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Help Us, Help You!

By Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta

502nd Air Base Wing
and Joint Base San Antonio commander

I can't believe how fast the past two years have flown by and what an amazing ride it's been. As was the case when I took command on May 29, 2013, I am incredibly honored to serve on such a great team and to call myself a member of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio – the premiere installation in the Department of Defense!

As I begin my third year in command, please know that the 502nd Air Base Wing is committed to excellence and is driven by our mission to, "provide unrivaled installation support and service to enable Mission Partner success."

However, realizing this is a team sport, we absolutely need the entire JBSA team – every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman, Coast Guardsman, civil servant, contractor and family member – to help us keep the momentum moving forward. As Tom Cruise's character said in the movie "Jerry Maguire," with a twist, "Help us, help you!"

As your installation support providers, the 502nd ABW is going to employ the Jerry Maguire strategy in a few areas where I'm certain that all of us, the entire JBSA team, can make a difference working together over the next year.

Specifically, we will seek your assistance in improving safety, energy efficiency and installation stewardship. Regardless of where we work, or how we contribute to the mission, these three focus areas apply to all of us.

Safety

The safety of every single team member who works, lives, and plays on JBSA is of paramount importance. The motto "Safety First!" should be at the forefront of everyone's mind and in everything we do as a shared responsibility.

For example, don't put yourself in precarious situations on the road, and be attentive while driving, both on and off the installation. Keep your head on a swivel especially in bad weather or in heavy traffic. It only takes a split second of distracted driving to have your life and the lives of your family changed forever.

Even though we all are aware of the hands-free cell phone use policy, it continues to amaze me how some members still violate this law. Please, I can't stress

enough, just hold off on receiving or placing that phone call or text until you're no longer behind the wheel ... because your life and those around you matter.

With the warmer weather, we'll see more motorcycles on the road. Be alert for those riders and make sure you give them the room you and they need to maneuver. Bikers, you play a bigger role in preserving your own safety.

So, drive offensively and defensively and make sure you're wearing appropriate protective equipment (helmet, eye protection, sturdy footwear, long sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants and full-fingered gloves).

Also, although no longer a mandatory requirement, wearing reflective gear at all times is the smart thing to do. The feel and freedom of a good ride is always best when you return to your loved ones safe and sound ... because your life and those around you matter.

For all my fellow runners and walkers out there, take extra precautions when you are doing PT in the early morning hours and after dark. Make sure that you can be seen clearly by wearing reflective belts, gear or clothing.

Moreover, always be alert of your surroundings by staying off the road and runways and remaining on sidewalks and running tracks. In addition, don't run or walk with headphones or ear buds on if you cross a road as it's not only a breach of installation policies, it's just plain smart.

Remember, put safety first in everything you do ... because your life and those around you matter.

Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency is another of the 502nd ABW's top priorities and we need everyone's commitment in order to achieve success. All of us can make a difference by reducing our energy-use/consumption across JBSA. The corresponding savings we achieve in decreasing our overall utility costs will then be shifted to fund other critical installation support requirements.

One of the easiest ways to be more energy efficient is to turn off unnecessary lights and remind our co-workers, neighbors and friends to do the same every time they depart their rooms, offices and homes.

Also, we should turn off computer monitors and other peripherals (copier

machines, printers, speakers, etc.) when not in use (of course, check with your systems administrator first). Statistics show that we can cut energy costs by 10 percent by instituting these simple, self-help measures – this equates to approximately \$4.9 million per year.

Cooling and heating our facilities comprises a significant portion of our utility costs – approximately \$49 million per year across JBSA. Therefore, thermostats for most work spaces should be maintained between 68 to 70 degrees in the winter and 76 to 78 degrees in the summer. Bumping our thermostats by just one or two degrees will have a huge effect on energy consumption resulting in significant cost savings across the entire JBSA complex.

Finally, although we've had a very wet spring, water is another valuable resource that we must conserve and protect.

While we may move from Stage II to Stage I water restrictions – even if we completely come out of restrictions for the short term, we must always be mindful of how we're using (not wasting) our water, and follow the posted guidelines.

We also need to observe and report any water leaks, faulty sinks, toilets or showers to our facility managers who will submit a work order to the 502ndnd Civil Engineering Squadron for action.

Installation Stewardship

Many years ago, when I was Airman 1st Class LaBrutta, I grew up in an Air Force that had cleaning details and we were required to take care of our facilities, including the grounds around our facilities – as this work was not outsourced. Therefore, I spent many days picking up trash and cigarette butts, pruning bushes, and cleaning offices and dormitories.

Today, "JBSA Proud" is not just a two-time-a-year catch phrase or program. Instead, we should all take pride in the way our buildings and work areas look every day. Therefore, if you see something that needs to be cleaned, fixed or removed, don't walk past it ... clean it, fix it or report it.

All of us have a responsibility to keep the 50-foot areas around our facilities and common areas clear of trash, and ensure that the landscaped areas are maintained by removing weeds and

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ON THE COVER

Maj. Todd Salzwedel, 559th Flying Training Squadron director of staff, and a 558th FTS remotely piloted aircraft instrument qualification student, take flight during an orientation ride in a T-6 Texas II May 12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. For the complete story, see page 12.

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502nd Air Base Wing stresses summer safety practices

By Jose T. Garza III
Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Public Affairs

The 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office is emphasizing summer safety by implementing the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, an annual Air Force initiative aimed at reducing fatalities during the busy summer months.

The 101 critical days of summer began Memorial Day weekend and ends on Labor Day.

Travis Kilpack, 502nd ABW ground safety manager, noted that vehicle and motorcycle fatalities are more likely during this period, which is regarded as the busiest vacation time of the year.

“Riding motorcycles and cars account for the highest fatality rates during the summer,” Kilpack said. “I hope that the 101 Critical Days of Summer messages continue getting out to people. As we continue to spread the message and repeat the information, it helps to foster a new culture of safety among our younger Airmen and civilians.”

Kilpack added that he would like to see a decrease in accidents related to high-risk

activities such as motorcycle riding.

“We are not telling people to stop what they are doing, but rather to plan well and accordingly,” Kilpack said. “They should plan for risks, for instance in skydiving; they should train on how to pack their chute, and have their buddy it and vice versa. We want people to apply that same risk management mentality into all things they do.”

He stressed that safety starts with the chain of command.

“We want leaders to show Airmen that it is very important to not only get their work done at all costs, but rather safely, efficiently and economically,” Kilpack said.

He also added that safety pays dividends in efficiency because the work was completed without injury, translating into no one having to work double to complete an unfinished assignment left by an injured co-worker.

Between 2012 and 2014 there were four fatalities in the Air Education and Training Command, one in 2013 and 2014 in vehicle accidents and two in motorcycle accidents in 2012.



Photo by Senior Airman Dustin King

Members of the Joint Base San Antonio community view motorcycles on display at the JBSA Safe Summer Kick Off and Motorcycle Safety event, which was sponsored by the 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office May 21 at the JBSA-Lackland main Base Exchange.

NEWS

Career assistance advisor: Informing, developing the force

By Tech. Sgt. Beth Anschutz

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Life is full of decisions.

Whether making the Air Force a career or using experience drawn from service to springboard into a civilian profession, always looking one or two steps ahead can be a good way to keep options open and set oneself up for success.

In the journey through life in the Air Force, a career assistance advisor acts as a compass to navigate successfully.

A common theme throughout the robust list of CAA responsibilities is development and information sharing. For the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph CAA, Master Sgt. Sanelle Romero, assisting Airmen with life- and career-impacting decisions is exactly what she loves to do.

“I aspire to be the wingman our junior enlisted can rely on to answer questions for all situations, for example retraining or reenlistment, or even the hard decision of whether or not to separate from this great institution,” Romero said. “I want to be the senior NCO that equips all Airmen with the proper tools to transition into the next phase in their career or in life.”

Romero said she enjoyed mentoring and guiding Airmen as a supervisor. Her most memorable assignment, prior to her duty now, was at the 319th Training Squadron at JBSA-Lackland, where she was able to mentor and counsel basic military trainees from day one of training to the day they left for technical school. She knew that in a special duty as a CAA she could dedicate all of her time to developing Airmen.

“There is nothing better than waking up and walking into a job that you love doing,” she said. “The Airmen are so intelligent and full of so many great ideas. Being able to share in their experiences and see them blossom into outstanding military Airmen, NCOs and senior NCOs is the most rewarding aspect of what I do.”

Romero’s day-to-day job consists mainly of scheduling and facilitating professional development seminars for Airmen at all levels, focused on topics like professional enhancement, public speaking and enlisted performance report writing, just to name a few. She averages six to eight seminars a month.

Romero also facilitates the First Term Airmen’s Course and acts as the base’s principal advisor on retention, pay and benefits programs. She also conducts one-on-one counseling sessions with Airmen from all career fields and at all stages in their Air Force career.

“Each Airman is going through a different phase of their career, whether they are separating, retraining or becoming a new supervisor. As CAAs, we ensure they have the correct guidance and re-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Beth Anschutz

Master Sgt. Sanelle Romero, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph career assistance advisor, speaks to a group of Airmen during a professional development seminar.

sources they need to make an informed decision,” she said.

Career assistance advisors are one of 10 special duties identified as developmental special duties. The 10 DSDs were highlighted and set apart in 2013 “due to the unique leadership roles and the Airman’s responsibility to mentor and mold future leaders,” according to a memo from Air Force Personnel Center Headquarters. In order to ensure the highest quality Airmen are assigned to DSD positions, the Air Force implemented a nomination process.

Although Romero was not hired through the new developmental special duty process, she still went through a competitive review process and had a panel interview before she was given her assignment as JBSA-Randolph CAA. She was chosen for her ability to be an ambassador and role model for the Air Force core values and disciplines.

She says she has great respect for the responsibility of her position and is appreciative of the emphasis on professionalism for future CAAs to come.

“We need the right people mentoring and molding our future replacements ... my replacement,” she said. “It is necessary with all of the changes the Air Force is going through that we ensure the most qualified Airmen take on this responsibility, which is not an easy task! The DSD process helps create and develop the world’s greatest Airmen.”

Airmen can visit their local career assistance advisors for more information on the responsibilities of the position or they can visit the Air Force Portal and search for information about specific DSD positions.

(Editor’s note: This is part of a series about Air Force Developmental Special Duties.)

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pruning bushes and trees.

Our key tasks should be to remove trash, old furniture, large tree limbs, brush and non-household trash. We should take responsibility to sweep sidewalks, curbs and to police streets and parking lots for unsightly trash and rubbish.

Our professional organizations, such as the Company Grade Officers' Council, Top Three Association, First Sergeants Association and the numerous Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airmen, and Coast Guard Councils, booster clubs and private organizations are encouraged to adopt roads, parks and other areas inside our fence-lines ... just like we do in our surrounding communities.

Additionally, when we're at our exchanges, Class Six Stores and commissaries, let's make a point to pick up trash on the way in or out of the facilities, replace shopping carts and don't leave them lose in the streets and if we see one of our teammates littering ... let's remind them of their responsibilities as well.

Moreover, let's all do our part in taking care of what we already have, not just in the workplace, but also at our recreation facilities.

For instance, when using the fitness centers, please be sure to use the sanitary wipes that are provided to help keep things clean and reduce the spread of germs. Avoid slamming the equipment around, put the weight plates back on the stands, and when using the elliptical and cycle machines hang on to the proper handles and bars and not on the TV monitors.

Using the equipment properly and cleaning after ourselves will reduce breakage, extend useable life spans and reduce the costs associated with premature replacement.

Again, I'm looking forward to carrying the guidon of the 502nd ABW for another year as a member of this "team of teams" - JBSA!

By "helping us, help you" we'll make significant improvements in the areas of safety, energy efficiency, and installation stewardship. After all, the strategy worked for Jerry Maguire and Rod Tidwell. In the end, Rod got his contract and Jerry regained his reputation of being a superb agent.

I have no doubt that with all of us working together there is nothing we can't accomplish and JBSA will continue to be "the premiere installation in the Department of Defense!"

JBSA-Randolph NCO receives national award



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Cate Gaco-Escalera (second from left), 359th Medical Support Squadron superintendent at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, was awarded the Federal Asian Pacific American Council's Military Meritorious Service Award May 6 in Rockville, Maryland. The award honors military members who have supported the Department of Defense mission, overseas contingency operations or whose attributes best epitomize the qualities and core values of their respective military service or other DOD component. The award is presented in conjunction with Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

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.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

Dining facility closing for renovations

The Rendezvous Dining Facility will close for renovations Monday through Nov. 15. During the renovation period, the Kendrick Club will be the designated venue for all meal-card customers. Meals will be served at the following times:

Breakfast: Monday-Friday: 6:30-8 a.m.

Lunch: Monday-Friday: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: Monday-Sunday and holidays: 5-6:30 p.m.

Brunch: Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The dining facility will reopen with a new look and a wider range of food offerings while accommodating a more diverse customer base – anyone with access to JBSA-Randolph. The project is part of the Air Force Materiel Command's Food Transformation Initiative that began in 2010. For questions, call 652-4404/2555.

Air Force Sergeants Association golf tournament

A four-person scramble takes place June 12 at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Teams are asked to arrive at 11 a.m. with a start time of 12:30 p.m. Call 652-0891 to register by June 5.

Discounted tuition for federal employees

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management and Champlain College have entered into an agreement to provide up to a 70 percent tuition discount through the college's truED alliance program.

The agreement allows federal employees to complete an 18-credit undergraduate certificate for \$3,000, a bachelor's degree for less than \$12,000 and a master's degree for as little as \$9,600. Federal employees, spouses and adult family members will have access to the degree programs.

For more information, visit <http://www.champlain.edu/truedfed>.

LEAD scholarships

The Leaders of Enlisted Airman Development council offers four scholarship opportunities to help overcome education expenses such as tuition, fees and books. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 are awarded quarterly.

To be eligible, an applicant must be an enlisted member or a family member of an enlisted member of Joint Base San Antonio. Applicants must be seeking degrees from higher learning institutions. Essays will be submitted through June 12 and will be awarded for the Fall semester of 2015. For more information, call 671-8138.



Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

June

Bowling

Bowling centers make improvements

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center is closed for installation of a fire suppression system. The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center is also undergoing renovations and has limited lanes open. Bowlers are welcome to visit the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center. For more information, call 671-1234.

Bowlers sign up for summer leagues

Sign up at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center to participate in one of the summer leagues.

The United States Bowling Congress-sanctioned Storm Pro-Am League takes place June 1 to Aug. 19. Each member to join the program receives a Storm bowling ball and entry into the Pro-Am tournament Aug. 28 at the JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center. The Professional Bowlers Association Experience League is from June 1 to Aug. 19. Participants bowl on the same types of PBA patterns and challenging lane conditions as professional bowlers during this 12-week USBC sectioned sports league. Both of these leagues are open to USBC youth and adults.

The Coushatta Casino League runs from June 1 to Aug. 6. Members of this USBC league enjoy a trip to the Coushatta Casino in Coushatta, La. Aug. 9-10 with round-trip bus transportation and hotel accommodations included. This league is open to USBC adult bowlers 21 years and older.

For more information concerning any of these leagues, call 652-6271.

Fathers are treated to bowling specials

Fathers bowling at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling center June 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., receive free shoe rental. For more information, call 671-1234.

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers three free games of bowling for dads June 21, 1-4 p.m. Shoe rental is not included. Family members can bowl for the special Father's Day rate of \$2.50 per game. For more information, call 652-6271.

Community Programs

Force Support Squadron appreciates customers

This year's Customer Appreciation event takes place at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club June 5, 5-9 p.m. Activities include free summertime food with a buffet for adults and kids, swimming, music, games, face painting and inflatables. Vendor-provided games include a four-sided 24-foot rock climbing wall, a large inflatable slide and mechanical bull. Admission to the center pool is free after 5 p.m. A bar is available for the purchase of alcoholic beverages and sodas.

As a special thanks, FSS customers are being offered \$2 off San Antonio Zoo tickets (limit of four per Department of Defense ID card) at the Community Services Mall (building 895) June 5. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, Randolph-Brooks Federal Union, First Command and Budweiser. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Theater presents "Red, White and Tuna"

Red, White and Tuna takes place at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theater until June 6. This show takes the audience through a satirical ride into the hearts and minds of the polyester-clad citizens of Tuna, Texas, where men are men, gossip reigns supreme and everyone knows your business. Along with Tuna's perennial favorites, some new Tuna denizens burst into the Forth of July Tuna High School Class Reunion, which sets the stage for a show full of fireworks and fun. This show is sponsored by The GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

Expectant parents prepare for baby

Bundles for Babies is held June 5, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center and June 17, 1-4 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. Newly expecting parents learn about finances, car seat safety, new parent support programs, dental hygiene, Women Infants and Children and other support programs. These events are open to all active-duty service members and their spouses. Registration is required. Call 671-3722 for the JBSA-Lackland workshop and 652-5321 for the JBSA-Randolph workshop.

Buyers find bargains

Find bargains at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Community Center quarterly flea market in the Warhawk Fitness Center parking lot June 6, 8 a.m. to noon. Enjoy shopping, food and music. Sellers can rent spaces for \$10 and tables for an extra \$5 each, cash only. For more information, call 671-3191.

Summer camp starts with the arts

The JBSA Exceptional Family Member Program hosts "Starts with the Arts" summer camp for JBSA EFMP special needs children ages 5-18 and their siblings. The camp provides an opportunity to engage and inspire through the arts with fun activities in music, dance, drama and visual arts. Registration is ongoing until full. The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston camp is June 23-26, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Dodd Field Chapel; the JBSA-Lackland camp is June 8-12, 9 a.m. to noon at the Freedom Chapel and the JBSA-Randolph camp is July 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Religious Activities Center. To sign up, call 221-2705 for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston camp,

671-3722 for the JBSA-Lackland camp and 652-5321 for the JBSA-Randolph camp.

Key spouses attend training

Military spouses who have volunteered or have been appointed by a unit commander as a Key Spouse must attend this training June 10, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. The training covers Key Spouse roles, resiliency, suicide awareness and sexual assault prevention and response. For more information, call 671-3722.

New spouses learn about JBSA

Military spouses are welcome to attend the Spouse Information Fair, June 11, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Spouses meet and connect with over 20 different military agencies to learn about services offered in JBSA. For more information, call 221-2705.

Workshops support resiliency

Leaders, managers, team members, parents and spouses learn to identify the innate strengths, talents and motivations of a team or family. Sign up for the Four Lenses™ Discover Workshop, June 12, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Learn to map out the strengths of an entire team, work more effectively with natural talents and embrace diversity by appreciating and tolerating the differences in others. For more information, call 221-2380.

JBSA patrons separating or retiring from the military are welcome to attend the Transition Information Program workshop June 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. The workshop focuses on networking, veteran education benefits, civilian health care, career transitioning, housing and property markets and more. For more information, call 671-3722.

Single parents are connected

This monthly forum is scheduled to meet June 18, noon to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Single parents discuss issues related to being a single parent. This month the Family Advocacy team is on-site to present "Dating-It's a Jungle Out There." For more information, call 652-5321.

Amateur brewers show their craft

Beer lovers are invited to the JBSA Master Brewer Contest June 19, 5-7:30 p.m., at JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall. Amateur brewers feature their best home brew in the following categories: brown ale, blonde ale, India Pale Ale, stout and pilsner American. Judges taste and score the entries in each category and select a winner. Competitors must sign up by June 1. This event is free and

open to all eligible Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 671-2619.

A movie day makes play okay

The JBSA-Randolph Exceptional Family Member Program hosts EFMP families to a special showing of the movie "Inside Out" at the IMAX theater, June 20, 10:30 a.m. This opportunity provides EFMP families with a safe and accepting environment to enjoy the movie. The auditorium is dedicated to the program and has the lights up, sound turned down and audience members are invited to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing. Registration is due June 12. For more information, call 652-5321.

Community hosts information fair

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club hosts a Community Extravaganza Fair June 28, 9-11 a.m. All Department of Defense ID cardholders are welcome to visit with representatives from various agencies and local businesses to learn more about JBSA and the surrounding area. For more information, call 221-2606.

Clubs

Kendrick Club hosts bingo fun

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts bingo extravaganzas June 1 and 15 with \$15,000 in total jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5:30 p.m. and early bird bingo at 6 p.m. JBSA-Randolph bingo players with June birthdays get a complimentary bingo machine, cake and champagne June 9 and are entered to win \$30 in Randolph Club Bucks. This is for Randolph club members only; ID and club card are required. For more information, call 652-3056.

The month starts with a party

Start the month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Maverick Lounge featuring Doggin' Dave Productions June 5, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy bar food, cold drinks, good friends and music. For more information, call 645-7034.

Chef creates tasty dinner specials

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club's chef creates a special evening dining experience in the Mesquite Dining Room, 5-8 p.m., with great menus for everyone to enjoy. The price for these meals is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. The chef prepares tilapia stuffed with crab meat and topped with white wine sauce, rice pilaf, broccoli spears, clam chowder and a salad June 5. The menu for June 12 features a bacon-wrapped filet mignon with Béarnaise sauce, sautéed jumbo shrimp, potatoes, roasted asparagus and a house salad. On June 19, the chef serves a 16-ounce T-bone steak with sautéed mushrooms and onions, twice-baked potato, mixed vegetables and a house salad. Finally, the chef's special for June 26 includes beef tenderloin with wine sauce, rosemary roasted red potatoes, asparagus spears and a house salad. For more information, call 645-7034.

Karaoke singers put on a show

Sing karaoke or enjoy the entertainment and a frosty beverage at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club June 6 and 20, 8 p.m. to midnight, in the Lone Star Lounge with DJ Dee Dee. For more information, call 645-7034.



DOMINO KING TOURNAMENT

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Sign up for the first JBSA Domino King Tournament. If a partner is needed, one can be assigned. This is a 200-point game and if there is a tie--play over (no 5 point spinner game). Upon sign up, participants receive the rules of play. Dominos are provided and players can bring personal domino holders. Trophies are awarded to the top three finishers. To sign up, call 652-3056 by June 1.

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The DJ plays all the right tunes

Enjoy great music provided by DJ LJU at Variety Night June 12, 19 and 26, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the JBSA-Lackland Lone Star Lounge. Hit the dance floor, relax on the patio or shoot some pool. For more information, call 654-7034.

Classic sounds bring back old school

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club takes it back to the good ol' days June 13, 6-11 p.m., in the JBSA-Lackland Lone Star Lounge. DJ Doggin' Dave Productions provides the music while patrons relax in the lounge or on the patio with pool tables and big screen televisions. For more information, call 654-7034.

Members are valued

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club honors club members with a special buffet in the Fiesta Ballroom June 16, 5-8 p.m. Entertainment is provided by Doggin' Dave Productions. The cost for this dinner is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. The menu includes a salad bar, chicken Marsala, roasted pork loin, almond crusted tilapia with lemon dill, red potatoes, wild rice, baby peas, California blend vegetables, rolls, fruit cups and Boston crème pie. For more information, call 645-7034.

Fathers dance with daughters

Attend the JBSA-Parr Club for the annual Father-Daughter Dinner and Dance June 20, 5-8 p.m., for daughters ages 2-15. The evening includes a buffet dinner, entertainment provided by DJ Stevie Mac and arts and crafts. The cost is \$20 per father/daughter couple for members and \$5 for each additional daughter. Cost for nonmembers is \$40 per father/daughter couple and \$10 for

each additional daughter. Reservations are accepted starting June 2 and prepayments are required. For more information, call 652-4864.

All dads are appreciated

Bring fathers and grandfathers to the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club June 21 for a Father's Day feast. Seating times are between 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the brunch is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Dads and granddads are eligible to enter a drawing for club gift certificates. Cost to attend is \$22.95 for members and 12.95 for members' children, ages 6-12. Cost for nonmembers is \$27.95 and \$14.95 for nonmember's children, ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Reservations are required for groups with 10 or more. For more information, call 652-4864.

The end of the month is cause for celebration

Close out the month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Maverick Lounge June 26, 5-8 p.m., with DJ LJU Sounds. Relax on the patio or enjoy some pool. For more information, call 645-7034.

Equestrian Center

Riders join camp

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center holds summer horsemanship camps June 8 to Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camps teach youth how to care for and ride horses in a fun and safe environment. The camps are open to youth ages 7-17 and run weekly. The cost is \$275 per week and a \$50 deposit is required. These camps are sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 224-7207.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

PRE FATHER'S DAY BUFFET

June 18 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Surprise dad and treat him early with the Pre-Father's Day Buffet at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Food Court. This treat is specially priced for dads at \$9.95 and for all others at \$10.95 per person.

For more info, call 671-0771. WWW.MYJBSA-FSS-MWR.COM

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Saddle up and ride

The Equestrian Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston offers horseback riding lessons for beginners and advanced riders in English and Western style riding. Therapeutic riding lessons with certified instructors are also available. Horses, saddles and tack for lessons are provided if needed. Patrons must be at least 7 years old to participate. Lessons are by appointment only. Cost is \$60 per hour for a single private lesson, \$175 for five group lessons, \$225 for five semi-private lessons and \$250 for five private lessons.

Trail rides are available Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., for guests 7 years and older. Cost is \$30 and adults must accompany children 12 years and younger. Riders must be at least 4 feet 6 inches tall and weigh no more than 200 pounds.

The Equestrian Center offers parent-led pony rides Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for guests 6 years and younger. The cost is \$10 and adults must accompany children. Availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Fitness

Competitors grab a partner and run

Team up and compete in the JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center Two-Person Team 10K Relay June 6, 7:30 a.m., at Eberle Park. The first team member must complete the 5K run route in order for the second member to tag off and begin running the next 5K. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-7263.

Athletes test endurance

Participants are encouraged to test their endurance at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston triathlon June 14, 7 a.m., with a 200-meter swim, 5-mile bike ride and a 1-mile run. Pre-registration for this summer kickoff triathlon is \$20 and the deadline to register is June 8. The triathlon begins at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center. For more information, call 221-4887.

Coed two-person teams sign up for obstacle course

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts a free coed team obstacle course June 15, 7 a.m. The two-person teams are comprised of one male and one female. The obstacle course includes a one-mile ride on a spin bike, push ups, sit ups, tire flips, burpees, two-person wheel barrow and finishes with the Army crawl. For more information, call 977-2353.

Come one and all for racquetball

Compete in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston racquetball tournament June 20, 9 a.m. Racquetball is a great cardiovascular workout and it builds endurance, works all the muscle groups and is fitting for all skill levels and ages. All Department of Defense ID cardholders are invited to participate in this tournament. Registration ends June 12. For more information, call 221-1234.

Marathon training gets runners prepared

All runners training for a marathon are invited to join the JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center at Eberle Park for a 10-mile run June 20, 7 a.m. This is the first of three marathon training runs. This run is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-7263.

Golf

Warrior teams compete for prizes

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly Warrior Four-Person Scramble at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course June 5, 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for members, \$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, closest to the pin and first-, second- and third-place winners. For more information, call 222-9386.

Golfers play into the night

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course holds a four-person scramble that takes players into evening hours. Play the back nine in the daylight and front nine at night. The cost is \$40 per player. The categories for prizes are winning team, best dressed team and best dressed individual. Entry deadline is close of business June 10. For more information, call 671-3466.

Dads get discounts in Pro Shop

Surprise dad with a gift from the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course Pro Shop with 10 percent off

all in-stock and special-order merchandise June 13 and 14. Some exclusions may apply. For more information, call 671-2517.

Junior golf camp makes young golfers pros

Calling all junior golfers 8 years and older to the JBSA Fort Sam Houston Golf Course summer junior golf clinic June 8-12, 9-11 a.m. Junior golfers receive instruction on swing fundamentals, golf etiquette and rules and on-course instruction. Clubs are provided for students needing equipment. Cost is \$100 per student and payment must be made in advance. For more information, call 222-9386.

Participate in the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course's Junior Golf Camp, June 15-19. Camp runs Monday-Thursday, 8-10:30 a.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$125, which includes a set of golf clubs or \$50 for youth who have their own set of clubs. The first four days of the camp focus on chipping, putting and hitting and the final day includes pizza and a tournament. For more information, call 652-4653.

Golfers team up with the pros

Attend the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course's U.S. Open Blind Draw Tournament June 20, 7-9 a.m. This is an individual, low net, low gross tournament and golfers' scores are combined with a Professional Golfers' Association pro from the United States Open. Entry fee is \$10 plus green fees and cart fees. For more information, call 652-4653.

Dads attend a Father's Day social

All fathers are invited to celebrate Father's Day with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course June 21 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner and gift certificates for the winners of the longest drive and closest to the pin. The first-, second- and third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Families compete to win

Spend quality time with the family during the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course's parent/child golf tournament June 21. Tee times are noon to 1 p.m. This is a two-person scramble and lunch is served before the round. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch, green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Families enjoy a Universal Orlando special

Take advantage of Universal Orlando's buy-one, get-two free special at JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel. Buy a one-day park-to-park ticket and get two additional days free. Cost is \$136 for adults and \$130 for children, ages 3-9. These tickets must be purchased by June 6 and used by June 20. This offer is valid for all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 671-3059.

Travelers take an Alaskan adventure

Book tickets with JBSA-Lackland Information Tickets and Travel for a trip from Seattle, Wash., to Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria British

Columbia Sept. 5-12. Rates start at \$1,092 per person for an inside room, \$1,562 per person for an ocean view and \$1,742 per person for a room with a balcony. Rates includes round-trip airport transfers. Gratuities and airfare are not included in the price. Airfare is \$300 per person, if available, to be paid in full at the time of booking. Twenty percent of the total cruise fare and a \$10 service fee are due at the time of booking and the final payment is due June 15. For more information, call 671-3059.

Discounted tickets make travel easy

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information and Tickets Office is located inside the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center and is open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purchase tickets for several favorite local attractions and sports including the San Antonio Zoo, Natural Bridge Caverns as well as out-of-town attractions such as Disney Parks and Universal Orlando Studios. For more information, call 808-1378.

Families enjoy summer entertainment

The JBSA-Randolph Information Tickets and Travel is available to help entertain the kids this summer. Purchase tickets for local attractions such as Ripley's Believe It or Not, the Wax Museum, Haunted Adventure, Guinness World Record Museum, Natural Bridge Caverns, Natural Wildlife Park, Rio San Antonio Boat Ride, the San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium, K-1 Speed and the Malibu Grand Prix. Stop by the Community Services Mall, building 895, for discount tickets. For more information, call 652-5142.

Library

Readers "Read to the Rhythm" this summer

JBSA libraries encourage families to shake, rattle or roll to the library for "Read to the Rhythm," the summer reading program, beginning June 1. Over the next two months, the libraries host a range of free activities for children, teens and adults that encourage and support a love of reading. Register now through August. Participants win prizes for reaching reading goals. Visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Thursdays at 10 a.m., the JBSA-Lackland Library Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and the JBSA-Randolph Library Wednesdays at 10 a.m. to take part in special activities. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at 221-4702, the JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2673, the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578 or visit <http://www.jbsalibraries.org>.

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

Swimming proves a point

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center and thousands of kids and families at aquatic facilities and water parks around the globe June 18, 8-11 a.m., for The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™. We're breaking the Guinness World Record™ to spread the word that Swimming Saves Lives™. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders, ages 5-16. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 9:40 a.m. The event starts promptly at 10 a.m. For more information, call 221-4887.

Participants take aim

Join the JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center June 27-28, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for the 3-D archery competition. Registration is 8-10 a.m. There is a \$15 fee for the fun shoot, a \$5 fee for kids 12 and younger or a \$20 fee for the competitive shoot. For more information, call 295-7529.

Student Activity Center

DJ night gets the sound right

All JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus students are invited to enjoy the latest and greatest sounds of today's music, featuring a live DJ in Club Zero June 19 and 26, 6-8:30 p.m. This is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 466-5049.

Students sing away with karaoke

Come down to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus Club Zero Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m. Club Zero has a state of the art sound system and plenty of tunes to match everyone's singing style. This event is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 466-5049.

Youth and Children

Summer open recreation hours begin

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs offers open recreation during the summer for ages 11-18 at building 1630, Monday-Friday, 2-8 p.m., and Saturdays, 1-8 p.m. Check the monthly calendar for upcoming field trips, clubs, programs and youth specialty camps. For more information, call 221-3502.

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs summer operating hours begin June 8. Preteen open recreation is available Monday through Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Teen recreation hours are Monday through Thursday, 4-8 p.m., Friday, 4-11 p.m. and Saturday event scheduling only. For more information, call 671-2388.

Father's and sons spend quality time

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts a father and son outing with doughnuts, basketball and fun in celebration of Father's Day. Share a delicious doughnut breakfast with dad while enjoying quality time together. This event is free

and open to families with sons 5 years and older. Register by June 18. For more information, call 652-3298.

Soccer enthusiasts register for British soccer camps

JBSA-Lackland Youth Sports hosts British Soccer Camp Aug. 3-7, 3:30-5:30 p.m., for children ages 3 to 16. Activities include individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sized games and coached scrimmages. Registration and payment are due by June 19 at <http://challenger.mycustomerevent.com>. For more information, call 671-2510.

Teens participate in summer camp

Attention all teens, check out the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs Teen Summer Camps June 8 to Aug. 21, Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. These camps offer swimming, field trips, learning life skills, community service projects and more. Cost is \$120 per week which includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and most entry fees. Registration is open now. For more information, call 221-3502.

Join JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Teen Summer Camps June 8 to Aug. 22. Camps are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teens ages 13-18 may participate and camps include swimming, field trips, learning life skills, community service projects and more. Registration is open now and cost is \$130 per week which includes breakfast, lunch, entry fees and supplies. For more information, call 652-3298.

Parents take a break

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs offers parents a break June 20, 1-5 p.m. This program provides children, 5-12 years old, activities, games, entertainment and snacks. The enrollment fee is \$25 per child with a multiple child discount or free with a Give Parents a Break referral. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 671-2388.

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts Give Parents a Break/Kids Adventure Night June 19, 6-10 p.m. Registration is June 1-17. This event is held at the Child Development Programs Annex for children 2 years old and younger and at Youth Programs for children 3 years old and older. Registration for GPAB waiver holders is free and all others pay \$25 with a multiple child discount. For more information, call 652-4946.

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Aircrew Flight Equipment members pack, inspect parachutes

By David DeKunder

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph
Public Affairs

If a pilot from Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph is faced with an emergency situation in an aircraft and needs to eject, the one thing he or she shouldn't have to worry about is the condition of the parachute.

The task of making sure parachutes and other life support equipment operates properly belongs to a four-member crew that works at the Aircrew Flight Equipment shop, part of the 12th Operations Squadron at JBSA-Randolph.

John Pintirsch, AFE survival equipment supervisor, said the AFE crew inspects, repairs and packs up parachutes that are installed in ejection seats in the T-6A Texan II and T-38 Talon.

Pintirsch said each of the four members in the AFE crew, or fabric technicians, are qualified parachute riggers, who are trained to maintain, pack and repair parachutes. Each of the crew members, including Pintirsch, have at least 25 years experience as qualified parachute riggers.

Parachute inspections are conducted on a T-6 based on a staggered four-year cycle and on a staggered three-year cycle for a T-38, Pintirsch said.

Since the T-6 and the T-38 are two-seater aircraft, each ejection seat in the aircraft has its own parachute.

Once a parachute arrives at the AFE shop, Pintirsch said it is placed on a 45-foot long table where it undergoes a thorough inspection for rips, tears, stains, mold, mildew and discoloration in the fabric and for repairs if needed.

"We are looking for any contamination that will weaken the fabric," he said.

Once the inspection is completed, the parachute and its contents, including the canopy, suspension lines, connector links and auxiliary shoot, are put back into the head box and compressed by a 3-ton press. The parachute and its contents are repacked in stages into the head box, a process that takes three days to complete.

Pintirsch said each parachute undergoes what is known as an in progress inspection by a qualified parachute rigger to make sure inspection procedures are being followed. Inspections for life preservers and life rafts on all aircraft are done annually.

In addition, Pintirsch said the AFE inspects life preservers used for the T-6, T-38 and T-1A Jayhawk and life rafts for leaks for the T-38 and T-1A. These various survival equipment are placed in the aircraft on missions over bodies of water.

The fabric technicians also install and sew the initial components for torso harnesses and repair g-suits for T-6 and T-38 pilots.

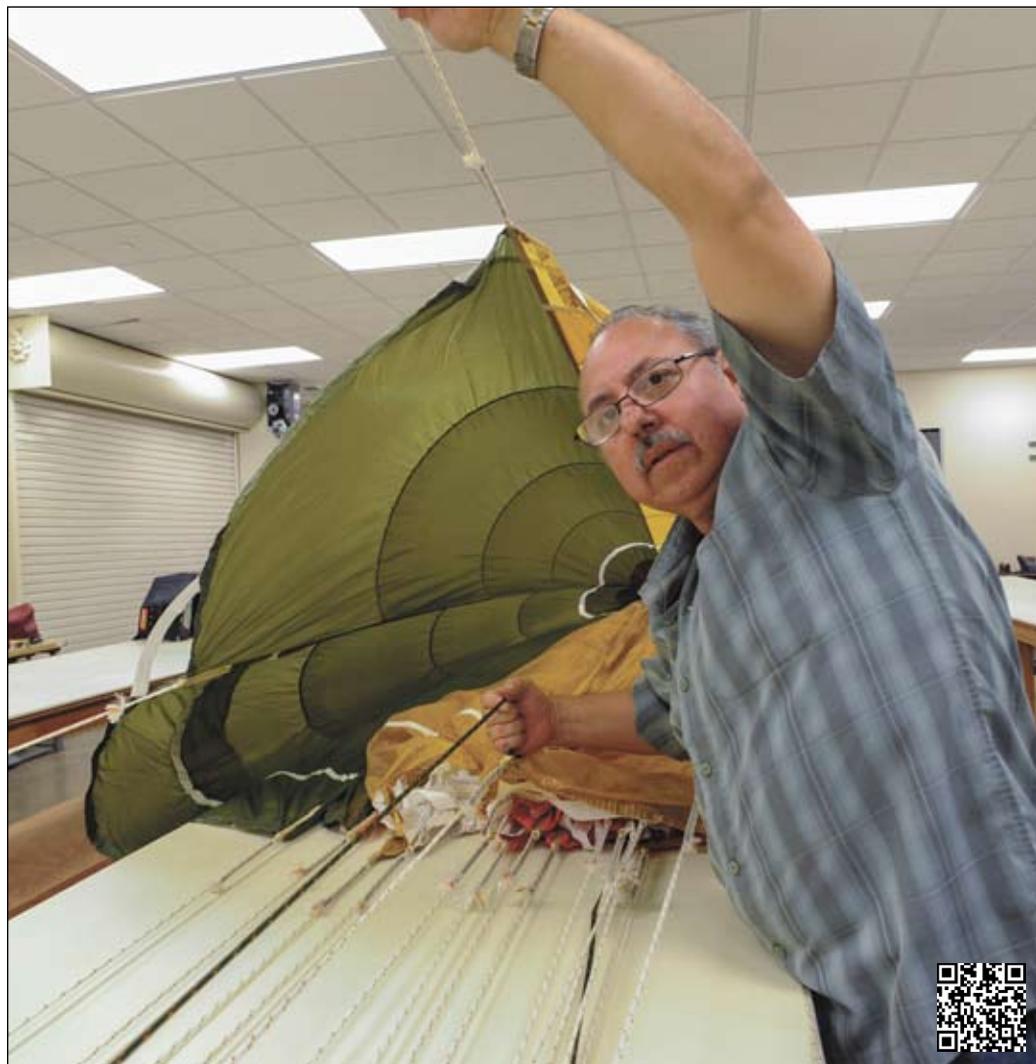


Photo by Melissa Peterson

David Amaya, 12th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, performs an airing inspection on a parachute May 14 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

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TRAINING WELL-ROUNDED PILOTS

RPA student pilots gain experience in T-6A orientation flight

By David DeKunder
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

(Editor's note: For security purposes, the names of remotely piloted aircraft students are not releasable.)

In an effort to allow students training to operate remotely piloted aircraft to gain hands on experience in a manned aircraft, pilot instructors from the 559th Flying Training Squadron are teaming up with student pilots from the 558th Flying Training Squadron.

The first attempt at orientation flights aboard a T-6A allowed only one of the 12 students scheduled to make the orientation flights, due to stormy weather May 12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

The 558th FTS is the only squadron in the Air Force whose members provide undergraduate remotely piloted aircraft, or RPA, training. The mission of the 559th FTS is to train instructor pilots using the T-6A "Texan II" aircraft, which is used to teach pilots basic flying skills. Both squadrons are part of the 12th Flying Training Wing at JBSA-Randolph.

"Learning the basics of aircraft control is important to any pilot," Lt. Col. John Stallworth, 558th FTS commander, said. "We are not creating RPA pilots specifically. Instead we are trying to produce a more well-rounded pilot.

"It's very difficult to create a life like environment in a very canned, virtual world," Stallworth said. "We are trying to take steps to innovate and

be able to put that student in a more realistic environment, and being able to fly them in a real T-6A will help us do that."

Maj. Todd Salzwedel, 559th FTS director of staff, said student pilots will learn what goes into a manned flight, from mission planning to ground operations to using the life support equipment.

Salzwedel also said student pilots will be able to take control of the aircraft in between take-off and landing.

The lone student pilot said he was able to utilize what he learned from his training during the orientation flight and that he gained experience in doing several tasks at once while flying the aircraft, such as navigating and communicating.

"The main thing I gained was a general sense of airmanship, seeing how the actual plane works and getting an appreciation for all the stuff that goes on that we don't train for in a simulator," he said. "I definitely learned things like the dynamic flight environment that's hard to simulate in a simulator."

Salzwedel said the student pilot did well in his first flight in a T-6A.

"He did outstanding," Salzwedel said. "It was obvious the training he has received has helped him a lot. He had great aircraft control, good situational awareness in where we were at and what we were doing."

Plans are for the orientation flights to resume in June with 12 student pilots flying each month.



Photo by Melissa Peterson

Maj. Todd Salzwedel (left), 559th Flying Training Squadron director of staff, demonstrates final check procedures to a 558th FTS remotely piloted aircraft instrument qualification student prior to his first orientation flight in a T-6 Texas II May 12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Small Business Training Workshop attendees share best practices



Kenyata Wesley, Office of Small Business Programs acting director, speaks to attendees at the Air Force Small Business Training Workshop held May 12-14 at the Eilan Hotel in San Antonio. The business workshop brings Air Force small business specialists and major command directors from across the Air Force together to address challenges, share best practices and convene with Air force senior leaders.

Photo by Joel Martinez

OK, I got a traffic ticket. Now what?

By Lt. Steven Dews

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston
Crime Prevention Manager

Despite what people might think, traffic tickets can often have a positive effect. This counts not only for the driver who was pulled over, but also for the drivers that pass by the stopped vehicle.

Traffic tickets are issued for a multitude of violations. Tickets are issued for violations of the Texas Transportation Code, Air Force Instructions, JBSA regulations, Command Policy Letters and Department of Defense Directives.

For instance, Texas State Bill 193 requires drivers to slow down or change lanes while passing a police (or any emergency) vehicle with its emergency lights activated.

As the person that was pulled over, you need to know what the next step is after receiving a traffic ticket.

The answer depends upon what type of ticket you received.

There are two types of traffic tickets issued by the Department of the Air Force police officers throughout Joint Base San Antonio: the Department of Defense Form 1408 (Armed Force Traffic Ticket) and the United States District Court Violation Notice.

It is up to the officer's discretion and the seriousness of the violation whether you receive one of the aforementioned tickets or get a verbal or written warning.

The DD Form 1408 is a multi-use ticket that may be used for anything from parking violations to uncontrolled pet complaints.

Depending upon your status on JBSA, this ticket could be forwarded to your unit commander if you are active duty, your sponsor's commander if you are a family member, or your section manager if you are a civilian or contractor employed by the DOD.

If you are a civilian with no affiliation to the DOD or JBSA, it will be handled by the 502nd Security Forces Squadron.

There is no monetary fine for the DD Form 1408. However, there may be points assessed against your driving privileges on all JBSA locations, including JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Randolph, JBSA-Camp Bullis and JBSA-Lackland.

These points will follow your career for 24 months. The points assessed are directed by Air Force Instruction 31-218(i), chapter 5 and range from one point for a minor parking violation to six points for a major violation.

Any driver acquiring six points but less than 12 points in a six-month period could have their on-post driving privileges suspended or revoked for a period of time, as directed by the 502nd Security Force and Logistics Support Group commander.

Any revocation or suspension of driving privileges based on traffic points will be at least 6 months. At 12 points, driving privileges will be suspended for up to one year.

The United States District Court Violation Notice is



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issued for state and federal traffic violations.

This ticket not only assesses points against your on-base driving privileges, but also comes with a mandatory monetary fine established by the Chief Justice of the Western District of Texas (Federal Magistrate).

The words "United States District Court" and "Federal Magistrate" should be key identifiers that you should not ignore this ticket. The fine assessments range from \$60 to \$425, which include a mandatory \$25 processing fee for each violation.

The Chief Justice of the Western District of Texas has set the minimum fine of \$225 for Failure To Maintain Financial Responsibility or, in other words, driving without insurance. The federal ceiling for this violation is \$5,000 if the presiding judge deems it necessary.

At JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the 502nd SFS extends a courtesy to drivers that declare they actually had valid insurance coverage on the date and time the ticket was written but could not present it during the traffic stop.

They have three days, excluding weekends and holidays, to hand-carry proof of insurance and the copies of their ticket to Security Forces Administration at building 2250 to the Magistrate Court Liaison office.

At the Magistrate Court Liaison office, the ticket will be evaluated for possible dismissal. Insurance purchased after the ticket was written, even on the same day, will not help the case.

If, after the three-day courtesy period has passed, a driver feels their ticket merits dismissal, only the assis-

tant U.S. attorney, during your court appearance, may dismiss your ticket.

Lastly, depending upon the seriousness of the violation and the mandatory background check conducted during your traffic stop, you may be arrested, be directed to a mandatory court appearance, or both.

Failure to appear in court as directed by a federal court order or failure to forfeit (pay) the total collateral due (fine) will result in a federal arrest warrant issued in your name.

The U.S. Marshals Service is tasked with carrying out these warrants for arrest. There are no automatic resets just because you missed your day in court.

With the increase of traffic congestion and four-way stops in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic, drivers are reminded public safety is everyone's business.

Both drivers and pedestrians alike are held responsible for their actions.

In addition, the traffic flow plan in the parking lot of the Main Post Exchange is for one-way traffic only.

The maximum speed limit in all JBSA parking lots and the in and out lanes at all base entry control points is 10 miles per hour.

JBSA police officers and 502nd SFS employees wish all JBSA members a safe, healthy and event-free driving experience on all JBSA locations and remind people to "Click It Or Ticket."

(Kevin Rice, the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Federal Magistrate Court Liaison Coordinator also contributed to this article.)