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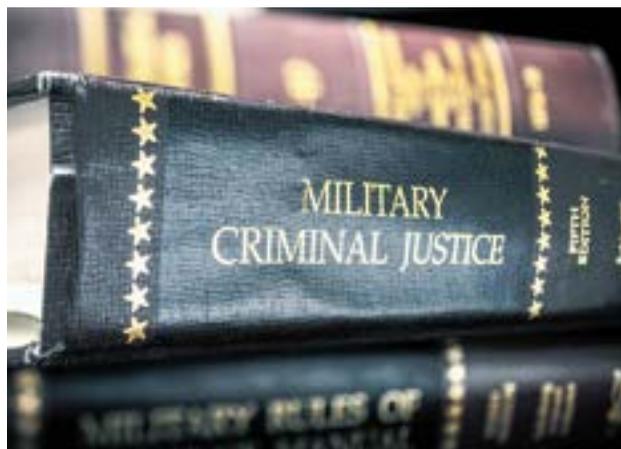
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Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, along with ARNORTH Command Sgt. Maj. Ron Orosz, is joined by family members and the "Heatwave" rock group from 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" representing the U.S. Army, during Armed Forces River Parade on the San Antonio Riverwalk Saturday. The parade is held annually to celebrate Armed Forces Day, a day set aside to thank the men and women who serve in the U.S. military. More than two dozen patriotically decorated floats took part in the parade, carrying members of each of the four branches of the military and the U.S. Coast Guard. For more photos, turn to Page 15.

Photo by Sgt. Maj. Matt Howard

New software trains Soldiers to respond to foreign disasters

By Mike Casey
 Combined Arms Center-Training and
Robert Ramon
 U.S. Army South Public Affairs

The U.S. Army and a unit of the U.S. Agency for International Development created a new video game to train Soldiers how to respond to foreign natural disasters.

Earlier this year, Maj. Gen. Mark O'Neil, deputy commanding general of the Combined Arms Center-Training, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., approved the video game, called Disaster Sim, for the force.
 "Disaster Sim teaches Soldiers how to be part of a joint task force, coping with a foreign natural disaster," O'Neil said.

"The video game shows how the Army is using technology to make training more engaging and accessible."
 The video game can be downloaded for free from the Army's Milgaming website at <https://milgaming.army.mil/>.
 Developing the game involved

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Secretary of Defense Ash Carter administers the oath of office to Eric K. Fanning (right), swearing him in as the Army's 22nd secretary at the Pentagon May 18.

Fanning sworn in as secretary of the Army

Eric K. Fanning was sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of the Army during a formal ceremony at the Pentagon May 18.

"I'm honored and thrilled to return to lead the total Army team. I am looking forward to getting back to work with (Army chief of staff) Gen. (Mark) Milley, and sincerely appreciative of Patrick Murphy's work as acting secretary over the past several months," Fanning said.

Fanning was nominated by President Barack Obama Nov. 3, 2015 to serve as the civilian head of the U.S. Army.

"I congratulate Eric Fanning on being sworn in as the Secretary of the Army," Milley said.

With a wealth of military experience and knowledge, Fanning will oversee an Army faced with new challenges in a complex world. In his duties, Fanning is responsible for organizing, training and equipping Army forces.

(Source: Army News Service)

Summer season is peak time for grilling fires

By Lorraine Carli
National Fire Prevention
Association

As Memorial Day weekend approaches, home chefs everywhere are reaching for their grills, eager to usher in the long-awaited barbecue season. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that grillers pay particular attention to safety in the spring and summer months when home fires involving grilling incidents occur most often.

Three out of five households own a gas grill, according to NFPA's latest "Home Grill Fires" report, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

From 2009-2013, an annual average of 8,900 home fires involved grills, hibachis or barbecues, and close to half of all injuries involving grills were due to thermal burns. While nearly half of the people who grill do so year-round, July is the peak month for grilling fires followed by May, June and August.

Although gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires overall than their charcoal counterparts, NFPA reminds



Courtesy graphic

everyone that all types of grills pose a risk for fires and burn injuries.

One or the other of home structure grill fires started on an exterior balcony or open porch, and another 27 percent started in a courtyard, terrace or patio. Eight percent began in the kitchen, according to the report.

As friends and families prepare for a fun grilling season together, be sure the grill is working properly and review safety tips. Failing to properly clean the grill or having the grill too close to something that could burn are the leading causes of fires. It's good practice to check for damage before using the grill for the first time each year, and to check the entire grill regularly.

When grilling, NFPA

suggests the following:

Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.

The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below.

Never leave your grill unattended.

For additional information and resources including tips for outdoor cooking with portable grills, visit <http://www.nfpa.org/grilling> or download NFPA's safety tips sheet on grilling for easy access at <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/consumers/outdoors/grilling-grilling-safety-tips>.

Did you know?

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Jadwin Entry Control Point Temporary Closure

The existing Jadwin Entry Control Point will close temporarily, starting at 6 p.m. Friday and remain closed through Aug. 28. All traffic will be re-routed to the commercial and regular lanes at the Walters Entry Control Point. This closure is to allow installation of active vehicle barriers and supporting utilities at this gate. For safety reasons, this gate must be closed to all traffic during this time. The north New Braunfels gate is open for regular, non-commercial traffic to Department of Defense ID holders from 6-9 a.m. weekdays. For more information, call 221-5283.

Cole H.S. Senior Events To Be Streamed Live

The Robert G. Cole High School senior awards, graduation ceremony and behind-the-scenes pre-graduation show will all be streamed live this year on the Internet for people who cannot attend in person. Senior awards can be viewed from 9:30-11 a.m. Friday at <http://thecube.com/e/638605>. The pre-graduation "red carpet" behind-the-scenes show is available from 5:15-5:50 p.m. Tuesday at <http://thecube.com/e/638605>. The 2016 Cole High School graduation can be viewed from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at <http://thecube.com/e/638611>. All these events will be streamed using The Cube website (<http://www.thecube.com/>) Sign up for a free cube account and follow the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Cube channel at the same time. Start at <http://thecube.com/cube/fshisd> and click the "follow" link.

Veterinary Corps Centennial

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps holds a centennial celebration at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum on Fort Sam Houston from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 3 at 2310 Stanley Road, building 1046.

Social Security Briefing At JBSA-Randolph

A briefing at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph will untangle the complexities of Social Security benefits and help attendees understand the options that can maximize their retire-

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NOAA kicks off Hurricane Preparedness Week at San Antonio International Airport

By Sgt. 1st Class Wynn Hoke
U.S. Army North Public Affairs

Hurricane Preparedness Week kicked off May 16 at the San Antonio International Airport with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Hurricane Awareness Tour displaying the United States Airforce WC-130J Hurricane Hunter and the NOAA G-IV Hurricane Hunter.

The message was clear: it only takes one storm to change your life and your community.

As the response element to natural or manmade disasters in the United States, U.S. Army North knows all too well the cost that a hurricane or tropical storm can cause to a community and the lives of citizens.

NOAA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Army North has one constant message they share to the nation concerning hurricanes: be prepared.

"I think about what would happen to my family if we didn't have supplies purchased in advance and I had to tell my family the stores are out of the stuff we desperately need to get through the storm," said Rick Knabb, National Hurricane Center director. "That is a potentially deadly situation to put my family in."

The scenario Knabb describes happens often after a hurricane. Those who are in areas that may be impacted by a hurricane or tropical storm should remember these tips:

Determine your risk: Find out today what types of wind and water hazards could happen where you live and then start preparing now for how to handle them. Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Their impacts can be felt hundreds of miles inland.

Develop an evacuation plan: The first thing you need to do is find out if you live in a storm



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wynn Hoke

The U.S. Air Force Reserve WC-130J sits on the tarmac at the San Antonio International Airport May 16 during the first stop of the NOAA Hurricane Awareness Tour. The C-130, also known as a "Hurricane Hunter," is used to penetrate tropical and hurricane storms in order to relay vital information back to those monitoring the storms.

surge hurricane evacuation zone or if you're in a home that would be unsafe during a hurricane. If you are, figure out where you'd go and how you'd get there if told to evacuate.

Get an insurance check-up: Call your insurance company or agent and ask for an insurance check-up to make sure you have enough homeowners insurance to repair or even replace your home. Don't forget coverage for your car or boat.

Assemble disaster supplies: You're going to need supplies not just to get through the storm but for the potentially lengthy and unpleasant aftermath. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of one week. Electricity and water could be out for at least that long. You'll also need extra cash, a battery-powered radio and flashlights. Many of us have cell phones and they all run

on batteries. You're going to need a portable, crank or solar powered USB charger.

"Preparedness is not just for the federal government but all levels of the government, the private sector, nonprofit organizations and our private citizens," said Tony Robinson, FEMA Region VI regional administrator. "Events like this help us get the message out we are prepared and you as a citizen can help your neighbor. That makes us a more resilient country."

Robinson added that emergency management is a whole community event from government, the private business sector and our citizens who need to be ready to respond.

Weather Ready Nation is one campaign started in 2012 to help communities and citizens prepare and be ready to respond to extreme weather.

"We have more than 3000 Weather Ready Nation ambassadors ensuring and helping get

the message out or what to do during a storm, and how to become more resilient in regards to extreme weather events," said Laura Furgione, National Weather Service deputy director.

"Getting the preparedness message out early to the public is key," said Robert Naething, deputy to the commanding general, U.S. Army North. "We know that this is what saves money and property. But more importantly, preparedness saves lives."

The 2016 hurricane season starts Thursday and runs through Nov. 30. To learn more about being prepared, visit <http://www.nws.noaa.gov> and click on the safety tab and then hurricanes. Tell your preparedness story on Twitter by using the hashtags #ItOnlyTakesOne or #HurricaneStrong.

(Editor's note: Some content from http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/hurricane_preparedness.html)

Commentary: that gold star doesn't represent a person's rank

By Larry Haggerty
IMCOM Survivor Outreach Services

At the Fort Sam Houston gas station I saw a vehicle with a young girl driving to fill up at the pump next to me.

I noticed a small flag in the window with two blue stars on it, and assumed that the stars reflected the rank of the Soldier that owned the vehicle. I was surprised that a major general would have a daughter that young.

Soon after that incident, I was hired to support an Army program called Survivor Outreach Services. When I reported to work, I noticed one of the ladies at work had a little purple and gold lapel pin she wore all the time, and another had a pin that was a variation of the flag that I had seen at the gas station.

I was curious: the flag on the car had two blue stars, the flag on one lady's pin had one blue star and one gold



U.S. Army photo

A gold star flag hangs in a window, indicating a family member from that home died in service to the nation.

star and another simply had one blue star. Why were all the flags different, why were there two different stars, why did only these two ladies in

the office have the flags? I, in my infinite wisdom, was too embarrassed to ask what any of these things meant.

Fortunately, one of my first assignments was to develop a web page that clearly defined the difference between the versions of the flags and pins for the American public.

I am an Army veteran with one deployment, and was married to an active duty Army soldier with 11 deployments and I never understood the momentous meaning these symbols had. It blew my mind that I'd never heard of, learned about or understood what these symbols represented.

The service flag was designed and patented by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry whose two sons were serving on the front line. The flag was designed to be displayed in the front window of peoples' homes to indicate

the number of family members serving the war effort as members of the Armed Services.

In 1918, President Wilson approved a request from the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense that allowed mothers who had lost a child serving in the war to wear a gold gilt star on their traditional black mourning band.

This practice led to the blue star on the service flag being covered with a gold star to indicate the service member had been killed.

This practice became much more widespread during World War II, when organizations and families took great pride and displayed banners indicating the number of members of the organization, or family, serving in the war.

Between World War II and today, the practice of wearing or displaying service flags or gold stars had diminished

greatly... but the meaning of the symbols is as significant today as it was 100 years ago.

Each time you see a blue service star, you should be aware the person displaying it has a loved one—possibly in harm's way – supporting the freedoms we enjoy every day. A gold service star indicates someone in that person's family has lost their life while serving in our armed forces and for our Nation.

Please take a moment, when appropriate, to thank the bearer of the star. A simple "I appreciate your family member's service," or "My sympathies for your loss," is all it takes to remind the bearer the service or sacrifice means something... even if the practice isn't widely recognized anymore.

For more information about the service flags and pins, visit <http://www.symbolsof-honor.org>.

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ment income. "Social Security and You" will be presented from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center ballroom by Oscar Garcia, who retired from the Social Security Administration after a long career as a public affairs specialist and claims representative. Call the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321 to register for the session.

CPAC Closed Thursday For Half Day

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, building 144, will conduct a director's call for all assigned personnel Thursday. The facility will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 221-1425.

Winans Entry Control Point Operations

Beginning June 18, entry into Watkins Terrace Housing, Youth Services, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District, Dodd Field Chapel and the Army Reserve Center through the Winans Entry Control Point, will require an approved Department of Defense-issued access credential. All visitors, contractors, and vendors with non-DOD issued credentials such as a driver's license, passport, etc., will stop at a visitor center located on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, be identity proofed, background vetted and issued a credential prior to entering the Winans Entry Control Point. Visit the JBSA webpage at <http://www.jbsa.mil/Home/VisitorInformation.aspx> for visitor center hours, locations, contact information and more detailed instructions. To speak to a security assistant call (210)221-1902/1903.

Fort Sam Houston Resident Survey Underway

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Residential Communities Initiative Office has announced the Headquarters Department of the Army Resident Survey is underway via email through Sunday. Residents are encouraged to give their thoughts about their experiences and services in housing and provide comments on issues, as well as indicating areas needing improvement. Residents who have not received the email about the survey can call 270-7638. Residents who complete the survey are eligible for a cash award.

Mexican army general visits Army North

By Maj. Mike Loveall
U.S. Army North Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. James Blackburn, U.S. Army North deputy commanding general, welcomed Brig. Gen. Jose Ortega Reyes from the Mexican Secretariat of National Defense, or SEDENA, for his first visit to San Antonio May 19.

The visit served to further strengthen the relationship between the SEDENA and Army North, or ARNORTH, staffs. ARNORTH is the Army headquarters responsible for building partnership efforts in North America, including Mexico.

During the visit,

Ortega Reyes and his staff met with several key leaders and units from ARNORTH and Fort Sam Houston.

These meetings and conversations served as a bi-lateral forum for strategic level discussions on furthering a shared understanding of the cooperative defense of North America.

Ortega Reyes and his SEDENA staff also gained an understanding of ARNORTH's and the 505th Military Intelligence Brigade's task organization, mission and goals.

Throughout the visit, both organizations held formal and informal meetings to sustain

and enhance the relationship between the U.S. and Mexican Armies.

While the SEDENA staff gained valuable insight into the composition and capabilities of ARNORTH and the 505th MI Brigade, the U.S. staffs gained a fresh perspective on ways to cooperate with SEDENA units in the future.

"Building and maintaining positive relationships between our senior leaders fosters the spirit of cooperation and trust that our militaries are growing at all levels of our security partnership."

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wynn Hoke

Brig. Gen. Jose Ortega Reyes (left), from the Mexican Secretariat of National Defense, or SEDENA, meets with Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, U.S. Army North commanding general, during his visit to Army North and Fort Sam Houston May 19.

U.S. Army Medical Command Soldiers inducted into Sergeant Audie Murphy Club local chapter

By Jose E. Rodriguez
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Four Soldiers from the U.S. Army Medical Command were inducted into the Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon L. Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club May 12 at Fort Sam Houston.

Sgt. 1st Class Krenda D. Harralson, Company C, 187th Medical Battalion; Staff Sgt. Stephen Raya, Company C, 264th Medical Battalion; Staff Sgt. Pablo Sierra III, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research; and Staff Sgt. Maggie Wilson, Company B, 264th Medical Battalion, were the inductees.

Command Sgt. Maj.

Andrew J. Rhoades, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School Command sergeant major, presided over the event. The guest speaker was 1st Sgt. Natasha M. Tsantles from the USAISR.

Induction into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club is an arduous process, consisting of a recommendation by the Soldier's non-commissioned officer chain of command to participate in the rigorous board examination process.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is a private U.S. Army organization for enlisted non-commissioned officers only. Those

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Photo by Jose E. Rodriguez

(From left) Staff Sgt. Maggie Wilson, Staff Sgt. Pablo Sierra III, Staff Sgt. Stephen Raya and Sgt. 1st Class Krenda D. Harralson became the newest members of the Sergeant Major of the Army Leon L. Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club at Fort Sam Houston May 12.

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U.S. Army South; the Army Research Laboratory; the Army Games for Training Program, Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation; the Institute for Creative Technologies at the University of Southern California, and the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, or OFDA.

OFDA, part of the U.S. Agency for International Development, is responsible for leading and coordinating the U.S. response to overseas disasters.

U.S. Army South at Fort Sam Houston is responsible for providing the core of a joint task force headquarters to deploy as part of a U.S. government response to disasters in Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Col. Michael Panko, Army South's chief of training and exercises, said Army South saw the need for a capability to provide initial training

about the Army's role in responding to foreign disasters.

"This software is designed as an instructional tool for personnel who would serve on a foreign disaster relief joint task force as part of a U.S. government response led by OFDA," Panko said.

Tim Wansbury project lead with the Army Research Laboratory, said OFDA's representatives provided the expertise in creating the video game's content.

"They helped us develop a program to teach Disaster Relief 101," Wansbury said.

Disaster Sim's initial scenario challenges a Soldier to respond to the needs of Guatemalans during an earthquake, said Lt. Col. Greg Pavlichko. Until taking a new assignment, Pavlichko was the chief of the Games for Training programs, which is part of the National Simulation Center and CAC-T.

"In the game, the Soldier has many more requests for help than resources," Pav-

lichko said. "That forces the Soldier to prioritize resources to meet the most critical needs. If the Soldier doesn't correctly address the most serious problems, there are adverse second- and third order effects."

The hour-long scenario also teaches Soldiers the proper procedures to work with OFDA, non-governmental agencies and the host nation. Eventually, Disaster Sim will offer leaders the opportunity to create new foreign disaster scenarios.

Panko said the game can help units besides Army South.

"Any command that has foreign disaster relief as part of its mission will benefit from including Disaster Sim in training," Panko said.

Panko said he was impressed with Disaster Sim's creation in just 18 months.

"To my knowledge, the rapid development of this software, minimal cost involved and fielding time to the Army is unprecedented," he said.



Photo by Eric. R. Lucero

U.S. Army South Sgt. 1st Class Antwain E. Dobbins trains on Disaster Sim, a video game that teaches Soldiers how to be part of a foreign disaster relief task force.

A key to the project's success was the collaborative and supportive approach of all organizations.

"This project underscores a

core Army value: teamwork. None of us alone had the resources or talent to bring this project to life, but together we made it a reality," Panko said.

INTEL ANALYSTS SHINE DURING VIBRANT RESPONSE EXERCISE



Photo by Karen Lloyd

(From left) Army National Guardsmen Sgt. Kumulia Long, Sgt. Mario Molina and Pfc. Ryan Bradley from the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, are deployed from Vermont to Fort Sam Houston in support of U.S. Army North's VIBRANT Response 16 exercise. The three intelligence analysts were recognized by the ARNORTH command May 18 for excellence during the exercise. During VIBRANT Response, they were charged with preparing daily analytics and personally briefing Brig. Gen. James Blackburn, ARNORTH deputy commanding general, and subordinate commands during nightly updates.

SECURITY FORCES, LEGAL BRING THE LAW TO FORT SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jonathon Lopez

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School student Essence Meyers places Capt. Lauren McCormick in handcuffs after reading her the Miranda rights while Senior Airman Elizabeth Aguilar assists and students Arianna Reynolds and Adriana Williams observe April 29. 502nd Air Base Wing Security Forces and 502nd Force Support Group legal office personnel reached out to the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School for Law Day 2016. Aguilar and Airman 1st Class Sean Leyh from the 502nd SFS, along with Airman 1st Class Jonathan Lopez, Cynthia McClure, Staff Sgt. Loran Harding, Tech. Sgt. Andrea Simmonds, and Capts. Gabriel Bush and McCormick from 502nd FSG/JA taught 120 fifth-grade students about lawful arrest in accordance with this year's theme title "Miranda, More Than Words."

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said ARNORTH senior staffer Doug Raymond.

As part of his first visit to San Antonio, Ortega Reyes also had the opportunity to experience unique activities Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio have to offer.

Each morning, the contingent exercised along the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio. They also visited the Alamo National Historic Site and partook of some of San Antonio's renowned barbeque.

On Fort Sam Houston, the group had a private tour of the Fort Sam Houston Museum and lunched with trainees.

Ortega Reyes concluded his visit by participating in the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade's military formal – his first U.S. military formal.

"It has been my honor to receive guests this evening and to see so many different ribbons and awards displayed on U.S. Soldiers' uniforms," Ortega Reyes said.

The building of staff

relationships, identification of future requirements, better awareness of each unit and a shared understanding of the cooperative defense of North America were all successful achievements from this visit.

Whether it be a natural disaster threatening the citizens of both nations or security threats from mutual adversaries, ARNORTH and SEDENA are better prepared to work together because of staff-to-staff coordination for events and senior leader visits like this.

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Defense Department adds funding to enhance Zika surveillance by military labs

By Cheryl Pellerin
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

The Department of Defense is providing \$1.76 million in extra funding to military laboratories to expand Zika virus surveillance worldwide and assess the virus's impact on deployed service members' health and readiness, said Navy Cmdr. Franca Jones, chief of the Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response, or GEIS, section of the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch in the Defense Health Agency's Public Health Division.

The enhanced Zika virus surveillance will involve 10 projects in 18 countries and territories by four lab partners based in the United States and five located overseas.

Jones said the labs receiving more Zika virus funds are part of the GEIS integrated worldwide emerging infectious disease surveillance network that includes core Army or Navy medical research labs in Egypt, Georgia, Kenya, Peru, Thailand, Cambodia and Singapore and Army, Navy and Air Force labs in the United States, working in more than 60 countries around the world.

In the current fiscal year, she added, GEIS already has provided its network partners with more than \$51 million to support a range of emerging infectious disease surveillance programs.

Zika virus disease spread to people through the bites of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, usually

shows mild symptoms – fever, rash, joint pain and red eyes – that last several days or a week, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects, according to the CDC.

In May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization issued an alert about the first confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil. Three months ago, the WHO declared Zika virus a public health emergency of international concern. Local transmission has been reported in many other countries and territories.

Zika virus likely will continue to spread to new areas, CDC says. Some 4,905 confirmed and 194,633 suspected cases had been reported in 33 countries and territories in the Western Hemisphere, according to an April 6 Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch summary.

Jones said DOD labs will use the Zika money provided by the branch's GEIS section for three kinds of surveillance studies. One will look retrospectively for Zika virus exposure among DOD personnel through serum repository samples. A retrospective study looks backward in time, in this case using serum samples of patients who had been deployed in areas with high rates of Zika virus infection.

The other surveillance studies will leverage existing work in the GEIS

lab network in different parts of the world to expand clinic-based surveillance for Zika virus disease among DOD and civilian populations, and expand testing for Zika virus in mosquitoes.

The Department of Defense collects a range of blood serum samples from all service members before, during and after their military service, and maintains the samples in the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Branch's Department of Defense Serum Repository.

Serum is a clear fluid that's part of a person's blood. It's used in many medical diagnostic tests and in blood typing. The repository is the world's largest of its kind, with more than 60 million serial serum samples from more than 10 million service members.

For the retrospective Zika virus surveillance study, military virologists – scientists who study viruses – and public health officials will check the serum samples of service members stationed in the United States and in high-risk regions in the Caribbean and other places overseas.

The scientists will be looking for prior exposure to Zika, dengue and chikungunya viruses, all of which are transmitted by *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. In recent years, according to CDC, dengue and chikungunya cases have begun to appear in the United States, most of them brought in from tropical urban areas of the world.

“For the service members, I can talk from personal experience,”

Jones said. “Our blood is drawn when we enter active duty, prior to and following all deployments and occasionally during acute illness for the purpose of storing in the serum repository, allowing for later analyses of a service member's serum over his or her time in service. So the serum repository keeps a history of a service member's serum on tap.”

She added, “When looking to understand exposure to our service members, the repository provides a unique resource for helping to determine if, when and where there was any exposure to a variety of pathogens.”

This serum surveillance effort will examine 500 samples from service members stationed in Puerto Rico during a time when some of the viruses were transmitted, and 500 from service members deployed to West Africa, Jones said.

“We're trying to understand the baseline risk for service members,” she added.

Other lines of effort for surveillance for the labs include looking for Zika virus in mosquitoes in the Caribbean, East Africa and Southeast Asia, Jones said, and also looking for Zika virus in service members and in military beneficiary and civilian populations who go to medical facilities with a fever, medically known as a febrile illness.

The febrile surveillance will be done in the southwestern United States – California, Arizona and Texas – and in the Caribbean, Central and South

America, East and West Africa and Southeast Asia, she said.

In mosquito surveillance, scientists capture mosquitoes in traps and take them to the DOD labs to be processed to get their genetic material for testing.

“By testing the genetic material, we can understand where mosquitoes are carrying the virus,” Jones explained. “We won't necessarily be able to tell quantitatively the percentage of mosquitoes carrying the virus, but in relative terms we'll learn about the population that's carrying the virus, in what parts of the world, and the risk to DOD populations.”

Human surveillance focuses on service members and military beneficiary and civilian populations who go to the hospital with febrile illnesses.

“Most of these are efforts where we are already conducting surveillance for other febrile pathogens,” Jones said.

“For example we have a study in Peru, where they're already doing clinic-based febrile surveillance activities in South America. These are people in the population who come to the clinic with a febrile illness. Their blood will be

drawn and sent to the Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6 in Lima for testing for Zika virus, along with other pathogens the scientists there



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A female *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

have been looking for,” she added.

Jones said officials don't know what they're going to find in the GEIS-funded effort. “It's very possible that the actual number of mosquitoes that are carrying the virus or the number of patients that we get is so small that the chance of finding something could be small,” she acknowledged. But she said GEIS still wants to do the work, because the lack of Zika virus in the samples is also valuable information and helps to determine the risk to service members.

“For us in GEIS, because infectious diseases can emerge anywhere, it's very important to us to understand what diseases are currently in what geographic locations in the world, and understand what disease may emerge and spread rapidly,” Jones explained. “Our forces are present globally, and we need to make sure that they are able to complete their mission. Infectious diseases are one of the things that can impede their ability to do their mission.”



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Monthly Events

June

Bowling

Coushatta casino league takes a trip

Join the Coushatta Casino League through the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center. The league runs June 2 to Aug. 3 and is a United States Bowling Congress-sanctioned league that entitles each member to a trip to the Coushatta Casino in Coushatta, La., Aug. 7-8. The trip includes round-trip bus transportation and hotel accommodations. Meals are not included. This league is open to USBC adult bowlers, 21 years and older. Register at the bowling center. For more information, call 652-6271.

Dead league walking

Participate in the Walking Dead League June 6 to Aug. 22 with the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center. All participants in the Walking Dead-themed bowling league receive a custom bowling ball with drilling included or a pin. Teams consist of mixed or matched gender, doubles or quads. Register at the bowling center. For more information, call 652-6271.

Storm pro am league begins

Sign up at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center to join the United States Bowling Congress-sanctioned Storm Pro Am League. This league runs June 7 to Aug. 23 and offers a chance to bowl with the Storm Professionals at JBSA-Lackland Aug. 28. Members receive a Storm bowling ball with drilling included. This league is open to USBC youth and adult bowlers. For more information, call 652-6271.

School is out for the summer

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center invites youth to summer bowling June 8 to Aug. 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids 5-18 years bowl Monday, Wednesday or Friday for \$1 per game. Shoes are regular price. For more information, call 671-1234.

Experienced bowlers pick a league

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center offers bowlers a chance to bowl under the same challenging lane conditions as the professional bowlers with the Professional Bowlers Association Experience League June 8 to Aug. 17. This United States Bowling Congress-sanctioned sports league challenges bowlers on 10 types of Professional Bowlers Association patterns. This league is open to USBC youth and adult bowlers. For more information, call 652-6271.

Father's Day celebrated with bowling special

Dads bowl for \$1 a game for at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center June 18, noon to 3 p.m. Rental shoes are regular price. For more information, call 671-1234.

Bring dads to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center June 19, noon to 5 p.m., to bowl a free game. For more information, call 221-3683.

Bowling is free for dads at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center June 19, 1-6 p.m. Free games are limited to three per dad; rental shoes are not included. Other bowlers can bowl at the special Father's Day rate of \$2.50 per game with \$2.50 rental shoes. For more information, call 652-6271.

Summer giveaway leads to prizes

Sign up for Summer Giveaway prizes at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center. The June giveaway is a \$250 Lowes gift card to be awarded June 30. Participants must be 18 years and older and must bowl Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to receive entry into the drawing. For more information, call 671-1234.

Weekly lunch includes bowling

All JBSA Bowling Centers host a weekly No Tap Lunch Tournament. Stop by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy lunch and bowl. Cost is \$12 and includes a burger, fries and a drink as well as three games of bowling in the nine-pine no tap tournament. \$5 from every entry goes towards the prize fund. The highest score from the previous week is paid the following Monday. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Club displays Ultimate Fighting Championship® fights

Come to the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club to view the upcoming Ultimate Fighting Championship® 199 June 4. Watch the middleweight championship with Luke Rockhold versus Chris Weidman and the bantamweight championship with Dominick Cruz versus Uriah Faber. Fights are subject to change. For more information, call 652-3056.

Club hosts playoff action

Watch the National Basketball Association playoffs at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club June 5, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 19. Food specials include ranch popcorn chicken served with fries. Cost is \$4.85 for members and \$6.85 for nonmembers. Monterey ranch cheese sticks are served at \$3.95 for members and \$5.95 for nonmembers and buffalo crispy cauliflower costs \$3.95 for members and \$5.95 for nonmembers. The Gil's Pub menu is also available. For more information, call 652-3056.

Meals are prepared to go

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers adult and child portions of meals to go. Staff is staged outside of the main entrance in the drive-through driveway to greet customers, take orders and provide meals. Pick up is 4-5:30 p.m., while

supplies lasts. The June 8 menu includes a six-ounce chicken breast, or four ounces for children, topped with marinara sauce and Parmesan cheese, served over a bed of linguine noodles with a side of broccoli and garlic bread. Cost is \$9.95 for nonmembers, \$7.95 for members and nonmembers' children and \$5.95 for members' children. For more information, call 658-7445.

Guests fly in to the Auger

Join the party at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Auger Inn for "old school" camaraderie, free light refreshment and great music June 17, 5 p.m. Meet neighbors, folks from other squadrons and leadership. There is no cover to join the fun. For more information, call 658-7445.

Sky Lounge hosts live entertainment

Stop by the Sky Lounge in the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for musical entertainment provided by Bugz Garza and the Alliance June 17, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres 5-6 p.m. Admission is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 658-7445.

Fathers and daughters dance

Join the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for the annual father and daughter dinner and dance June 18, 5-8 p.m. This program is for girls 2-15 years. The evening includes a buffet for the girls with macaroni, chicken tenders, pizza and dessert. Fathers feast on steak, fries and green beans. Music and arts and crafts are provided. Cost for members is \$20 per couple and \$5 per additional daughter. Cost for nonmembers is \$40 per couple and \$10 per additional daughter. Make reservations now. No coupons are accepted and no refunds are available after June 16. For more information, call 658-7445.

Fathers are invited to Father's Day brunch

Bring fathers to the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for Father's Day Brunch June 19. Brunch is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and seating are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dads and granddads can enter a drawing for club gift certificates. Entry forms are collected all day and winning names are drawn the following day. Cost is \$22.95 per adult member, \$12.95 per members' children, 6-12 years, \$27.95 per adult nonmembers and \$14.95 per nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 years and younger eat for free. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 658-7445.

Community Programs

Oldies but goodies are at the Harlequin

Come to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theatre to view "Those Oldies but Goodies" by Shawn Kjos June 10 through July 23. This is a musical

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revue featuring the classic oldie guy and girl groups including the Four Seasons, Beach Boys, the Chiffons, the Platters, the Crystals, the Drifters, the Rosettes, the Tokens, the Supremes and more. Make reservations today. Group rates are available. This show is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP and Broadway Bank. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

Fitness

Teams participate in relay run

Get a teammate and join the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center in the two-person team 10k relay run June 4, 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 start running the next 5k. This event is sponsored by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-7263.

Women's basketball camp held

The JBSA-Lackland Fitness Center hosts the 2016 All Air Force Women's Basketball Trial Camp June 14-30. Practices and games are held at the Chaparral Fitness Center. All games are free and open to base personnel. For more information, call 671-1880.

Racquetball tournament held

Participate in the racquetball tournament at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center June 18, 9 a.m. Singles and Doubles matches are played in double elimination format. This event is free and open to Department of Defense ID cardholders 16 years and older. Deadline to register is close of business June 11. For more information, call 221-1234.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Warrior four-person scramble June 3, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner and gift certificates for the winners of longest drive and closest to the pin. The first-, second- and third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Summer camp available for junior golfers

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers Junior Golf Camp June 13-17. Cost is \$125 and includes golf clubs for participants to keep at the end of camp. If golf clubs are not needed, cost is \$50. Camp runs Monday through Thursday, 8-10:30 a.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first four days focus on chipping, putting and hitting and the final day includes pizza and a tournament. For more information, call 652-4653.

Gateway cup decides a winner

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf course hosts the Gateway Cup Open June 18-19, with 8 a.m. tee times. The entry fee is \$30 and includes lunch. Sign up in the Pro Shop. For more information, call 671-3466.

Blind draw tournament leads to a winner

Participate in the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course US Open Blind Draw Tournament June 18, with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is an individual, low-net, low-gross tournament and a Professional Golfers' Association pro from the US Open is drawn for players to combine scores with. This tournament serves as a JBSA Cup Qualifier. Entry fee is \$10 plus green and cart fees. For more information, call 652-4653.

Parents golf with children

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course holds a two-person scramble June 19, with noon to 1 p.m. tee times. Lunch is served before the round and cost is \$20 for everything including green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

Wednesday night is saved for scrambles

Come out to JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course and play nine holes of golf scrambles. Teams are paired by blind draw. Entry fee is \$20 and includes green fee and golf cart fees. Prizes are awarded to the winners and closest to the pin. Sign up in the Pro Shop. For more information, call 671-3466.

Dinner is served Sunday nights

Stop by for a special Sunday dinner at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course 4-7 p.m. A different menu is available each week. Cost is \$14 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Cost for diners that do not make reservations is \$16, space permitting. For more information, call 671-3466.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Live show at the Majestic Theater

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has discount tickets for the "Wizard of Oz" showing through June 5 at the Majestic Theater. Ticket prices vary depending on performance time, date and seats chosen. For more information, call 671-3059.

Circus comes to town

Discount tickets for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® circus are on sale at JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel. The show is June 30 - July 4 at the AT&T Center. Tickets are \$16, \$21, \$26 and \$41. Register to win two tickets plus plush animals at JBSA-Lackland ITT drawing June 17. For more information, call 671-3059.

Texan cultures are exposed

Purchase discount tickets to the 45th Annual Texas Folklife Festival, June 10-12 at JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel. The festival is the biggest cultural celebration in Texas. More than 40 different cultural groups in Texas are represented and come together to celebrate heritage. Ticket prices are \$10.50 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years and free for children 5 years and younger. For more information, call 671-3059.

Fiesta is at the River Walk

Fiesta Noche del Rio is a summer outdoor performance on the River Walk featuring songs and dances of Mexico, Spain, Argentina and Texas. JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has discounted admission for \$13.75 for adults, \$6.75 for children 6-14 years. Children 5 years

and younger are free. This is held Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 p.m., through Aug. 13 at the historic Arneson River Theater in La Villita in downtown San Antonio. For more information, call 671-3059.

Theme park tickets are here

Purchase theme park tickets from the JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel and save up to \$14 on ticket prices for SeaWorld®. Fiesta Texas one-day admission tickets are \$43.75 for children 3 years and older. Season passes are \$71.25, not including parking, and Gold Season passes are \$83.25 with parking. The park hosts "Salute to America's Heroes" May 30 with free admission for active-duty military. Dependents accompanying the active-duty member are 50 percent off at the gate. For more information, call 671-7111.

Stop by the JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel for discount tickets to Six Flags, SeaWorld® and Schlitterbahn. For more information, call 652-5142.

WNBA San Antonio Stars tickets available

Purchase discounted tickets for the WNBA San Antonio Stars 2016 season at JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel or go online at <https://www.Spurs.com/lacklanditt> and use the promo code LACKLAND.ITT with no Ticketmaster fees. Prices vary depending on seating. For more information, call 671-3059.

Library

Story time is at the library

Enjoy a story or two and an activity at the JBSA libraries. Story time is hosted at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Thursdays, 10 a.m., the JBSA-Lackland Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and the JBSA-Randolph Library Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Story time helps reinforce a lifelong love of learning in children and includes stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities. A parent or caregiver is to remain in the library during story time. Registration is not required. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at 221-4702, the JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2673 and the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578.

Readers read to win

The JBSA-Libraries Summer Reading Program "2016 Read for the Win" is open to all military-affiliated children, teens and adults. Registration is ongoing, visit <http://www.jbsalibraries.org> or visit a local library to pick up a registration package. Beginning June 7 through July 28 the JBSA Libraries hold weekly activities and giveaway prizes. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, 221-4702; JBSA-Lackland Library, 671-2673; and the JBSA-Randolph Library, 652-5578.

Military & Family Readiness

Social Security changes reviewed

Participants review Social Security benefit changes and how it may affect retirement, June 1, 10-11:30 a.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. This class is facilitated by the U.S. Social Security Administration. For more information, call 652-5321.

Parents prepare for baby

Participate in the Bundles for Babies workshop at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., or at the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC, June 22, 1-4:30 p.m. Active-duty expecting parents receive information on financial planning from conception to college, support programs offered within the community and parenting skills. For more information, call the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321 or the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722.

Sensory-friendly movie shown for families

EFMP families and friends enjoy a sensory-friendly showing of Inside Out, June 6, 1-3 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. The Peanuts Movie is shown, June 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-2705 or the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722.

Newly assigned leaders attend mandatory briefing

Newly assigned commanders and first sergeants must attend a mandatory commander brief, June 7, 8-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center to satisfy Air Force Instruction requirements and review base support agencies, Equal Opportunity, Family Advocacy, medical, Military & Family Readiness, and Sexual Assault Prevention Response. For more information, call 652-5321.

It starts with the arts at summer camp

The JBSA Exceptional Family Member Program offers a free week-long summer camp for EFMP youths of all types of disabilities and their sibling, 5-18 years. Camp is

offered at the JBSA-Lackland Freedom Chapel June 7-10, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Dodd Field Chapel July 12-15, 9 a.m. to noon and at the JBSA-Randolph Religious Activities Center July 19-22, 9 a.m. to noon. Start with the Arts camp provides fun activities in music, dance, drama and visual arts. Registration is required and is ongoing until the camps are full. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness at 221-2705, the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722, or the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-3084.

New Spouses learn about JBSA services

Spouses, services members and employees learn about services and meet with over 20 different agencies on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the Spouse Information Fair June 9, 9-11 a.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 221-2705.

Advisory Council meets on behalf of volunteers

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center hosts a meeting for agencies with volunteers June 9, 9-10 a.m., at the Survivor Outreach Services Center and June 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. Discuss current issues, program plans, success and events. For more information call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC at 221-2418 or JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722.

Workshop focuses on interviewing techniques

Sharpen interviewing skills by learning ways to prepare for upcoming job interviews at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center June 9, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants focus on ways to research prospective employers, answer questions and review what to wear. For more information, call 635-5321.

Participants prepare for employment

The JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center hosts an employment workshop slated for June 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., that helps prepare patrons to find employment by reviewing résumés, attire, interviewing and more. A hiring fair, June 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Arnold Hall Community Center, hosts over 30 employers seeking to fill vacant positions. This is open to all Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons. For more information, call 671-3722.

Connections are made over coffee

Register no later than June 13 for a potluck lunch June 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the JBSA-Lackland Military and Family Readiness Hearts Apart program. Review the emotional cycle of deployment during lunch with other Hearts Apart spouses that are geographically separated from their loved ones due to deployments and remote tours. For more information, call 671-3722.

Service members transition from boots to business

The Small Business Administration is offering a two-day entrepreneurial workshop, June 21-22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. Participants review steps for evaluating business concepts, foundational knowledge on developing business plans, and information on Small Business Administration

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resources to help access start up capital and additional technical assistance. Boots to Business is open to all service members and their spouses. Registration is required. For more information, call 671-3722.

Troops transform to teachers

Military personnel in pursuit of teaching as a second career in public schools are encouraged to attend Troops to Teachers, June 24, 1-3:30 p.m. at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. Participants receive referral and placement assistance, identify required certifications and employment opportunities. For more information, call 671-3722.

Outdoor Recreation

Summertime is here

Let JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation help fill the season with thrills and adventure with a menagerie of sporting and camping goods for outdoor seekers and sports enthusiasts. For family trips, travel with a rental travel trailer; enjoy a range of sizes to accommodate five to eight people. Also available are speed, fishing and pontoon boats. Backyard parties and family reunions are complete with rental barbecue pits, aluminum banquet tables and metal chairs. Specialty items including carnival-style popcorn machines, champagne and chocolate fountains, snowcone machines, margarita mixer machines and bouncy castles and are also available. For more information, call 925-5533.

Concealed handgun licence class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center provides concealed handgun license classes June 4 and 18, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. To register for a class, visit <http://www.chlregistration.com>. Once on the website, select "register for class." Then select "Dan Willis-Leatherneck Arms." For more information, call 363-2332.

Archery takes on another dimension

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a three-dimensional archery competition June 25-26, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is 8-10 a.m. and the course must be completed by 1 p.m. The fun shoot is \$15, the competition shoot is \$20 and children 12 years and younger participate for \$5. For more information, call 295-7529.

Hunter's Education course available

Attend the Hunter's Education Course June 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center. Cost is \$15 per student, cash or check only and Department of Defense ID cardholders 9 years and older may participate. Students under 17 years must be supervised at all times during the course and a minimum of 10 students is required. Social security numbers are also required for registration. Students should bring a packed lunch and a drink for the day. Provide names and ages during registration. For more information, call 827-9091.

Youth and Children

School is out for summer fun

Preteens, 9-12 years, are invited to a free afternoon with snow cones, games and fun to celebrate the end of school

at JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs June 3, 3-5 p.m. Youth Program members with current cards receive a prize. For more information, call 671-2388.

Summer camps begin at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs offers Teen Summer Camp June 6 to Aug. 19 for youth in eighth grade and up. Activities include arts, swimming, cooking, outdoor adventure, biking, photography, water activities, bowling, painting, dance, hiking and camping. Youth enjoy trips to Schlitterbahn, skating, Landa park, ThinAir, The Art Wall and more. Cost is \$130 per week.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs offers Baseball Camp June 13-16 and Aug. 1-4, 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20 per week and camp is held in the Youth Sports Complex on Dodd Field.

Participate in the Basketball Night Hoops League with JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs June 20 to Aug. 5, Monday through Friday, 6-8 p.m. This league is for youth 11-18 years and is held in building 1630. Cost is \$15 per youth. For more information, call 221-3502.

Summer camps begin at JBSA-Randolph

Register youth for JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs summer camps. Teen camps run June 6 to Aug. 19 and are for youth 13-18 years. Weekly activities include swimming, field trips, learning life skills, community service projects and more. Cost is \$130 per week and includes breakfast, lunch, entry fees and supplies. Registration is ongoing and camp is Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

British Challenger Soccer Camp, hosted by the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs, runs June 13-17. This camp teaches the basics of soccer through skills assessment, games and a mini-World Cup. 40 spots are available for youth 6-12 years and cost is \$60.

The JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs offers Jewelry Camp June 20-24. This program introduces youth to the art of beading, braiding and blinging. Fifteen spots are available for youth 9-12 years. Cost is \$20.

Dairy Month is here

Celebrate Dairy Month with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs June 11, 2-4 p.m., by making homemade hand-churned ice cream from Grandma's recipe. Ice cream sundaes are served. For more information, call 221-3502.

Gifts are prepared for Father's Day

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs June 13-18, 3:30 p.m., to work on special gifts for dad. Make Father's Day gifts in open recreation in the afternoon, evenings and Saturdays. The arts and crafts area is open for gift making. For more information, call 221-3502.

Specialty camps offer more

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs offers specialty camps in building 2515 for youth 9 years and older. Cost is \$15 per youth, per camp and space is limited. Registrations close Wednesday before camp starting dates. Rotengo, a hybrid game of tennis and ping pong, is held June 13 and June 15-16. "Mad Science" is held June 20, 22, 23 and 24, 4-5 p.m. "Painting With a Twist" is June 27, 29 and 30. For more information, call 221-3502.

Flag football and cheerleading registration begins

Register youth for flag football or cheerleading June 15 with JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs. Cost for each sport is \$50 per child. Registration is held at Parent Central, building 2530, on Funston Road or at the Youth Center, building 1630. For more information, call 221-5513.

Basketball is played at midnight

Play midnight basketball with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs June 18, 7 p.m. to midnight. This program is free and youth 11 years and older may participate. Grades 6-8 play until approximately 9 p.m. and grades 9-12 play until midnight. Healthy snacks are served during games. For more information, call 221-3502.

Parents are offered a break

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs offers parents a break through the "Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out" program June 18, 1-5 p.m. Be worry free as the kids, 5 years and in kindergarten to 12 years, are provided snacks and entertained with activities and games. Cost is \$25 per child with a multiple child discount or free with a GPAB referral. For more information, call 971-2388.

Fathers and son play ball and share doughnuts

The JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts a father and son outing with doughnuts, basketball and fun to help celebrate Father's Day June 18, 10 a.m. This free breakfast is open to families with sons 5 years and older. Register at Youth Programs, building 584 and 585 no later than June 13. For more information, call 652-2088.

The ultimate summer camp is offered

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Middle School and Teen Center provides educational and recreation programs and weekly trips for teens, grades 6-7, June through August. Parents are required to register teens at Parent Central. For more information, call 221-3630.

Open recreation available for summer fun

During June, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs has Open Recreation Monday-Saturday, 1-8 p.m. Youth 10-18 years are welcome to participate in all programs. The facility is offering field trips, nutrition and cooking activities, sewing projects, sports, video games and 4-H activities. For more information, call 221-3502.

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Army 1st Sgt. Eric Basora conducts the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" at the Arneson River Theater during the Armed Forces River Parade on the San Antonio Riverwalk Saturday. The parade is held annually to celebrate Armed Forces Day, a day set aside to thank the men and women who serve in the U.S. military.



Military members from all services were gathered at the Arneson River Theater during the Armed Forces River Parade on the San Antonio Riverwalk Saturday.

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, and his wife, Cheryl, greet the crowd assembled at the Arneson River Theater during the Armed Forces River Parade on the San Antonio Riverwalk Saturday.



Members of the U.S. Coast Guard salute the crowd from their float during the Armed Forces River Parade on the San Antonio Riverwalk Saturday.



A retired military veteran encourages some love from the crowd assembled at the Arneson River Theater during the Armed Forces River Parade on the San Antonio Riverwalk Saturday. All services were represented during the parade with active duty service members and veterans alike on the floats. The parade is held annually to celebrate Armed Forces Day, a day set aside to thank the men and women who serve in the U.S. military.



Photos by Sgt. Maj. Matt Howard

Retired Army Brig. Gen. Julius Braun, a World War II veteran, is honored during the Armed Forces River Parade on the San Antonio Riverwalk Saturday.

187th Medical Battalion Adopt-A-School Program signs charter with Briscoe Elementary School

By Jose Rodriguez
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Jody Dugai, 187th Medical Battalion commander, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Rakimm Broadnax-Rogers, signed a charter with Briscoe Elementary School Principal Michelle Hickman May 16 as part of the Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School Program.

Under this charter, 187th Medical Battalion Soldiers will conduct monthly visits with the school principal, coordinate volunteer events, assist with career days and sponsor field trips, among other activities.

The signing ceremony, held in front of the Briscoe Elementary School second-grade class, was attended by Pedro Martinez, San Antonio Independent

School District superintendent, along with leadership from the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School Academy Brigade (Provisional).

“We welcome the Soldiers of the 187th Medical Battalion to our school and are looking forward to a great year. Your experience, particularly in health and science, will be wonderful for our school,” Hickman said.

While thanking Dugai for her efforts in establishing the charter, Martinez highlighted his personal connection with the nation’s military.

“My brother served three tours in Iraq as a Marine,” Martinez said. “I want to thank each one of you and all the Soldiers at Fort Sam Houston.”



Photo by Jose Rodriguez

(From left) Command Sgt. Maj. Rakimm Broadnax-Rogers, Lt. Col. Jody Dugai, San Antonio Independent School District Superintendent Pedro Martinez and Briscoe Elementary School Principal Michelle Hickman pose for a photo in front of a wooden statute of a bear given to Briscoe Elementary School by the 187th Medical Battalion May 16. The bear is the mascot of Briscoe Elementary School.

ARSOUTH hosts bilateral staff talks with El Salvador's army

U.S. Army South, as the Army's executive agent, conducted bilateral staff talks with the Salvadoran army May 17-19 to strengthen professional partnerships and increase interaction between armies.

This will be the 10th year the U.S. Army has engaged in annual bilateral staff talks with El Salvador.

The staff talks have been instrumental in enhancing the interoperability and cooperation between the two armies, which contributes to increased security and stability in the region.

(Source: U.S. Army South Public Affairs)



Photos courtesy U.S. Army South
Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn (right), U.S. Army South commanding general, shakes hands with Salvadoran Col. Guillermo Adolfo Herrador Pena, Salvadoran army chief of staff, at U.S. Army South's headquarters on Fort Sam Houston May 17.



Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn (right), ARSOUTH commanding general, speaks to members of the U.S. and Salvadoran delegations while Salvadoran Col. Guillermo Adolfo Herrador Pena, Salvadoran army chief of staff, looks on at U.S. Army South's headquarters on Fort Sam Houston May 17.

AMEDDC&S HOSTS GRADUATE SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Theodore W. Croy III from the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence, explains his poster about the use of musculoskeletal ultrasound imaging in the diagnosis of suprascapular neuropathy during the AMEDDC&S HRCoE 5th Annual Graduate School Faculty Development and Research Symposium at Fort Sam Houston April 28. Eighty-four graduate school faculty members participated in faculty development workshops which included graduate teaching, grant writing and publication. In addition to the graduate school faculty, 235 students and Department of Defense and civilian university academic partners participated in the research symposium. Croy is an assistant professor with the U.S. Army-Baylor University Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy at Fort Sam Houston.

AETC commander impressed by 59th MDW warrior medics

By Shannon Carabajal
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

Wanting to see firsthand how the 59th Medical Wing is “setting the standard” for innovation throughout the Department of Defense, Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander, Air Education and Training Command, toured the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center May 11 to get an inside glimpse of the organization.

The general met with senior leadership and spoke with Airmen across the 59th MDW to gain a deeper perspective of the wing’s medical and training missions.

Accompanied by his wife, Cheryl, and AETC Command Chief Master Sgt. David Staton, Roberson said he was impressed with the innovative spirit present throughout the wing.

“It’s been a great visit. You are looking at ways of making things better in your areas and I encourage you to keep that up,” Roberson said.

The tour included stops at several clinics, and visits to the Airman Medical Transition Unit, the wing’s En-Route Patient Staging System, the pilot unit and the new WHASC facility currently under construction.

Roberson also gained insight on the wing’s Gateway Innovation Center and how innovative problem-solving techniques taught at the center are inspiring Airmen to challenge the status quo and look for ways to improve and enhance patient care.



Photo by Shannon Carabajal

Col. Mark Ervin, 59th Medical Wing, Operational Medicine chief, briefs Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander, Air Education and Training Command, on the capabilities of the Tactical Critical Care Evacuation Team-Enhanced May 11 at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The TCCE-T can turn an aircraft into a flying operating room. Roberson visited with senior leaders and Airmen at Wilford Hall to learn more about the 59th MDW’s mission of developing warrior medics through patient-centered health care and continuous improvement. From left to right are Roberson, 59th MDW commander Bart Iddins, Ervin, and Capt. Rachel Hubbs, a nurse with the 959th Medical Group.

“I spent the day listening and learning about what you guys are doing – awesome, awesome stuff going on. I love the innovative attitude and the efforts that are going on around the 59th Medical Wing.

Later, the general

talked about his focus areas and leadership philosophy during an all call gathering in the WHASC auditorium.

“Because leadership is so important, every time I get the opportunity to speak to AETC Airmen, I want to talk about my personal phi-

losophy of leadership,” Roberson said.

“I want to share with you what I call my core leadership philosophy, the three Cs: competence, care and character,” he said.

Competence, Roberson explained, is leading from the front and leading

by example.

“Leaders must be ready, qualified and competent in their job to earn the trust of their followers,” the general said. “Leaders must also show genuine care for Airmen, the Air Force and the nation. Lastly, lead-

ers must demonstrate character.

“Character is a little stronger than just integrity. It is a willingness and a strength to do what you know is right,” he said.

The general also addressed the importance of airpower, and the significance that the command and the 59th MDW play, in combat and national defense.

“For the medical community, airpower starts here. I want you to be airpower advocates. There’s no country in the world that can do what we do,” he said.

Staton also spoke during the all call, offering insight into enlisted professional military education programs, including Course 15, the Noncommissioned Officer Academy Distance Learning Course; developmental special duty opportunities and changes to the enlisted evaluation system.

“If you are a supervisor, make sure you know how the (evaluation system) works. We are building better Airmen,” he said.

For Staton, whose two daughters were born at Wilford Hall, visiting the 59th MDW was also an opportunity to say thank you to the Air Force medical community.

“I have a special place in my heart for you guys. I know how hard you work. I’ve been around medics before, I’ve deployed with you and I’ve seen you save lives,” he said. “Thank you. Keep doing what you’re doing.”

BAMC Auxiliary provides needed items to support BAMC's mission

By Lori Newman
BAMC Public Affairs

The Brooke Army Medical Center Auxiliary held its annual welfare recognition ceremony May 13 in the San Antonio Military Medical Center auditorium.

"The welfare committee is responsible for issuing grants that support the BAMC mission," said Anne Feldman, BAMC Auxiliary president. "This is no small task given the amount of requests this committee receives."

This year, the welfare committee approved grants totaling \$37,000 to help support 38 BAMC departments. The grants provide funding for a variety of items throughout several departments within BAMC as well as the Fisher House and the Warrior & Family Support Center.

"This is my favorite day of the year," Feldman said. "It's neat to see what all you are using in the clinics to help your patients and how you are supporting each other and coming together."

The requests varied from the purchase of patient educational materials to more unique items such as anatomical models, clothing and a portable shower room sound system for burn patients, TV/DVD players and a gift basket for BAMC's first baby of the New Year.

"A lot of what all of us do is education, and a lot of the materials we need we cannot obtain

through the normal channels, so this is a tremendous help," said Debbie Bray, pulmonary clinical nurse specialist. "I'm just so appreciative."

The staff from 5 East requested and received Comfort Cubs, which are stuffed bears that weigh about 7 pounds. The bears will be presented to parents who have suffered the loss of a newborn to help with their grieving process.

"The recovery time for women who have something tangible to hold is shorter and the journey is not as difficult," said Barbara Johnson, bereavement nurse. "We are always looking for new ideas to help parents who suffer the loss of a child."

The funds to support the welfare grants comes from the sales of popcorn by the

BAMC Kernel Club.

The auxiliary also presented a \$56,000 check to Inge Godfrey, BAMC Fisher House manager. The funds were raised from the annual Fisher House Charity Golf Tournament held April 11 at the Dominion Golf Club.

"We at the BAMC Auxiliary extend a special thank you to those who provide world-class care to service members, retirees and their families," Feldman said.

"Remarkable things are happening in military medicine and at the Brooke Army Medical Center and the BAMC Auxiliary stands in awe of what you do and we are humbled to have the opportunity to support your efforts."



Photo by Lori Newman

Courtney Boyer (center), vice president of the BAMC Auxiliary, and Rachel Iffrig (right), golf tournament chair, present Inge Godfrey (left), BAMC Fisher House manager, a check for \$56,000 at the BAMC Welfare Recognition Ceremony May 13. The funds were raised from the annual Fisher House Charity Golf Tournament held April 11 at the Dominion Golf Club.



Photo by Lori Newman

Bill Kleinedler (left) and his father-in-law, John Tripp, hang the new sculpture "Wind Song" in the dining room May 13 at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Former patient designs sculpture for BAMC

By Lori Newman
BAMC Public Affairs

BAMC recovering from his injuries.

"I am very proud to have a sculpture at BAMC," Kleinedler said. "I've met so many great people and have many memories of being there. It really is a second home to me, so having another sculpture there is a blessing and honor."

This sculpture is the second piece he has created here. His first is an 18-foot-high, wrought-iron butterfly sculpture that spirals up the massive fireplace in the Fort Sam Houston Warrior & Family Support Center.

"I hope 'Wind Song' brings light and inspiration to those who look on it," he concluded.

Brooke Army Medical Center's dining room recently reopened with a piece of unique artwork adorning the wall.

Bill Kleinedler, a wounded warrior and former burn patient, created "Wind Song," a piece of art made from bent steel and hand-hammered copper.

"My inspiration for the piece came from a cool breeze on my face and the search for tranquility," he said.

Kleinedler was hit by an improvised explosive device in Iraq Oct. 17, 2006. He spent several months at

JBSA defenders pay tribute to fallen colleagues at Police Week ceremony

By David DeKunder
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

In recognition of National Police Week, Joint Base San Antonio security forces squadrons remembered colleagues and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty at a ceremony May 17 at JBSA-Randolph Heritage Park.

The ceremony held on JBSA Police Awareness Day was hosted by the 902nd Security Forces Squadron at JBSA-Randolph and included members from the 343rd Training Squadron and 802nd Security Forces Squadron, both from JBSA-Lackland.

Senior Airman Timothy Hobson, 902nd SFS police services NCO in charge and co-coordinator for JBSA Police Awareness Day, said the ceremony was a remembrance to those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty while also recognizing the contributions of JBSA security forces squadrons and area law enforcement departments.

The ceremony included introductory remarks by Maj. Julia Jefferson, 902nd SFS commander, and speeches by city of Live Oak Assistant Police Chief William Pue and Chief Master Sgt. Mark Hammack, 343rd TRS Security Forces Academy chief enlisted manager.

Jefferson said a proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week.

"National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others," Jefferson said. "National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations across the nation dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community throughout the week."

Pue said 133 police officers died in the line of duty in 2015 and 35 so far this year. Since

1791, Pue said records indicate more than 22,400 officers have lost their lives while serving.

Law enforcement officers who perished knew they were putting themselves in danger but proceeded to do their duty anyway, Pue said.

"These are the heroes, knowing that danger, who unselfishly put themselves in harm's way to protect others," Pue said. "We experience these acts of heroism by our military and civilian law enforcement every day. They keep our nation safe here and abroad."

Hammack said security forces members and law enforcement officers work with each other through mutual strength and shared resources. He said those same things can help both military and civilian law enforcement officers get through both the visible and invisible scars – physical and psychological – they carry from their jobs.

"This awareness, a concerted effort to



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marissa Garner

Security forces Airmen from the 343rd Training Squadron fold the flag during the 2016 Joint Base San Antonio Police Week Retreat Ceremony May 20 at the Air Force Security Forces Museum Annex at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Members of the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group and the 343rd Training Squadron held several events during Police Week, which is held annually in remembrance of security forces members and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

balance resiliency continuously is the key to remaining focused and alert – to survive," Hammack said. "Thank you for honoring those with visible and maybe invisible scars, whether it's physically, psychologically or emotionally. We are proud of what you do – stay strong."

Samantha Ponton-McAfee, 902nd SFS

entry controller, said she was touched by the remarks given at the ceremony.

"It reminds you ... it's not just a job, it's a passion for people," Ponton-McAfee said. "These aren't people who are just going from a 9-to-5 job. These are people who are sacrificing their lives, livings and family for something greater

than themselves."

Tech. Sgt. Seth Stockwell, 343rd TRS instructor supervisor for the Security Forces Officer Course at JBSA-Lackland, wore a bracelet at the ceremony in memory of Airman 1st Class Kcey Ruiz, an Air Force security forces member who died in a C-130 aircraft crash in October 2015 in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. Stockwell was Ruiz's instructor in technical school.

"It's very humbling knowing I pushed her through school," Stockwell said. "I gave her all of the training she needed to be a successful security forces member."

Other activities at the ceremony included a K-9 demonstration put on by members of the 902nd SFS military working dog section and a vehicle and weapons display. After the ceremony, JBSA security forces members enjoyed food and the squadrons played against each other in a flag football game.

Summer is coming: risk assessment is the key to safety

By Senior Airman Stormy Archer
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

With warmer months quickly approaching, Joint Base San Antonio members are reminded to keep risk management a part of their recreational activities.

Air Force-wide, 14 Airmen lost their lives last year to mishaps that occurred during the 101 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This year's Summer

Safety Campaign, formerly known as the 101 Critical Days of Summer, will focus on safety awareness and risk assessment in order to help save lives.

"The Summer Safety Campaign began more than 30 years ago and continues to this day due to a common rise in mishaps during the summer months," said Travis Kilpack, 502nd Air Base Wing occupational safety manager. "With school

out for all ages and with warmer weather we tend to get out of the house more and take more vacations, or go to the beach, boating, etc. Combine these activities with alcohol and you increase the risk."

Many mishaps can be avoided by reducing the amount of alcohol consumed during events and performing regular risk assessments.

"It's not complicated," Kilpack said. "Take

the time to analyze the activity and determine the risk. Are you well prepared? Are you in proper athletic shape, do you have the right equipment? Plan accordingly. If you are driving, make a plan for stops and appropriate rest. If you are boating, wear sunscreen, lifejackets and take a boating class."

While everyone is responsible for their own actions, it is the responsibility of every Airman,

Soldier, Sailor, Marine and civilian member of JBSA to look out for each other.

"If you see someone who is doing something unsafe, don't be afraid to speak up and stop them," Kilpack said. "Sometimes it's a simple 'Hey, put your helmet on' or asking 'Hey can I give you a ride home or get you a cab?' Sometimes it takes real courage to stop someone from doing something dangerous,

particularly in a group setting, but we should never be afraid to do and say the right thing. Someone's life may depend on it."

Stay tuned to <http://www.jbsa.mil> or look on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/JBSAFortSamHouston> and on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/JBSAFSH> this summer as a new safety topic is covered every week during the Summer Safety Campaign.

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

The Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General completed two Air Force courts-martial during the month of April 2016. The results of a court-martial are not final until the clemency and/or appeals process is completed.

Airman 1st Class Mary F. Davis from the 344th Training Squadron at JBSA-Lackland was tried by a summary court-martial consisting of a summary court-martial officer (acting as a judge) April 21 at JBSA-Lackland. Davis pled and was found guilty of one specification of damaging government property in violation of Article 108 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice; one specification of assault in violation of Article 128, UCMJ; and one specification of drunk and disorderly conduct, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. The summary court martial officer sentenced Davis to confinement for 10 days, restriction to JBSA-Lackland for 40 days, forfeiture of \$1,044 pay for one month and reduction to Airman Basic.

Airman Basic Christian I. Hooker from the 342nd TRS at JBSA-Lackland was tried by a summary court-martial consisting of officer members March 25 at JBSA-Lackland. Hooker pled and was found guilty of one specification of wrongful use of cocaine in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. The members sentenced Hooker to six months confinement, forfeiture of \$1,044 pay per month for six months and a reprimand.

After sentencing,

members can request clemency. In some cases, this can change the outcome of their case and/or sentence to something less severe. Acquittals are final results. All courts-martial are open to the public. The U.S. Air Force Public Docket website is available at <http://www.afjag.af.mil/docket/index.asp>.

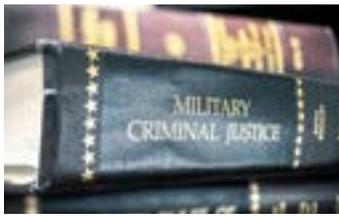
During April 2016, JBSA commanders administered 16 nonjudicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the UCMJ.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record.

A suspended punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified. Administrative discharge may also be an option for commanders after the conclusion of an Article 15, depending on the circumstances.

The following are some of the nonjudicial actions that closed out in April:

Failure to go – A staff sergeant failed to report to work at his appointed time on several occasions. The member received a reduction in grade to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$1,241 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.



Dereliction of duty, willful – misuse of government travel card; false official statement – A senior airman willfully failed to limit the use of their government travel card to authorized official travel. Additionally, the airman made a false official statement regarding the use of her government travel card. The member received a 6 month suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$1,041 pay and a reprimand.

Failure to go & false official statement x 4 – A senior airman failed to report to work on several occasions. She explained these absences with lies about being diagnosed with oral cancer and having surgery to remove cysts. The member received a reduction in grade to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$878 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Misbehavior of a sentinel – An airman first class abandoned his post while on duty. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of Airman, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Provoking speech – An airman in technical training, continuously provoked another airman to hit her which resulted in a physical altercation. The member received

forfeiture of \$724 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction and a reprimand.

Absent without leave and dereliction of duty: willful – An airman first class in technical training failed to report for several days upon returning from another base. He also traveled excessively within a 24-hour period, contrary to his travel itinerary. The member received a suspended reduction in grade to airman, forfeiture of \$184 and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty: willful – An airman distributed highlighted, testable material to another student. The member received suspended forfeiture of \$409 pay, seven days restriction, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

Underage drinking and dereliction of duty: willful – An airman basic in technical training unlawfully possessed and consumed alcohol while under the age of 21. The member received forfeiture of \$783 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction and a reprimand.

Underage drinking – An airman first class in technical training unlawfully possessed and consumed alcohol while under the age of 21. The member received a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$878 pay, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

(Source: Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General)



Free Zoo Admission During May

The San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium is honoring active duty military members, as well as retired military and veterans with free admission throughout May. Immediate military family members –with a limit of four – are invited to enter the zoo at half price. Military members must show military identification at the front gate in order to receive the discount. Immediate family members must be accompanied by the military member. This is only throughout the month of May and is not valid with any other offers, senior discounts, special events or train ride. The zoo is located at 3903 N. St. Mary's St. Visit <http://www.sazoo-aq.org> for more information.

Scout Strong Patriot Run

The Alamo Area Boy Scout Council is conducting its annual Scout Strong Patriot Run June 11 at McGimsey Scout Park at 10810 Wedgewood Drive. There is a 5K natural terrain run/

walk and a kids' 1K fun run. Register online at <http://www.GetMeRegistered.com> and search for "Scout Strong Patriot Run." The Kids' Run starts at 7 a.m. and the 5K starts at 7:30 a.m. The event honors the U.S. Armed Forces and supports the Boy Scouts of America in promoting active healthy lifestyles. Boy Scouts may register at <http://www.ScoutStrong.org> and learn about other Boy Scout-specific programs."

Art In The Dark

The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind & Vision Impaired is hosting its annual Art in the Dark from 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 23 at the La Quinta Inns & Suites at 303 Blum St. near the Rivercenter Mall. Enjoy food and beverages and view or participate in an auction of donated art. Tickets are \$35 in advance and are available at <http://www.salighthouse.org/events> or by calling 531-1533.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The Sgt. Maj. Of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited. Call 539-1178.

AUDIE MURPHY from P6

NCOs whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition may possibly earn the reward of membership.

Members must exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and concern for families of Soldiers, according to U.S. Forces Command Regulation 600-8, paragraph 1.

If an NCO meets

these pre-requisites, the Soldier may then be recommended by his non-commissioned officer chain-of-command to participate in the rigorous board examination process.

Audie L. Murphy was America's most decorated combat Soldier of World War II and a movie star. Murphy earned and received every decoration for valor this country had to offer plus five decorations presented to him by France and Belgium. He appeared or starred in 44 films and died in an airplane accident in 1971.

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