for all holiday camps made after registration deadlines are subject to a \$15 late fee and availability. For more information, call 671-2388.

Youth join JBSA-Randolph holiday camp

Registration for the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs holiday camp is ongoing and ends Dec. 11. Camp runs Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-29. This program is open to youth in kindergarten through sixth grade, 5-12 years. Placement is based on eligibility priority. Fees are based on total family income and all required paperwork must be on file. For more information, call 652-2088.

Artwork is displayed

The JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts the Annual Boys and Girls Club National Fine Arts Exhibit Jan. 7-8. The deadline for submitting artwork is Dec. 18. For more information, call 652-2088.

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Firefighters unite for training



Tech. Sgt. William Everett, 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, operates a fire engine pump panel Nov. 17 at Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston.



Aaron Lathrop, Fire Department Training Network instructor, briefs 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron and Bexar County firefighters during training Nov. 17 at Joint Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston.

JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention, Response

To report a sexual assault, call the 24/7 Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Hotline at 808-7272 or the Department of Defense Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247.



One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. Submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

Holiday tree lighting ceremony

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Christmas Tree lighting ceremony takes place 6 p.m. Thursday in Washington Circle. The Randolph High School band and Randolph Elementary School choir will perform classic holiday music and children will be able to meet with Santa after the ceremony in the Clark Rotunda within the Taj, building 100.

Washington Circle will be closed to traffic beginning at 2 p.m.

Infant massage class

A five-part infant massage class is offered 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 9, 11 and 16 at the Human Performance Resource Center, building 999. Infant massage helps normalize muscle tone, improve blood circulation, stimulate brain development and improve sensory awareness and may help relieve discomfort from constipation, gas and colic. Limited seating available. To register, call 221-2418.

Holiday cookie drive

A holiday cookie drive to provide a taste of home during the holiday season for junior enlisted members who might be away from home for the first time during the holiday season is being held again this year.

Homemade or store-bought cookie donations can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 9 at the chapel annex. Those who wish to volunteer for this year's cookie drive can call 395-9362 or 565-1292.

Holiday mail deadlines

To ensure holiday packages and mail are delivered on time for the holidays, the United

States Postal Service recommends customers observe the following mailing and shipping deadlines:

- Tuesday - First-Class International® and Priority Mail International®
- Dec. 8 - Priority Mail Express International®
- Dec. 15 - Standard Post™
- Dec. 19 - Global Express Guaranteed® and First Class Mail®
- Dec. 21 - Priority Mail®
- Dec. 23 - Priority Mail Express®

For more details, call the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Post Office at 652-2606.

Construction planned for Golf Road

The 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron is planning a pavement rehabilitation project on Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Golf Road, which will include removal and replacement of existing pavement and curbs.

Demolition and construction will occur in a single phase forcing commercial and privately owned vehicle traffic entering JBSA-Randolph's South Gate to be re-routed to the West Perimeter Road.

The West Perimeter Road detour for drivers will be located on the second left entering the South Gate. Traffic exiting the South Gate will also use West Perimeter Road as a detour route. Traffic to and from Randolph Oaks golf course will be accessible from the South Gate and West Perimeter Road. Airfield traffic will not be affected by the project.

Golf Road will be closed starting Dec. 7 with a planned reopening Feb. 2, 2016. Traffic may be slightly delayed when the Randolph High School has special events occurring.

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

From the Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General

The Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General completed four Air Force courts-martial during October 2015. The results of a court-martial are not final until the clemency and/or appeals process is completed.

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

Airman 1st Class Luis F. Santos of the 959th Inpatient Operations Squadron was found guilty by a military judge of two specifications of sexual assault in violation of Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, reduction to E-1, total forfeitures of pay and 18 months confinement.

Capt Jorge O. Pagan from Air Force ROTC Det. 840 pled guilty with a pre-trial agreement and a general court-martial of eight officers sentenced him to a dismissal, 30 days confinement and a reprimand, for two violations of Article 92, UCMJ. The Article 92 violations were for inappropriate relationships with female cadets.

Airman Jelani Connell and Airman Basic Micah Boszeman were each acquitted of all charges faced at general court-martial for alleged violations of Article 120 and 128 of the UCMJ.

During the month of October 2015, JBSA Air Force commanders administered 13 non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the UCMJ.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record. A suspended punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

False Official Statement (fitness score card): An officer forfeited \$2,609 pay per month for two months, with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty: An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21. For this misconduct, the member received a reduction to Airman, forfeiture of \$404 pay and a reprimand.

Failure to go/disrespect towards an NCO: A senior airman failed to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty. Additionally, the member displayed disrespect towards an NCO as he approached the NCO until he was face-to-face and raised his voice at the NCO. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand.

Wrongful use of marijuana: A senior airman tested positive for marijuana during a unit sweep. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeitures of \$1,027 for two months with one

month suspended and a reprimand.

Drunk and disorderly: A master sergeant who was a member of a medical training team on temporary duty to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, over consumed alcohol and became drunk and disorderly in the team hotel. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,836 per month for two months and a reprimand.

Underage consumption of alcohol: An airman first class consumed alcohol while underage at a bar. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$500 pay and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty: An airman was found vaping in his dormitory. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$773 pay for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

False official statement: An airman first class made a false official statement to an Air Force Office of Special Investigations special agent regarding the facts surrounding an official investigation. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand.

Wrongful use of marijuana: An airman first class tested positive for marijuana on a Bickel test at a level higher than she initially tested during a unit sweep. The member received a 21 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Health benefits open season continues to Dec. 14

By Janis El Shabazz

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

The 2016 open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program and the Federal Flexible Spending Accounts Program runs through Dec. 14.

During open season, employees and retirees will have the chance to review their current plans and make any changes they desire. For the first time, plan participants may now choose a "self plus one" option.

The self plus one option allows enrollees to cover themselves and one eligible family member. Eligibility for the self plus one option is the same as for the self and family enrollment. Eligible family members include spouses and children under age 26; however, a child with a mental or physical disability that existed before age 26 is also eligible for enrollment as a family member.

"In many cases plan participants will see a savings in choosing self plus one coverage over self and family coverage, but that is not true in all cases," said Erica Cathro, an Air Force Personnel Center human resources specialist. "The formula used to calculate the government contribution is based on the average of all plan premiums and requires that the Office of Personnel Management calculate a maximum contribution for each enrollment type. If a plan's premium costs exceed the government's



allotted contribution for a self only, self plus one, or self and family enrollment, the employee must pay the remaining amount."

Cathro cautioned employees to pay close attention and compare the rates for FEHB self plus one versus self and family before making their coverage election for 2016.

OPM will open a "special enrollment period" in the month of February to allow active FEHB participants who would have been better served switching to self plus one coverage more time to make the change.

Some plans are leaving the FEHB program at the end of 2015 or reducing their service areas and terminating their enrollment codes. Employees in the terminating plans must enroll in another health plan to ensure they

have health benefits for 2016.

Health care and limited expense flexible spending accounts will no longer have a grace period. Qualifying participants will now be able to carryover up to \$500 of unused funds. To be eligible for carryover, participants must have enrolled during open season or as a new hire during the year and must meet the following requirements:

- Be actively employed by a FSAFEDS participating agency and contributing to a FSA account through Dec. 31.
- Re-enroll for the next benefit period. If the employee does not re-enroll, the right to carryover funds will be forfeited.
- Dependent care FSAs will continue to have a grace period each year and are not eligible to carryover funds from one year to the next.

There are no significant changes to the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program.

Employees can make health benefits elections through the Employee Benefits Information System, which can be accessed through the "Civilian Employee" homepage of the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil/>.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, go to the myPers website. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions on the Air Force Retirees Services website at <http://www.retirees.af.mil/mypers/index.asp>.

Reading connects troops, family members during deployments

By Claudette Roulo
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No matter how far deployed service members are from their families, they still can take an active role in the care of their children, the military's top noncommissioned officer said in San Diego Nov. 14.

"United Through Reading has made it possible for every parent, teacher, mentor and leader in our all-volunteer force to instill a keen appetite for literacy and enable the empowerment and impact that reading brings to every kid," said Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan B. Battaglia, the senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in his keynote address at the organization's seventh annual Storybook Ball.

Reading should remain a priority for every parent, teacher and guardian, he said, and it's the job of every leader to encourage this attitude. Rearing America's youth is a "community affair," Battaglia said.

There is empirical evidence that reading aloud is the "single most important act for building early reading skills," said Sally Ann Zoll, the chief executive officer of United Through Reading.

The Battaglias have been involved with United Through Reading for nearly 30 years, the sergeant major said. His wife, Lisa, became a volunteer shortly after the organization formed – at a time when it was extremely difficult for families to remain in contact with their deployed service members, the sergeant major said.

"With the exception of letters, a sporadic short phone call from the USO pay phone or maybe a MARSgram, family connectivity was less hit and more miss," Battaglia said.

While technology has made staying in touch easier, separations are still trying times for families – particularly those with children, the sergeant major said. And reunions can be just as trying, he added.

For many toddlers and young children, the returned parent is a "stranger in the household," Battaglia said. Over the years, United Through Reading has played a key role in making separations and homecomings a bit easier through their storybook reading program, the sergeant major said.

In 2014 alone, service members recorded more

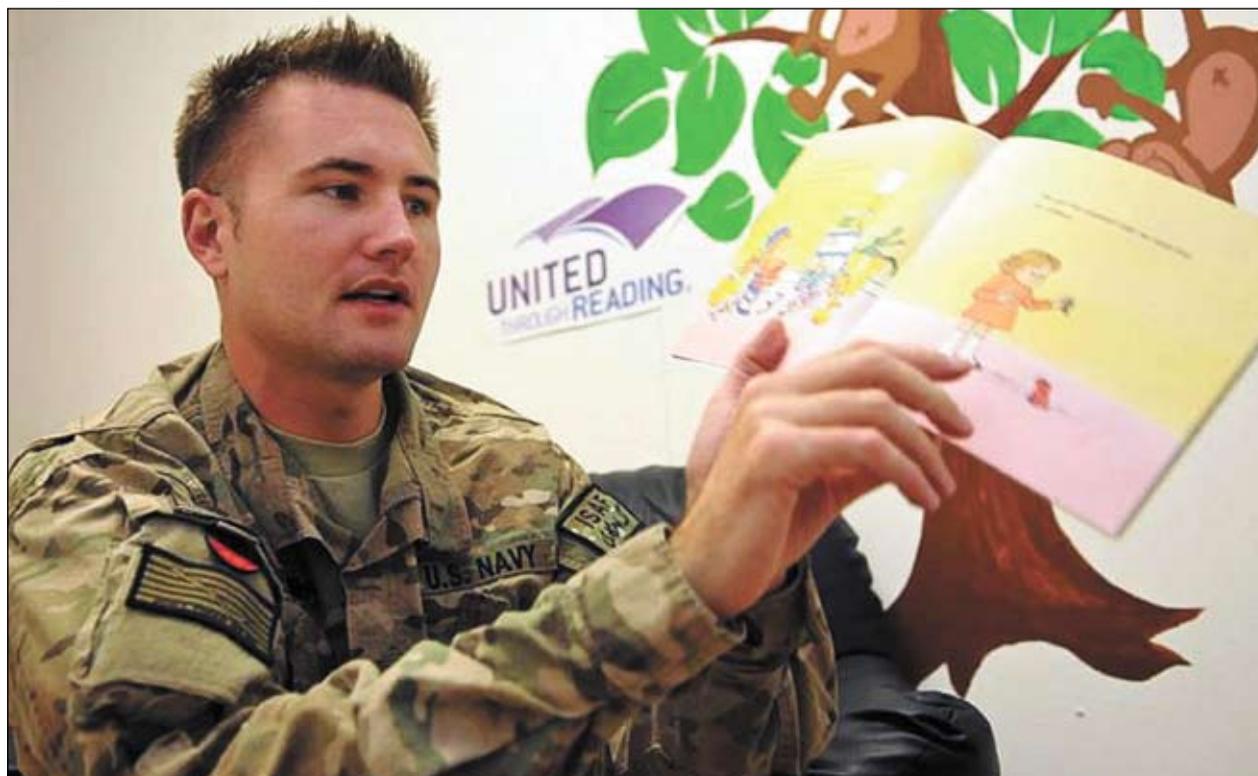


Photo by Chief Petty Officer Josh Ives

U.S. Navy Lt. j.g. Matthew Stroup, public affairs officer assigned to Provincial Reconstruction Team Farah, reads a book Jan. 18, 2013 as part of a United Through Reading read-a-thon sponsored by the team on Forward Operating Base Farah, Afghanistan.

than 25,000 videos through United Through Reading at locations around the world – at sea and on six continents – according to Zoll.

Battaglia related the story of a soldier who deployed to Iraq in 2009, leaving behind his wife and two young boys.

A few months into his deployment, United Through Reading helped the soldier record a video of himself reading "Green Eggs and Ham." The organization sent a CD and two copies of the book to the soldier's family, and the boys immediately reacted to the video as if their father was in the room reading to them, the sergeant major said.

Books and videos arrived every month for the duration of the soldier's deployment, and the happiness they provided went both ways, Battaglia said. The soldier's monthly visits to the USO tent to record the videos became a way for him to decompress from his hazardous job as an explosive ordnance technician, he said.

This is just one example of the tens of thousands of military families helped by United Through Reading, the sergeant major said. "Connecting families, educating, and raising the spirits of our military and families is what UTR does and it's what they are good at," Battaglia said.



Cycling team holds membership, recruiting meetings

The San Antonio Air Force Cycling Team will hold membership and recruiting meetings across Joint Base San Antonio for Airmen, civilians, retirees and dependents interested in joining the team. Meetings will discuss membership requirements, registration for the annual Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, training rides and organized rides participation.

- The JBSA-Randolph meeting is Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Kendrick Club chief's room.
 - The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston meeting is Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Golf Course Lady Card room.
 - The JBSA-Lackland meeting will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Arnold Hall Community Center
- For more information, call 652-3964.



Football legend inspires JBSA-Randolph members

Herschel Walker, retired professional football player, speaks about resiliency to Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph members Nov. 18 at the Fleenor Auditorium. Walker is a former college football player, bobsledder, sprinter and mixed martial artist. He played college football for the University of Georgia, earned consensus All-American honors three times and won the 1982 Heisman Trophy. He finished his professional career with the Dallas Cowboys.

Photo by Joel Martinez

Driving around Washington Circle safely

Base safety and security officials want people to be aware of the procedures for driving in and out of Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Washington Circle.

Officials want to ensure motorists know which lanes they should be in when entering and exiting the circle.

The biggest safety issue occurs when vehicles try to directly exit the circle from the left lane instead of moving to the right lane in advance of their exit turn. Officials urge people to drive defensively and use caution in and around Washington Circle.

TRAFFIC RULES FOR WASHINGTON CIRCLE

- Traffic entering the circle must yield to traffic already in the circle.
- When entering the circle:
 - ① If you are exiting at the first or second exit, stay in the outside lane or right lane.
 - ② If you are exiting at the third exit or beyond, use the inside or left lane until ready to exit
- If two vehicles are side by side, the vehicle in the outside lane has the right of way.
- All traffic must signal for turns when exiting the circle.

