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SHOWING RESPECT DURING SPRING CLEAN-UP

Proud Week brings opportunity to give back

By Col. Jodi Neff
12th Flying Training Wing vice commander

In what ways does respect manifest itself?

We see it every day; a good Samaritan opening the door for a fellow citizen, service members rendering sharp salutes, a child punctuating sentences with 'sir' and 'ma'am', a pilot shaking the hand of the crew chief when stepping before a flight. We also see how people respect themselves by eating healthy, exercising, and continuing their education.

But it's also important for us to show respect for Joint Base San Antonio because it gives us so much in return. In the spirit of respect, we have a great opportunity to show JBSA just how much we appreciate it during JBSA Proud Week Spring Clean-up April 8-10.

During this time, units across JBSA will dedicate time to clean the areas around their buildings. We'll also unite to tidy up those common areas we all use and enjoy. Bottom line, the goal is to simply enhance the appearance and beautification of JBSA and its facilities, conduct environmental maintenance on the installation and promote a clean work environment.

If you're lucky enough to be on one of the teams to help with the common areas, take a few minutes to study the heritage around you. For example, at JBSA-Randolph, the Medal of Honor wall at Heritage Park is a proud testament to the greatest Airmen in our Air Force. Inscribed on the Missing Man Monument near the Taj reads the words, "We who came home must never forget those who could not." Take some time to reflect

"As members of the military – members of the Profession of Arms – we're part of something that is larger than ourselves. Our outward appearance – whether it is our uniform, actions towards one another, or the appearance of our installation – is a reflection of the respect we have for our Profession. I'm grateful for the focused time provided by JBSA Proud Week Spring Clean-up to show respect to the physical space in which we contribute to our profession."

on the conditions that spurred someone to write these words – and what that means to you.

Even if you only have time to police the area around your own building, take a step back and see it through a visitor's eyes.

Does the area around the Air Education and Training Command campus reflect the professionalism of the 62,000 men and women serviced by those working diligently inside? Do the grounds around Smith Hall at the Medical Education and Training Campus reflect the late Chief Master Sgt. Raymond T. Smith's tenacity to improve conditions for our enlisted medical corps? Do the areas around the Army's Installation Management Agency show the pride of those inside who service 184 Army installations and 76,000 people world-wide?

As members of these organizations, you own responsibility for this outward representation just as much

as you're responsible for the job you do inside the building.

Keep in mind, there are also opportunities coming up to extend respect to the areas outside the installation. The "Great American Cleanup" is active nation-wide through May. On April 11, there's a "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" at Canyon Lake, Texas. Last year, more than 20 million pounds of litter was gathered in Texas alone.

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ON THE COVER

Maj. Jay Pease, 39th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, performs a pre-flight check on a T-38 Talon aircraft March 23 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. For the complete story on the 39th FTS, see page 8.

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JBSA defenders adjust to new Texas registration, inspection program

By Maricris Moore

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The new "Two Steps, One Sticker" program began in the state of Texas March 1. Texas drivers no longer receive inspection stickers, and drivers' registration stickers issued after that date will serve as proof for both inspection and registration.

Joint Base San Antonio base entry controllers have trained for the new change and educated themselves in order to better serve the base populace, while adhering to the new requirements for the program.

"The biggest focus is on educating our community to ensure that everyone understands what the new requirements are," Capt. Julie A. Roloson, 502nd Security Forces Squadron operations officer at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, said.

Here are a few things that drivers need to know about the new program:

- Drivers must continue to maintain a current vehicle inspection and registration at all times to operate their vehicle. The law requiring a valid vehicle inspection did not change, only the requirement

for a separate sticker changed.

- If the vehicle inspection has expired, a new inspection is required prior to renewing the registration.

- A vehicle inspection report will be provided to the driver after their vehicle passes the state inspection. This form will be used for verification when renewing the registration if the inspection cannot be verified electronically.

- Upon request by law enforcement or entry control personnel, vehicle operators are required to produce proof of valid vehicle inspection, such as a copy of the VIR.

- Anyone who misplaced their VIR should visit www.mytxcar.com to download and print a copy of the document.

- Inspection fees and the inspection requirements remain the same. The only change is a VIR will be provided in lieu of an inspection sticker.

- Active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are not required to register or title their vehicles in Texas.

"Like anything new, it will take time for drivers to get better acquainted with Texas' new requirements. There will cer-



Photo by Harold China

Senior Airman Fredric Bantin, 902nd Security Forces Squadron entry controller, checks a registration and inspection sticker March 25 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

tainly be some misunderstandings to get through," Police Officer Richard Coon, 902nd Security Forces Squadron assistant operations superintendent at JBSA-Randolph, said. "I ask drivers to please be patient with our security forces members

while we work through this change."

Flyers about the new program will be distributed to drivers at the JBSA gates.

For more information, visit: www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com or <http://www.txdmv.gov/>.

NEWS

Are you M.A.D.? How to make a difference

By Dr. Charlotte Moerbe

Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Prevention and Response director

The Department of Defense and Joint Base San Antonio officially recognize Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through the use of special events and public education.

The 2015 Department of Defense SAAPM theme is "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part." This theme highlights that at every level in our military, service members should follow their service values and standards of behavior, to include recognizing how one member may affect sexual assault prevention.

The JBSA SAPR/SHARP programs are underscoring the DOD theme by publicizing the expression "Are You M.A.D.?"

The acronym M.A.D. refers to "Making a Difference" and emphasizes the role and responsibility each service member plays in the prevention and response to sexual assault in the military. The statement is meant to be one of reflection as we can all contribute to the solution of eliminating sexual violence within the services.

In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities to see, read or hear about how your teammates are making a difference within the JBSA community. The goal of the JBSA SAPR/SHARP programs is that each service member will use not only these messages as a reminder that sexual assault is a significant concern in the military, but will review how he or she is actively engaged in the fight against sexual violence.

For more information on SAAPM events or how you can "make a difference" at JBSA in eliminating sexual assault, contact your local SAPR office. The JBSA SAPR Hotline number is 808-7272. The SAPR Hotline number for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is 808-8990, the JBSA-Lackland number is 671-7273 and the JBSA-Randolph number is 652-4386.

JBSA SAPR/SHARP ADVOCACY CENTERS

Providing SAPR services, including legal, SARC, victim advocacy and counseling referrals for all service branch members and their families affected by sexual assault.

LACKLAND
671-7273

FORT SAM HOUSTON
808-8990

RANDOLPH
652-4386

*If you need emergency medical or police response services, first call 911.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month events

Today –

Self-defense class, 10-11:30 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, building 320, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. A self-defense seminar for men and women provided by experts from STW Krav maga. Learn battle-tested skills and techniques to defend yourself against an attacker. Must be 14 years of age to participate. Fee is \$20 per person, cash only at the door. To register, visit <http://www.stw911.com>.

Saturday –

Battle of the Service talent show, 6:30-9 p.m., Evans Theater, building 1396, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Military training students compete in the annual Battle of the Services talent show. Categories include singing, dancing and stand-up comedy. Intermission will include Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month briefings. Call 221-1496 for more information.

Thursday –

"Because We Have Daughters" seminar, 5-7 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Youth Center, building 1072. This session provides training for fathers to connect and learn skills in helping them understand and relate to their daughters, forge new bonds and discuss challenging issues. The maximum attendance for the class is 10 dads with daughters between 8 and 18 years of age. Call 652-4386 to register.

April 10 –

Mentors in Violence Prevention, "The Power of the Pyramid," 10 a.m., Defense Language Institute Auditorium; 3 p.m., Fleenor Auditorium, JBSA-Randolph. Mentors in Violence Prevention present a multimedia presentation utilizing dozens of media and pop culture examples to illustrate how seemingly harmless behavior can progress to violence. Call 808-8976 for more information.

April 11 –

Poetry slam, Military & Family Readiness Center, 6 p.m., building 2797, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The student poetry slam is a fun and interactive event where military students perform their original poetry. There will be food and prizes. To enter the slam, send an email to NyKita.l.riley.civ@mail.mil or Demasha.s.Alexander.mil@mail.mil.

April 17 –

Drive Out Sexual Assault golf tournament, 12:30 p.m. tee time, Gateway Hill Golf Club, JBSA-Lackland. Raise awareness on the course and join in "Driving Out Sexual Assault" during this year's golf tournament. Awards will be given and each participant receives a goody bag. Tickets are \$50 each and include a box lunch. Registration ends April 17. To register, call 671-7273 or send an email to 502abw.cvk.ola@us.af.mil.

April 25 –

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 5K Run/Walk and 100-meter Dash, 7:30 a.m., MacArthur Parade Field, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The 32nd Medical Brigade hosts a run, walk or dash to raise awareness about sexual assault impact and prevention. Registration fees are found on the event's website at <http://www.athleteguild.com/running/fort-sam-houston-tx/2015-2nd-annual-sexual-assault-awareness-and-prevention-month-sapr-sharp>. Advanced individual training and technical school students can attend for free.

Throughout April –

The San Antonio Rape Center for Children and Adults will display artwork created by sexual assault survivors at locations throughout JBSA-Randolph. Call 652-4386 for dates and location.

Proud Week offers opportunity for JBSA-wide spring cleanup effort

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Members of the Joint Base San Antonio community will join forces April 8-10 for an installation-wide spring cleanup effort.

The 502nd Air Base Wing in coordination with the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron is conducting Proud Week Spring Cleanup, an event that will unite mission partners, tenant units, organizations and agencies throughout JBSA.

"The purpose of Proud Week is to promote pride and maintain a high beautification standard throughout JBSA," Chief Master Sgt. Colleen Curl, 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group superintendent, said.

According to a JBSA operation order, participating units "will be responsible for providing manpower to clean areas, bag and bundle all trash as appropriate and transport trash to collection points at designated trash dumpsites."

The order identifies removing trash, old furniture, fallen tree limbs, brush, grass and weeds in sidewalk cracks,

and non-household trash as key tasks. It also requests that participants sweep sidewalks and curbs, and inspect fields, streets and parking lots in areas of responsibility, which also include work, storage and warehouse areas.

Curl said facility managers or other designated persons will lead the cleanup efforts of their organizations as project officers.

"We hope project officers will determine what is needed for the facility and develop a plan of action prior to the event," she said.

Curl said the 502nd CES will provide trash bags on the days of the cleanup at three JBSA locations: building 4197 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, building 5495 at JBSA-Lackland and building 891 at JBSA-Randolph. In addition, lawn and garden supplies and equipment such as rakes, wheelbarrows, brooms and other items will be available in limited quantities for sign-out.

Bulk trash sites will be designated at all JBSA locations, Curl said. Participants may use dumpsters near their work areas for items that aren't bulk trash.

Examples of bulk trash items are tree

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Chief Master Sgt. Colleen Curl

502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group superintendent

limbs, broken-down picnic tables, old fence materials, bricks and old landscaping timbers, Antony Person, 502nd CES chief executive officer, said.

"Items that are not accepted for bulk removal are hazardous materials, furniture and other items appropriate for Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office disposal, equipment and food waste," he said.

Person said participants should bag as much as possible for ease of removal, but items too large for bagging should be safely taken to the closest roadway and placed near the curb, but not in the roadway.

"This avoids having to carry large, heavy and bulky items long distance and allows for ease of access to the item," he said.

Curl said volunteers are also sought

for cleanup of common areas at JBSA-Randolph. These include Air Heritage Park, Airmen's Heritage Park and Eberle Park.

Participating units will be responsible for submitting an after-action report to Person by April 23.

"When submitting an after-action report, mission partners should list issues, actions and recommendations to continuously improve JBSA Proud Week," Person said.

He also said that, although Proud Week is a "focused effort that asks missions partners to help in keeping JBSA clean," it is not a one-time event.

"Keeping JBSA clean is a continuous effort that requires all Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, civilians and family members to do their part to help keep the installation beautiful," Person said.

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Air Force COOL program kicks off

The Community College of the Air Force launched the Air Force Credentialing Opportunities On-Line program March 16. Air Force COOL is a pathway for enlisted Airmen to earn industry recognized professional certifications and licenses to enhance their active-duty work and prepare them as they transition to the civilian job market after they leave the service. CCAF manages the program, which is similar to the Army and Navy's programs. Found on the Air Force Portal, Air Force COOL has a credential mapping of 642 professional certifications and licenses for 190 enlisted Air Force specialty codes. The credentials are at the national and state levels and from industry. Complete Air Force COOL program details, application procedures, eligibility requirements and AFSC listings are located on the Air Force Portal.

STRAIGHT TALK

For inclement weather notifications, information on the upcoming 2015 Joint Base San Antonio air show and open house, and current information on base operating status during a natural disaster, crisis or emergency, call your local Straight Talk line.

- JBSA-Randolph: 652-7469

You can also check the JBSA Facebook page for updated announcements at <http://www.facebook.com/JointBaseSanAntonio>.

Rand, Cody visit Capstone trainees



Photo by Benjamin Faske

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody and his wife, retired Chief Master Sgt. Athena Cody, take questions about the new Capstone Week and its effects on the military spouse March 26 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Capstone Week is a five-day program immediately following Air Force Basic Military Training. During Capstone Week, trainees are instructed on wingmanship, resiliency, leadership and followership, sexual assault prevention and response, the warrior ethos and how Airmen can balance their personal and professional lives. Capstone Week's purpose is to give the Air Force a more critical tool to further develop professional, resilient Airmen who are inspired by heritage, committed to its core values and motivated to deliver airpower. While BMT will still provide new Airmen the same high level of military and physical training, Capstone Week serves to specifically concentrate on character building.



Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Gen. Robin Rand (standing), commander of Air Education and Training Command, addresses the first Capstone Week class March 23 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

JBSA-Randolph NCO gives back through instructor position

By Tech. Sgt. Joshua Strang
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

“Each one of us has a desire and passion to teach tomorrow’s leaders,” said Tech. Sgt. Jamie Kienholz, NCO in charge at the Joint Base San Antonio Airman Leadership School at JBSA-Lackland. “When we see that we have impacted at least one Airman, we know we have done our job.”

Designated as a developmental special duty position in 2013, ALS instructors embody the developmental special duties definition as they “develop the world’s greatest Airmen through leadership,” according to the Personnel Services Delivery Memorandum 13-62.

ALS is an enlisted Airman’s first level of professional military education. As explained in the Professional Development Guide, “The mission of ALS is to prepare senior airmen to be professional, war-fighting Airmen able to supervise and lead Air Force teams to support the employment of air, space and cyberspace power.”

Kienholz sees her instructor position as an opportunity to give back.

“I felt it was my duty to pay it forward,” Kienholz said. “I owe it to the NCOs that helped me when I needed it most.”

Kienholz says that being selected as an instructor was the easy part. The tough part was going through the initial qualification process to become a certified instructor.

“You are mentally fatigued by the second week of training,” Kienholz said. “You have to learn to be a proficient teacher, know all student material, know and comprehend your lesson plans, learn the ins and outs of the school house, study the guidance from the Barnes Center and conduct training sessions with your trainer. That is a typical duty day for a new instructor while in training status.”

When the process began, DSDs changed from a volunteer position to a nominative one.

“The change to DSDs was definitely the right move to make,” said Master Sgt. John Chacon, JBSA ALS commandant. “Since the process has been streamlined and



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Strang

Tech. Sgt. Jamie Kienholz (standing far right), NCO in charge at Joint Base San Antonio Airman Leadership School, watches Airmen from ALS Class 15-3 work through an introduction to negotiation scenario March 19 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

applicants are vetted through their squadrons, groups, wings and through the Air Force Personnel Center, we are truly getting the best-of-the-best Airmen.”

Chacon said the path to getting the best Airmen starts with senior leaders.

“Leaders need to get out from behind their desks and get to know their people,” Chacon said. “Leaders need to know which Airmen are coming in early, staying late and embodying the core values. They should start grooming those Airmen for ALS instructor duties early. It all starts at the supervisor level.”

After Airmen are vetted through AFPC, Chacon said he and Kienholz are able to hand-select NCOs to fill instructor positions. They both agree that the Airmen coming through the DSD process are among the best.

“I think the DSD is a great process,” Kienholz said. “We have four new instructors that were hired

through this process and they are all very sharp and motivated NCOs.”

Having served as NCOIC for the past year, Kienholz said the rigors of instructor duty come with great reward.

“The most rewarding parts about being an instructor are the moments when you have former students excelling in their careers or sending a simple ‘Thank you’ email for something you taught them,” Kienholz said. “That is why we do our job. We don’t do it for accolades, enlisted performance report bullets, or to make rank.”

Airmen interested in finding out more information on ALS instructor duty or any other DSD position should search for DSD on their myPers website located on the Air Force Portal.

(Editor’s note: This article is part of a series on developmental special duties.)

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.

39th FTS musters air power at JBSA-Randolph

By Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer
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Over the years, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph has acquired a number of nicknames like "Tree City U.S.A." and has even been referred to as the "West Point of the air." The tank-shaped maze of streets and flight lines is home to the unique mission of producing all the instructor pilots for pilot training across the Air Force.

Members of the 39th Flying Training Squadron, a Reserve unit at JBSA-Randolph, play a key role in the instructor pilot training mission by providing both manpower and experience. What originally started in 1997 as a program to help with a T-38 fighter pilot in pilot training shortage; has grown to encompass the entire footprint of the instructor pilot training mission at JBSA-Randolph to also include the T-6 and the T-1.

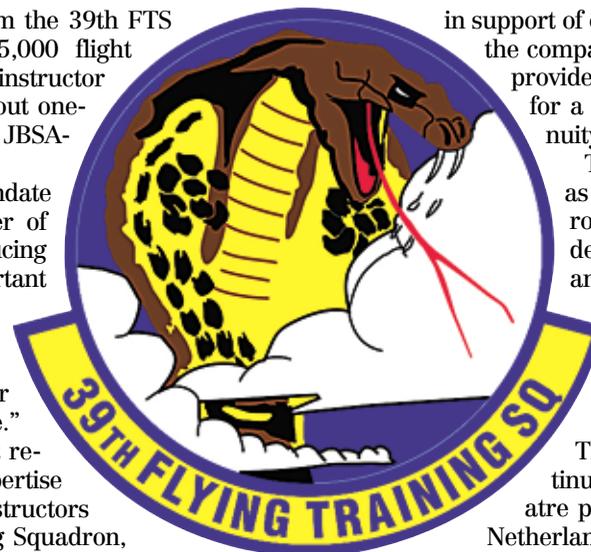
"The mission of the 39th FTS is to produce the world's best fighter pilots and instructor pilots, and that's what we do," Lt. Col. David Partain, 39th FTS commander, said. "We provide experienced instructor pilots to augment the active duty pilots here. Every Reservist we have here allows for one more active duty member to keep flying combat missions while we take care of the training mission back home. It's a force multiplier."

Some instructor pilots from the 39th FTS have reached more than 5,000 flight hours in the T-38. These instructor pilots are responsible for about one-third of the flying mission at JBSA-Randolph.

"The Air Force has a mandate to produce a certain number of pilots every year and producing instructor pilots is an important part of that mission," Partain said. "If you removed a third of our capacity at Randolph there would be no way the Air Force could make its timeline."

One of the squadrons that relies on the experience and expertise of the cadre of 39th FTS instructors is the 435th Fighter Training Squadron, the only squadron that teaches introduction to fighter fundamentals at JBSA-Randolph.

"These guys are essential to our mission," said Lt. Col. Jason Earley, 435th FTS director of operations. "Not only are they flying lines with our students as instructors in a significant portion of our flying schedule every day, they also perform duties around the squadron that are



in support of our flying mission. If you look at the comparative level of experience, they provide a cadre of folks that are here for a long time. That provides continuity and standardization."

The 39th FTS was first activated as a P-40 Warhawk pursuit squadron in 1941. Members were first deployed to the Pacific Northwest and flew antisubmarine patrols.

They later joined the Fifth Air Force and engaged in combat operations against the Japanese.

After converting to the P-47 Thunderbolt in 1943, they continued to fight in the Pacific Theatre participating in offensives at the Netherlands East Indies, New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Philippines and the Battle of Okinawa.

After a long history in the Air Force, the 39th would eventually be redesignated as a Flying Training Squadron in 1999 and activated in reserve 2001 before the 100th FTS, a Tuskegee Airmen squadron, was redesignated the 39th FTS at JBSA-Randolph in 2007.

Keeping our military safe on social media

By Staff Sgt. Amanda Dick
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"You need to protect your safety, your career and the Air Force's mission while balancing your need to connect with people."

Tanya Schusler

Air Force Public Affairs Agency social media chief

Social media: It incorporates several platforms that allow military members to stay in touch with friends and loved ones around the world. However, sometimes what is shared comes with a hefty price tag; loss of operational security.

As seen in recent events, these platforms can also be an instrument for adversaries to target military members and provide an avenue for identity fraud.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft has been the No. 1 consumer complaint in the last 15 years.

In an independent research study conducted by Next Advisor, 54 percent of social media profiles were the target of identity fraud with another 70 percent of profiles targeted to visit a scam website via private message.

"Using social media is a personal choice, and you have a degree of control over the information you share. Carefully consider how much information you make available and to whom," Tanya Schusler, the Air Force Public Affairs Agency so-

cial media chief, said. "You need to protect your safety, your career and the Air Force's mission while balancing your need to connect with people. It takes just an extra few seconds to thoroughly consider what you're about to share online, but the consequences of a misstep could follow you for years to come."

Practicing operational security helps combat risks that arise from using social media, namely by protecting critical information. The Interagency OPSEC Support Staff lists several examples of CI:

- Usernames, passwords, computer and networking information
- Job title, location, salary, grade and clearances
- Operational, security and logistical data
- Social Security numbers, credit card

and banking information

- Work/personal addresses and phone numbers

The biggest hurdle on social media is posting information that may not be critical on its own, but when pieced together by someone, on one or more platforms, can have detrimental effects.

According to the study, it was determined that 30 percent of Facebook users do not have their profiles set to private and 14 percent don't know their privacy settings.

There are several ways Airmen can protect themselves on social media:

- When posting, remember "when in doubt, throw it out."
- Take notice of security settings: Are you hard to find/access? Each social network platform has security settings, but

Airmen should not solely rely on those settings and should make their profiles as secure as possible.

- Disable location-based social media, or geotagging; this alerts others to your exact location and could inadvertently reveal more information than should be out there.

- Do not post work or personal schedules or travel itineraries: this is especially true if the travel is related to deployments. Posting this information could give adversaries information on troop locations and movements.

- Be aware of backgrounds in photos: sensitive or classified information could inadvertently be in the photo. The background could also give clues as to where you are and what you are doing.

- Do not post information on casualties in your unit: the Air Force has a procedure in place to properly and respectfully notify next of kin in case of injury or death.

- And again, remember "when in doubt, throw it out."

For more information, visit the DOD's Social Media Web Guide at <http://www.defense.gov/socialmedia/>.



Instructor pilots from Air Education and Training Command use the T-38C to prepare pilots for front-line fighter and bomber aircraft such as the F-15E Strike Eagle, F-15C Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, B-1B Lancer, A-10 Thunderbolt and F-22 Raptor. The Talon first flew in 1959. More than 1,100 Talons were delivered to the Air Force between 1961 and 1972 when production ended.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Samuel Bendet

T-X, future T-38 jet replacement, requirements released

By Capt. Jason Smith

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

The Air Force has released its requirements for the T-X trainer aircraft family of systems that will replace the T-38 Talon.

The release is the first under the service's new "Bending the Cost Curve Initiative" and follows Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James' emphasis on increased dialogue with industry to build affordability into the acquisition process.

"The industry dialogue will help guide Air Force evaluation of threshold and objective requirements, producing better informed cost-capability decisions," James said.

"The T-X requirements are being released approximately 10 months earlier than under the normal acquisition process and is part of an ongoing effort for more deliberate and open engagement with industry," said Brig. Gen. Dawn Dunlop, Air Education and Training Command's director of Plans, Programs and Requirements.

The initial draft requirements were released in 2012, allowing industry to make more-informed, early design decisions, Dunlop said. Ultimately, the collaboration will shape a more capable and affordable pilot training system for the Air Force.

The T-38 is no longer a practical trainer to prepare Air Force pilots for newer, more advanced aircraft, Dunlop said. Currently, 12 of 18 advanced

pilot training tasks can't be completed with the T-38, relying on fighter and bomber Formal Training Units to complete the training at a much greater cost.

"Cockpit and sensor management are fundamentally different today in fourth- and fifth-generation aircraft than it was when the T-38 was built in 1961," Dunlop said. While the T-38 has been upgraded to a glass cockpit, "the inability to upgrade the T-38's performance and simulated sensor capability presents a growing challenge each year to effectively teach the critical skills essential to today's military pilots."

A second issue for the T-38, according to Dunlop, is aircraft sustainment. The T-38s assigned to AETC have not met the command's requirement for 75-percent availability since 2011, meaning many are not mission capable and unavailable for training.

The T-X requirements identify three key performance characteristics for the advanced pilot training mission: Sustained Gs simulator visual acuity and performance, and aircraft sustainment. While there are more than 100 requirements in all, these were the most critical to ensure the T-X family of systems closes training gaps and creates strategic agility for the future.

A highlight in the requirements is embedded training with synthetic sensors and data link. Significant progress has been made the past decade in synthetic training that very closely approximates the real system. Nine partner air forces already have

advanced pilot training systems that take advantage of these increased capabilities.

The Air Force plans to award a contract for 350 T-Xs to replace the 431 AETC T-38s in the fall of 2017 with initial operational capability by the end of 2023. The service will accept proposals for currently fielded and clean-sheet designs to meet the Air Force's undergraduate pilot and introduction to fighter fundamentals training needs.

One requirement not part of the release is for the T-X to serve in a "red air," or adversary role, during live-fly exercises. The fiscal 2016 budget includes about \$40 million across the Future Year Defense Program in stores-aircraft interface funds as a wedge to provide future planning or development options related to T-X.

"The money for the Stores-Aircraft Interface Project should be considered separately from the Advanced Replacement T-X program," said Gen. Robin Rand, AETC commander. "A T-X variant is just one option for Red Air if we decide there's a requirement for it."

The requirements released today were shaped by cross-major command talks, program office discussions and partner buy-in, according to Rand.

"The T-X offers the right capabilities to train our Air Force pilots well into the future," said Rand. "It's designed to meet our nation's needs, reduce inefficiencies, and increase effectiveness while keeping the cost as low as possible."

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AETC commander Facebook page open

Individuals interested in updates about command and Air Force issues and highlights on the men and women expertly performing the Air Education and Training Command mission to recruit, train and educate Airmen to deliver airpower for America can now visit the 'AETC Commander' Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AETCcommander>.

Washington Circle changes

Drivers are advised to slow down for the next 60 days as they enter Washington Circle. Crews will be pulling up the bushes located in the center of the circle. For more information about the grounds maintenance, call 214-1239.

Rambler to host Family Fitness Night

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts Family Fitness Night 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. A circuit of different workout stations and a half court for different sports will be open to all families with base access. For details, call 652-2955.

JBSA Famaganza

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Famaganza event celebrating the "Month of the Military Child" takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 11 at the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs facility. Entertainment, refreshments and valuable information about base programs will be available and the event is open to all with base access.

Flea market

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Outdoor Recreation hosts a flea market 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11 at the JBSA-Randolph Child Development Program parking lot. Sellers can rent a space for \$15 which includes one six-foot-long table. Additional tables cost \$4. Sellers may reserve space at Outdoor Recreation located in the Community Services Mall. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts or food and beverage items is not permitted. For more information, call 652-5142.

JBSA-Randolph volunteers recognized

The 2015 Volunteer Appreciation Program honoring all Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph volunteers takes place noon to 1:30 p.m. April 22 at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 652-5321.

iMatter site gives AETC Airmen voice

Air Education and Training Command launched the iMatter Website March 23, giving all command Total Force Airmen access to an AETC-specific tool for sharing innovations and improvement ideas. With iMatter now live, AETC leadership is looking to Airmen at all levels to begin using the site and submitting their ideas. Airmen provide their inputs via a simple, online form, which is available at <https://app10-eis.aetc.af.mil/imatter/SitePages/home.aspx>.

Bowling center renovations

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Bowling Center is closed for renovation April 13 to May 31. For more information, call 652-6271.

Class provides expectant parents with 'bundles' of knowledge

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The Air Force Aid Society established "Bundles for Babies" classes nearly 20 years ago to provide parenting instruction for expectant active-duty members and spouses of active-duty members.

At Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Bundles for Babies continues to be a popular class at the Military & Family Readiness Center, where it is conducted on a bimonthly basis. There is a class today from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The next class is June 5.

"Bundles for Babies is an educational program to prepare active-duty members and spouses for parenthood," Savannah Lohn, 802nd Force Support Squadron community readiness consultant, said. "It's open to members of all service branches."

As its name suggests, Bundles for Babies also provides eligible participants with a bundle of items for newborn infants, including crib sheets, bibs and Onesies, or one-piece baby outfits.

Bundles for Babies classes focus on a variety of topics, from budgeting for the baby and TRICARE options to dental and medical care for the baby and mother.

In addition to benefiting parents through education and training, the class also aids the Air Force mission, Mike Bell, 802nd FSS community readiness consultant and Air Force Aid Society officer, said.

"Benefits to the mission would certainly be through

readiness," he said. "If your personal life is good to go, you will be more willing and able to support the mission."

Dental and medical briefings are presented by 359th Medical Group representatives, Lohn said.

"The dental briefing discusses a mother's dental care when she's pregnant, how to clean the baby's gums, when the first teeth will erupt and other topics," she said. "A nurse from the pediatric clinic will provide specifics on how the clinic works, taking a baby's temperature, immunizations, setting up appointments and when to use the nurse line."

The financial briefing not only provides important information for parents, it's also entertaining, Lohn said.

"It's based on 'The Price is Right,'" she said, referring to the longtime television game show. "It's all done in a game-show format, so it's fun."

Parents are asked to guess the price of items required for babies, including the average cost of rearing a child, estimated at more than \$300,000, as well as food, housing, health care, education, clothing and transportation. Financial resources are also discussed.

A nurse from the Family Advocacy Office's New Parent Support Program will talk about the program's services, including home visitations and classes that help expectant and new parents, and offer advice on parenting issues such as "purple crying," the period in a baby's life when they cry more often than at any other time.

The class will also feature a discussion of child seat



Photo by Airman 1st Class Riley Johnson

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center provides information and baby products to expecting families during the "Bundles for Babies" class.

safety and presentations by representatives from Baby Café, a network of drop-in centers that support breastfeeding mothers, and the Women, Infants and Children special supplemental nutrition program.

Lohn said parents respond positively to Bundles for Babies.

"They feel like they've learned something," she said. "Some parents say they wish they had known about the class for their first child."

For more information, call the M&FRC at 652-5321.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Chapel Easter Schedule

Catholic Service

Good Friday

Today, 5:30 p.m., Chapel One

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Chapel One

Easter Sunday

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Religious Activities Center (building 975)
and 11:30 a.m., Chapel One

Protestant Holy Week Services

Good Friday

Today, 3 p.m., Chapel One

Easter Sunday

Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Chapel One
and 11 a.m., RAC (building 975)

Officials unveil plans for new Randolph High School campus

By David DeKunder

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Officials from the Randolph Field Independent School District have approved a plan for a new high school campus that will be constructed behind the current high school building, which will be demolished once the new school is completed.

Project plans for the new 75,000-square-foot high school complex include 25 classrooms, five science labs, two computer labs, gymnasium, cafeteria, restrooms and administrative offices.

Lance Johnson, RFISD Superintendent, said construction on the new high school is expected to start in early June, with the project being completed in January 2016.

Part of the project's cost is being covered by a \$9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For the school district to receive the grant, Johnson said the Department of Education stipulated that the current high school building be torn down. The high school building, which was built in 1962, is owned by the Department of Education.

A new high school complex is needed, Johnson explained, because the current high school building constructed doesn't have enough space.

"The building is beyond its life expectancy," Johnson said. "There are space issues there. The size of the classrooms is below Texas Education Agency requirements for a high school classroom. Our corridors are extremely small for student flow.

"We are trying to build a 21st century learning facility," he added. "We are trying to give our kids top-notch facilities because they deserve it."

Dr. Mark Malone, Randolph High School principal, said students and teachers are dealing with cramped conditions at the school, including narrow hallways.

"Our kids have to put their backpacks in the hallway because they don't fit in the classrooms," Malone said. "When you put 400 kids in (the hallway), it's an incredibly small, cramped space. You walk slowly because there are a lot of kids and traffic can make movement slow."

Johnson said the new high school complex will be brought up to Americans With Disabilities Act standards, including the restrooms.

Included in the project plans are the construction of a new cafeteria and gymnasium that will be housed together in a separate 30,000-square-foot building, so it will be accessible to students from Randolph Middle School.

The new cafeteria, which includes a stage, will seat 400 students, exceeding the capacity of the current cafeteria that holds up to 170 students. Since it will include a stage, Johnson said the cafeteria will also be used for school theatrical performances.

Malone said the new cafeteria will have the capacity to serve all high school students for lunch at the same time. Since the current cafeteria doesn't

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Randolph Field Independent School District Superintendent



Photo by Joel Martinez

Randolph Field Independent School District officials have approved plans for the construction of a new high school campus that will be built behind the current high school building. The current building will be demolished once construction of the new campus is completed. The current building was built in 1962.

have the capacity to serve all the students at once, he said the school day has to be extended.

With students and teachers having lunch at the same time, it will shorten the school day.

Malone added the new high school building will include eight restrooms, far exceeding the two restrooms at the current high school classroom facility and technology infrastructure upgrades.

The new gymnasium will have seating for 700 spectators and have a curtain that will split the gym

in half, Malone said, allowing multiple athletic teams to use the facility at the same time.

Johnson said the current gymnasium, which seats 300 and includes a stage, will not be torn down and will be used by athletic teams from the middle school.

Also, Johnson added, the current athletic facility, which includes the gymnasium, weight room and locker rooms, will remain intact and not be demolished.

'Dorm to Gourm' classes to provide Airmen with culinary skills

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Rendezvous Dining Facility will be closed for renovation starting June 1, but a series of cooking classes that begin this week will provide Airmen with the culinary skills to cook their own meals in the interim.

The JBSA-Randolph Chiefs' Group and the Human Performance Resource Center, formerly the Health and Wellness Center, are sponsoring "Dorm to Gourm" classes beginning at 6 p.m. today at the chapel annex.

"The idea is that there are going to be regular sessions that will teach Airmen quick, inexpensive and healthy meals that they can cook themselves while the DFAC is under renovation," Shae Peters, HPRC Health Promotions Program coordinator, said.

The two-hour-long sessions will be conducted three Fridays a month, she said. Other sessions this month are planned April 17 and 24.

Sessions will be led by Dianna Ackerley, the wife of a retired Air Force colonel, who has planned and cooked for promotions, spouse welcomes, pilot training graduations, farewells, impromptu events and wing events throughout her husband's 33-year career. She also has three years' experience teaching a cooking class for the Williams-Sonoma retail company.

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Dianna Ackerley

Human Performance Resource Center "Dorm to Gourm" class instructor

Ackerley, who is donating her services for the Dorm to Gourm series, has teaching experience at JBSA-Randolph as well, including classes at the HPRC and for the Protestant Women of the Chapel, and cooking demonstrations at the Military & Family Readiness Center for the spouses of deployed military members.

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Peters said Chief Master Sgt. Peter Padilla, chiefs' group president, approached her and said the organization would like to participate in the sponsorship of healthy cooking demonstrations.

"The primary idea was to provide a

development opportunity for our dorm residents in teaching healthy cooking on a budget," Padilla said. "The timing could not be better as the DFAC is now scheduled to be closed starting June 1."

Padilla said the sessions are consistent with the chiefs' group's 2015 theme, "LEADership Matters," with LEAD standing for Lead, Empower/Educate, Advancement and Development.

"One of our primary roles for our assigned enlisted is their morale, welfare and health," he said. "We are taking the opportunity to not only be a part of their professional development, but with their personal development as well.

"We will assist with funding and definitely take the opportunity to teach some classes," Padilla added.

Ackerley said she also hopes to "get the Airmen excited about cooking, giving them confidence in the

tools I give them and hopefully taking what they have learned into their future as spouses and parents to cook good, wholesome food that is healthy, budget-friendly and tasty."

She said her classes will "have a twist of humor, lots of stories of my cooking experiences and a simple approach that helps individuals not be intimidated by recipes, cooking techniques or their abilities."

Ackerley said some of her ideas for themes are "Packing a Healthy Lunch," "Crockpot Ideas" and "Three Meals from a Rotisserie Chicken," but she also wants Airmen to give feedback on what they would like to cook.

Airmen will also be provided with a packet of recipes that are taught during each session to further aid their development as cooks, Peters said.

Padilla said the classes represent an opportunity to provide basic culinary skills that will last beyond the military.

"The JBSA-Randolph Chiefs' Group is excited about the opportunity and look forward to a sustainable program that will benefit our dorm residents for years to come," he said.

Ackerley said she is "honored" to be part of the series.

"I love the opportunity to give back to the military community," she said. "And if this is my God-given talent, then I want to use it in the best way I can."

For more information, call the HPRC at 652-2300.

Climate survey provides opportunity to share opinions with leaders

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

The Total Force Climate Survey, available from March 13 to April 27, offers active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilian Airmen a chance to express their opinions, perceptions and suggestions to help leaders improve their units.

The Air Force Survey Office here began emailing participation invitations to all Airmen, and will continue to send invitations through the end of March.

"This is a great opportunity for Airmen across the Air Force to provide feedback to their leaders," said Brenda Gainey, acting Air Force Survey Office chief. "By completing this survey, you can help your leaders target trouble areas within your organization. You are the best source of information about what is working and what needs improvement."

The Total Force Climate Survey is designed to assess Airmen's opinions and perceptions on a wide range of topics including resources, recognition, job satisfaction

and unit performance. The survey also includes major command-specific questions, and a chance for Airmen to make improvement recommendations through written comments.

"The survey will only take about 20 minutes to complete - a small amount of time compared to the valuable feedback you can provide to your unit leaders," said Gainey. "They want to hear from you."

Once the data is gathered, results will be briefed to the Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff, and will be released to unit leaders this summer.

Unit reports will only contain demographic information regarding service component and officer, enlisted or civilian. If fewer than seven members from a component or officer, enlisted or civilian status respond, the results will not be reported in the breakout at the unit level. All responses will roll up to the next unit level. No other demographic infor-

mation is provided in unit reports. This protects the confidentiality of respondents.

"The Total Force Climate Survey gives us all a chance to highlight concerns that directly affect us and our unit mission. This is critical feedback that leaders at every level need to improve their organizations and the Air Force," Gainey said. "Look for your personal invitation to the survey and take advantage of your chance to speak today to shape tomorrow."

For more information about the survey and to view the results of the previous survey, go to the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil>, enter "Air Force Survey Office" in the search window, select the survey office link and click on the "Total Force Climate Survey" link in the left hand column.

For more information about other personnel subjects go to myPers at <https://mypers.af.mil>. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can find instructions to create an account at www.retirees.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120510-068.pdf.