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**Kicking**  
(cigarette's)  
**butts**

Sgt. Robert Puente, radiology specialist at the San Antonio Military Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, helps kick the tobacco habit June 1 to signify Brooke Army Medical Center's final step toward becoming a tobacco-free campus with a sledgehammer-welding butt-can-smashing removal of the last standing smoke shack. For article, turn to Page 12.

Photo by  
Robert T. Shields

## Ardent Sentry 16 allows Army North to validate plans, processes for response

By Sgt. Zach Mott  
207th Public Affairs Detachment

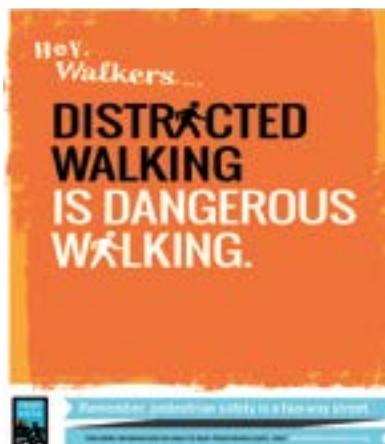
Destruction from a major natural disaster would require a large-scale response from all facets of local, state and federal government agencies, to include members of the Department Defense.

This scenario is being simulated – notionally – during the U.S. Northern Command's Exercise Ardent Sentry 16



Soldiers and civilians of U.S. Army North take part in the command post, exercise Ardent Sentry 16. The simulated exercise is a chance for ARNORTH to validate plans and procedures in the event of a large-scale natural disaster.

Photo by Sgt. Aaron Rognstad



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# New Army Emergency Relief website built around online assistance

By Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

A new Army Emergency Relief website is now up active with an online assistance tool that is easy to navigate on mobile devices.

“It now works well from a smart phone, tablet, desktop, laptop, whatever device,” said retired Col. Guy Shields of AER.

AER conducted a “soft launch” of the website last month to insure it was working smoothly prior to making an announcement. It was important to work through any issues to insure the back-end processing of online assistance applications was functional, Shields said. He added the new site is now up and running like a champ.

The website offers new features to Soldiers and families that they can easily negotiate, said retired Command Sgt.

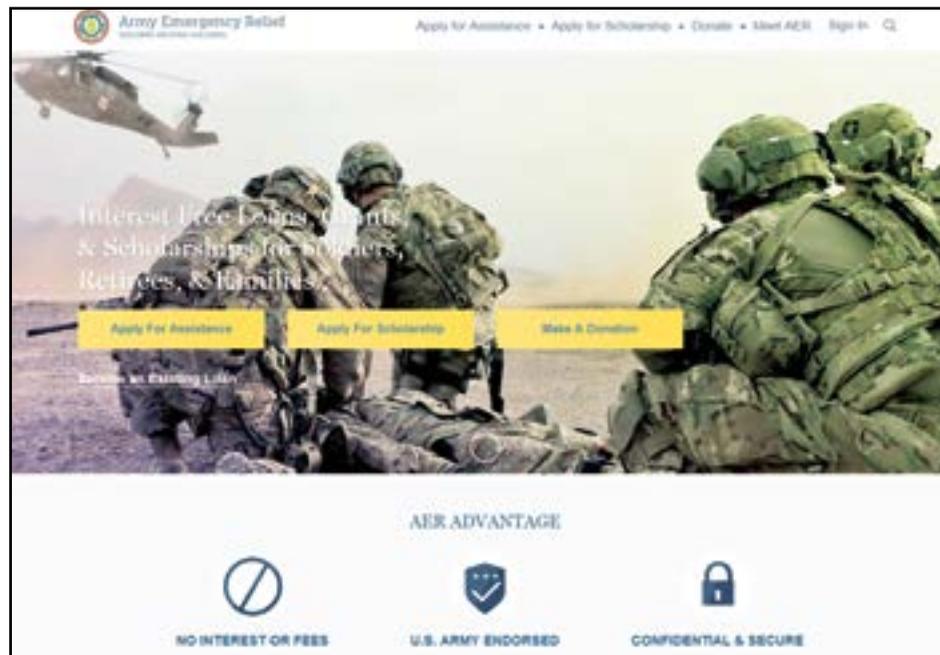
Maj. Charles Durr, AER assistance officer.

It provides a loan calculator, AER news and videos, and portals to apply for scholarships or loans.

“The thing that I’m really excited about is the online assistance feature – which really is all about providing a more streamlined assistance process for our Soldiers and their families,” Durr said. “It will enable them to execute that with ease, anytime, anywhere, by use of any electronic device, and it can be executed securely in a matter of minutes.”

The tool takes applicants down separate paths, he said, depending on whether the user is a Soldier, family member, retiree or survivor.

“There are only six simple steps that are involved in the process, or six clicks and the application is submitted to the nearest AER sec-



Army graphic

The new Army Emergency Relief website features online portals to apply for financial assistance or scholarships.

tion,” Durr said.

“The flash-to-bang” from when a Soldier begins the application to when he or she walks out the door with a check has been greatly

reduced, he said.

“I would say a minimum of two hours can be knocked off a routine application,” he said.

The online assistance tool has been tested for

the last three months on the former website. The new website just went live this week.

“We’ve been testing

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## President proclaims June as LGBT Pride Month

Declaring that “no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character,” President Barack Obama signed a proclamation designating June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.

Here is the full text of the presidential proclamation:

Since our founding, America has advanced on an unending path toward becoming a more perfect union. This journey, led by

forward-thinking individuals who have set their sights on reaching for a brighter tomorrow, has never been easy or smooth.

The fight for dignity and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, or LGBT, people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society.

They have spurred sweeping progress by changing hearts and minds and by demand-

ing equal treatment – under our laws, from our courts, and in our politics.

This month, we recognize all they have done to bring us to this point, and we recommit to bending the arc of our Nation toward justice.

Last year’s landmark Supreme Court decision guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States was a historic victory for LGBT Americans, ensuring dignity for same-sex couples and greater equality

across state lines.

For every partnership that was not previously recognized under the law and for every American who was denied their basic civil rights, this monumental ruling instilled newfound hope, affirming the belief that we are all more free when we are treated as equals.

LGBT individuals deserve to know their country stands beside them. That is why my administration is striving to better understand the

needs of LGBT adults and to provide affordable, welcoming, and supportive housing to aging LGBT Americans.

It is also why we oppose subjecting minors to the harmful practice of conversion therapy, and why we are continuing to promote equality and foster safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

We remain committed to addressing

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## News Briefs

### Winans Entry Control Point Operations

Beginning Saturday, 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, to 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 221-1902 or 221-1903.

### JBSA SAPR Advocate Training

The Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office is recruiting people for its victim advocacy and community advocacy programs. Victim advocates provide on-call crisis intervention, referral and ongoing non-clinical support to victims of sexual violence. Community advocates assist the SAPR office by providing education and awareness to JBSA military members. VA's and CA's are volunteers who are active duty, Reserve or Guard personnel in active status or Department of Defense employees. Applicants must get leadership approval, have a background check and be approved by the JBSA SAPR office. A 40-hour training class must also be completed. The next training is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through June 24. For more information, call 808-8976 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 671-7273 at JBSA-Lackland or 652-4386 at JBSA-Randolph.

### 323rd Army Band Country Music Gazebo Concert

The 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" presents a free country music concert titled "Boot Scootin' in the Heartland" at 7 p.m. June 26 at the General's Loop Gazebo on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

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# 'Earn your cake!'... and eat it too Fort Sam Houston celebrates Army Birthday

By Sgt. Monte Swift  
207th Public Affairs Detachment

The morning was dark and the birds still quiet in the trees as more than 2,000 Soldiers filed onto a parade field at Fort Sam Houston to prove a point: in the Army, you can eat cake ... but you have to earn it.

With a burst of cannon fire and a call to double-time, Fort Sam Houston began its celebration of the Army's 241st Birthday Friday with a motivational two-mile run led by Lt. Gen. Perry L. Wiggins, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general.

The "Earn Your Cake" campaign is part of a week-long Army birthday celebration led by Under Secretary of the Army Patrick J. Murphy and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, in which Soldiers can record and submit 15- to 30-second videos of their own workouts – a demonstration of how they will "earn" the cake they will eat to celebrate the Army's birthday.

"Everybody loves cake," Murphy said. "But you have to get after it physically, so you aren't packing on the pounds. 'Earn Your Cake' is something we are pushing out there to make sure people know that while we are going to take time to celebrate on our Army birthday, that doesn't preclude the fact you have to earn it. You have to get after it



Soldiers from U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion San Antonio bow their heads as the U.S. Army North chaplain speaks to the crowd of more than 2,000 Soldiers before a two-mile run that celebrated the Army's 241st Birthday at Fort Sam Houston Friday.



Lt. Gen. Perry L. Wiggins (right), commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), stands with the youngest and oldest Soldiers in the formation to cut a ceremonial cake in celebration of the Army's 241st Birthday Friday.

every morning, before the sun rises, and push yourself so you are physically fit, so that you are a warrior and ready to answer the call against our enemies."

Following the run, Wiggins invited the oldest and youngest Soldier in the formation to the front for a traditional saber cut-

ting of the cake, then invited the formations to enjoy the cake they had earned.

"A day in the Army without PT is like a birthday without cake," Dailey said. "The campaign is a great way to show Americans our commitment to being fit to fight anytime, if they need us."



Soldiers at Fort Sam Houston prepare to raise the flag prior to starting a two-mile motivational run to celebrate the Army's 241st birthday Friday.



Photos by Sgt. Zach Mott  
Lt. Gen. Perry L. Wiggins (left), commanding general for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), leads the formation of more than 2,000 Soldiers from U.S. Army North and across Fort Sam Houston on a two-mile run to celebrate the Army's 241st birthday Friday.

# Front and Center: master sergeant recognized as AETC Military Training Instructor of Year

By Jose T. Garza III  
JBASA-Lackland Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Raul Hernandez Jr., 326th Training Squadron acting superintendent, is not big on awards.

When he found out he earned the Air Education and Training Command Military Training Instructor of the Year, the native of Goliad, Texas, said he was humbled.

“Out of the 506 MTIs in Air Force Basic Military Training, I think any of them could have won the award,” Hernandez said. “It just happened to be my turn and I’m proud to represent them.”

To earn the recognition, the master sergeant wrote the policies and procedures for Airmen’s Week, a

one-week course following BMT for graduates that reinforces core values and what it means to be an Airman before they head to technical school.

Hernandez also dedicated 28 hours to Habitat for Humanity, mentored 27 troubled youth and organized two security events as a North East Independent School District Bulldog Dad.

Lt. Col. Meghan Doherty, 326th TRS commander, commended him for shaping the Airmen’s Week curriculum since its inception in March 2015.

“He is basically the focal point of the policy changes and how we communicate policy to our Airmen,” she said. “Not only has he shaped Airmen’s Week, but he

has had a lot to do with our training group being successful in how we went about preparing it. He started from scratch on how to evaluate the course and is creating the standards for it and the Air Force. He always goes above and beyond.”

That work ethic stems from being around his grandfather and parents.

Hernandez’ grandfather was a ranch hand while his father was an oil mechanic and his mother was a retail salesperson, he explained.

“They are not flashy people,” Hernandez said of his family. “They are ‘do the best that you can’ folks. When I entered the Air Force, my family didn’t know what to expect because they hadn’t

been in the service. They told me ‘do what you can and we will be proud,’ and that is what I tell my Airmen.”

Hernandez hopes to continue grooming future Airmen to inherit his work ethic and take it with them for the rest of their Air Force careers.

“I tell my Airmen when they get here their past doesn’t matter,” Hernandez said. “They can be anything and everything they want to be, and I am going to give them the tools and time to be successful. You don’t have to be the troublemaker that you may have been before. Instead be the guy or girl who does everything right because this is a new start.”



Photo by Sean Schroeder

Master Sgt. Raul Hernandez Jr., 326th Training Squadron acting superintendent, speaks to Airmen recently about the expectations for Airmen’s Week at the Pfingston Reception Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

# Navy Medicine Training Support Center holds change of command

By Petty Officer 1st Class  
Jacquelyn D. Childs  
NMETC Public Affairs

The Navy Medicine Training Support Center, or NMTSC, held a change of command ceremony at the Medical Education and Training Campus, or METC, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Friday.

During the ceremony, Capt. Brent M. Kelln assumed command, relieving Capt. Denise L. Smith as she retired following a 30-year career in the Navy.

“Today’s ceremony is doubly special because it is a change of command and a retirement for a tremendous officer,” said Rear Adm. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, commander, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command, or NMETC, and officiating officer for the change of command. “The change of command focuses on two officers and

the transition of leadership from one to the other. And the retirement focuses on Capt. Smith and it’s our opportunity to acknowledge her years of service and many contributions.”

Smith was commissioned in the Navy Reserves in May 1986. After being called to active duty in 1990 to support Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Smith decided to stay on active duty for the rest of her career. Following a diverse career at locations around the world, she was selected as the first deputy commander of NMETC as it stood up at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston in 2012. She assumed her role at NMTSC in June 2014.

During the ceremony, Smith highlighted some of the command’s accomplishments during her time on board, including two consecutive golden anchor retention awards, two JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

large-group volunteer awards, various sports recognitions and the Total Sailor Development initiative, which focuses on building well-rounded Sailors while in training.

“I will forever be grateful to have shared this journey with each of you,” Smith said. “The sweat, the tears, the many successes will stay with me always. But as always, there’s still more to do. We can still be better. With the continued collaboration between the various groups on JBSA, and with our civilian counterparts, we can strive to make NMTSC the best command and the best class ‘A’ and ‘C’ school.”

During his remarks, Kelln, who reported to NMTSC from Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River, Md., said, “I look forward to serving with the Navy Medicine Training Support Center team and to collectively meeting the challenges we will face along the way.”



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Jacquelyn D. Childs

Capt. Brent M. Kelln (right) relieves Capt. Denise L. Smith (left) from command of Navy Medicine Training Support Center as the officiating officer, Rear Adm. Rebecca J. McCormick-Boyle (center), commander of Navy Medicine Education and Training Command, looks on. Kelln relieved Smith during a change of command ceremony at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Friday.

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#### Fort Sam Houston Dental Activity Change of Command

The Fort Sam Houston Dental Activity will hold a change of command ceremony at 2 p.m. July 14 at Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, on Stanley Road at Fort Sam Houston. Col. Scott A. Matzenbacher will relinquish command of DENTAC to Col. Stefan S. Olpinski, with Col. Michael L. Roberts, commander, U.S. Army Dental Command-Central, as the presiding officer. The event is open to the public. Matzenbacher has been the DENTAC commander since 2013 and will next serve as the deputy commander for health readiness at Brooke Army Medical Center. Olpinski is coming from Fort Carson, Colo.

#### 106th Signal Brigade Change of Command, Assumption Of Responsibility Ceremonies

The 106th Signal Brigade holds a combined change of command and assumption of responsibility ceremony at 8 a.m. July 20 at the Quadrangle on Fort Sam Houston. Col. Bradford J. Davis will take over command of the brigade from Col. Patrick W. Ginn, while Command Sgt. Maj. Maurice S. Greening will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Mathew I. Acome. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the Evans Theater, 3834 Garden Ave., on Fort Sam Houston.

#### Jadwin Entry Control Point Temporary Closure

The Jadwin Entry Control Point is 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. 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.

#### Save The Date For The Annual Air Force Ball

The U.S. Air Force hosts its annual ball Sept. 16 at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort with the theme of "You Are What Makes Our Air Force Diverse." Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and main event at 7 p.m. More information on ticket prices and sales contacts to follow.

# Navy Medicine Training Support Center commemorates Battle of Midway

By Petty Officer 1st Class  
Jacquelyn D. Childs  
Navy Medicine Training  
Support Center Public Affairs

Staff and students from the Navy Medicine Training Support Center gathered outside the Anderson Hall hospital corpsman schoolhouse on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston June 7 for a ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Midway.

"We stand here today to honor one of the greatest and most important battles in history," said Petty Officer 1st Class Tristan McCauley, NMTSC instructor and the event's master of ceremonies. "In June 1942, the Battle of Midway raged in the Pacific and was the turning point in World War II. The men and women who fought that day changed the course of our history, our naval heritage, the nation and the world."

The decisive battle took place June 4-7, 1942, following an incredible effort by U.S. Navy codebreakers who intercepted Japanese plans to attack the island of Midway, the last outpost between Japan and America's fleet in Hawaii. Because of the interception, American leaders were able to strategically place two fleets off the coast of Midway and catch the Japanese by surprise.

"It demonstrated the power and vast capability of naval aviation and the resolve of a nation that was awakened



Photos by Petty Officer 1st Class Jacquelyn D. Childs

Sailors from Navy Medicine Training Support Center post as "side boys" at a ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Midway June 7 outside of Anderson Hall on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. "Side boys" are a part of the quarterdeck ceremonies when an important person or officer comes on board or leaves a ship.

by the attack on Pearl Harbor," McCauley said. "America needed to win this battle. Six months after Pearl Harbor, the Japanese were positioning their fleet for more aggressive attacks on the United States with the intent on destroying the Pacific fleet and threatening the West Coast of America."

The American fleet crippled Japan's navy, which ultimately lost four aircraft carriers, one cruiser and 292 aircraft. U.S. losses were significantly less, consisting of one carrier, one destroyer and 145 planes. Casualties consisted of approximately 2,500 Japanese and 300

American lives.

"I'm so proud that we've taken this time to talk about it and remember it and look at the sacrifice of those who served during that time," said Navy Capt. Denise Smith, NMTSC commanding officer. "It took dedication, teamwork, tenacity and courage from all of those that fought in this battle. And they did it so that we could move on to victory."

"Today we honor the warriors and we remember their great victory and tremendous sacrifice," said McCauley. "The Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment have been



The Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program choir sings during a ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Midway June 7 outside of Anderson Hall on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

reflected through victories throughout history. And today, we honor the men and women who turned the tide of war in the Pacific in our nation's favor."

During the ceremony,

Smith placed a wreath outside the schoolhouse doors to honor the sacrifices of those service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in order to ensure victory for the U.S.

## FISHER HOUSE KINDERTAG ENTERTAINS KIDS



**Photo by Robert T. Shields**

A member of ZooMagination shows the audience a Chilean Rose Hair Tarantula during the 5th Annual Fisher House Kindertag event held at the Warrior Family & Support Center's Freedom Park June 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. ZooMagination presents educational live animal programs for all ages.

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health disparities in the LGBT community – gay and bisexual men and transgender women of color are at a particularly high risk for HIV, and we have worked to strengthen our National HIV/AIDS Strategy to reduce new infections, increase access to care, and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV.

Despite the extraordinary progress of the past few years, LGBT Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are.

I signed an Executive Order in 2014 that prohibits discrimination against federal employees and contractors on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

I urge the Congress to enact legislation that builds upon the progress we have made, because

no one should live in fear of losing their job simply because of who they are or who they love.

And our commitment to combatting discrimination against the LGBT community does not stop at our borders: advancing the fair treatment of all people has long been a cornerstone of American diplomacy and we have made defending and promoting the human rights of LGBT individuals a priority in our engagement across the globe.

In line with America's commitment to the notion that all people should be treated fairly and with respect, champions of this cause at home and abroad are upholding the simple truth that LGBT rights are human rights.

There remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every

American, but because of the acts of courage of the millions who came out and spoke out to demand justice and of those who quietly toiled and pushed for progress, our nation has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts – that love is love and that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character.

During Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, as Americans wave their flags of pride high and march boldly forward in parades and demonstrations, let us celebrate how far we have come and reaffirm our steadfast belief in the equal dignity of all Americans.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by

virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.

I call upon the people of the United States to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

**Barack Obama**  
President

*United States of America*

*(Source: DOD News, Defense Media Activity)*

## **AER from P2**

this since February to work out the bugs in it," Shields said about the assistance portal.

The majority of feedback has been positive, Durr said. The assistance portal has decreased application time for assistance, he added.

"It's all individually dependent on how fast the Soldier will move," Durr said. "Probably the fastest we've seen: a Soldier started an application at 9 a.m. and by 11 a.m. they had funds in their hands."

Soldiers in the Army for more than a year no longer need their commander's signature, if they've completed Advanced Individual Training and are not exhibiting risky behaviors, Durr said.

"One of the things we emphasize to commanders is that this

new online assistance process is about expediency, not about masking any problems," Durr said. "The Soldiers that a commander deems it appropriate to review still need to go through their commander's review. It's not meant to circumvent the chain of command in any way."

Instead, Durr said, the new process is about making it easier for Soldiers to get assistance.

Forms used to be filled out in the AER office. Now when the form is sent online, staffers can begin to process it before the Soldier arrives.

"One of the things that we have to do is make sure we're paying attention to what our competitors are doing out there," Durr said. "Many of them have a very streamlined and simple process."

Achieving that streamlined approach was the impetus for creation of

the new website.

"We hope this will be attractive to Soldiers and get more of them in the door, in lieu of pushing them out to predatory lending institutions," Durr said.

Title loan companies, pawn shops, payday lenders, and other non-traditional lenders in the U.S. sometimes charge up to 36 percent interest, Shields said.

AER charges no interest and no fees on their loans. Depending on need, AER sometimes provides a grant that doesn't need to be paid back.

AER has also been working on upgrading its information systems. It recently completed the Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process, allowing its systems to interface with DOD sites such as the Defense Finance and Accounting Office.

# 100 years of U.S. Army Veterinary Corps service honored with new monument at AMEDD Museum

By Jose E. Rodriguez  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

A bronze sculpture representing the diverse 100-year history of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps was unveiled at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum at Fort Sam Houston June 3.

Brig. Gen. Erik H. Topping, chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, along with Dr. Joseph Kinnarney, American Veterinary Medical Association president, and San Antonio artist Donna Dobberfuhr unveiled the life-sized sculpture.

With the American Veterinary Medical Foundation and Uniformed Veterinary Medicine Association providing funding for the monument, Dobberfuhr was commissioned to design a unique sculpture representing the Corps' past and current missions. The artist's career spans more than 40 years and one of her pieces is on display at the National Prisoner of War Museum in Andersonville, Ga.

"All through my career, it's been about the passion for the art," Dobberfuhr said. "I put all of my heart and my soul into every one of my commissions. This one has it all, plus a little bit more."

The monument has four distinct scenes depicting the Army Veterinary Corps history and its primary missions.

A World War I Veterinary Corps officer with a horse symbolizes the Corps origins as medical professionals charged with providing animal care. To the right is a Vietnam-era officer utilizing a light microscope portraying the Corps' significant contributions to medical research and development. Next is a Cold War-era Veterinary Corps officer inspecting rations demonstrates the Corps' critical role in food protection. Finally, a contemporary-era Veterinary

Corps officer treats a military working dog, representing the continuing evolutionary mission through animal health care.

In his remarks, Kinnarney said recognizing the Veterinary Corps centennial anniversary with a statute was suggested last year. In a span of eight months, the monument was designed and created with more than 2,500 hours of labor invested in the project.

After the ceremony, Corps members demonstrated a mobile veterinary and surgery tent used on deployments.

While downrange, Army Veterinary Corps members can diagnose and treat animals, utilizing advanced medical equipment.

Army food inspectors are responsible for ensuring the quality of food and fluids while deployed. Also on hand were members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron from Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, demonstrating the abilities of their military working dogs.



The new U.S. Army Veterinary Corps monument is on display at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum at Fort Sam Houston. It was dedicated June 3.



(From left) Dr. Joseph Kinnarney, Donna Dobberfuhr and Brig. Gen. Erik H. Topping talk in front of the new U.S. Army Veterinary Corps monument unveiled at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum June 3 at Fort Sam Houston. Kinnarney is the American Veterinary Medical Association president, Dobberfuhr is the local artist commissioned to create the sculpture and Topping is chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps.



Photos by Jose E. Rodriguez

Maj. Troy D. Creason, assistant to the chief, U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, poses with Bainbridge from the Fort Sam Houston Caisson Section. Creason and Bainbridge served as the models for the Soldier and the horse depicted in the new U.S. Army Veterinary Corps monument unveiled at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston June 3. Bainbridge was named in honor of former Sgt. Maj. of the Army William G. Bainbridge. The Fort Sam Houston Caisson Section has a tradition of naming their horses after former sergeants major of the Army.

# U.S. Army Veterinary Corps makes major strides in century of service

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps was formally established by an Act of Congress June 3, 1916. However, recognition of the need for veterinary expertise had been evolving since 1776, when Gen. George Washington directed the raising of a "regiment of horse with a farrier."

During the Civil War, the War Department general orders provided each cavalry regiment with a veterinary surgeon in the rank of regimental sergeant-major and pay of \$75 a month.

Further recognition of the need for veterinarians evolved after the Civil War concluded. In

1875, Congress authorized, for the Artillery, medicines and dressings for horses but did not authorize veterinarians, in contrast to their Cavalry counterparts. Congress passed a resolution in 1879 requiring all applicants for veterinary positions with the Cavalry be graduates of a recognized veterinary college.

In the 1890's veterinarians were being sought to inspect meat, poultry and dairy products destined for the frontier posts. Strong academic background in microbiology, epidemiology, pathology and public health has always

made veterinarians ideally suited for a role in ensuring wholesomeness of food.

The Spanish American War was pivotal in the evolutionary pathway leading to establishment of the Veterinary Corps. The Army had inadequately prepared for its role in maintaining the health of both its animals and its Soldiers prior to the war.

The infamous "embalmed beef" scandal, incorrectly absorbed blame for the loss of numerous American lives. In actuality there was a lack of adequate quality assurance factors which lead directly to the loss of thousands of American lives as well as having rendered even greater numbers of Soldiers completely ineffective.

The country began demanding action to preclude such catastrophes in the future. The AVMA and numerous other individuals began actively supporting legislation directed toward establishment of an Army Veterinary Corps.

With the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916, veterinary officer commissioning became a reality, and the Army Surgeon General began the work of organizing the new corps within the regular army.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, there were 57 veterinarians working for the Army, primarily in the area of equine surgery and medicine. Within 18 months, the newly established Corps grew to

2,313 officers.

Following the establishment of an U.S. Air Force Veterinary Corps in 1949, the Army shared military veterinary responsibilities with its sister service. However, in 1979, Congress directed changes to the Department of Defense veterinary missions. On March 31, 1980, the Air Force Veterinary Corps was disestablished and the Army became the executive agent for all DOD veterinary services.

The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps continues to significantly impact current operations. Veterinary unit commanders and their personnel are critical in effecting remarkably low food borne illness rates. This is in great measure a result of veterinary inspection of subsistence in the U.S. as well as the approval of safe food sources around the world.

Army veterinarians ensure the health of military working dogs and assist with host-nation related animal emergencies. Veterinary staff advisors also play key roles regarding issues involving chemical and biological defense.

At home, military veterinary supervision of operational ration assembly plants, supply and distribution points, ports of debarkation, and other types of subsistence operations are critical to ensuring safe, wholesome food for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and their family members.

The large segment



Photo courtesy U.S. Army Veterinary Corps

A Soldier with the 245th Medical Detachment (Veterinary) inspects cans of juice for rust at Long Binh, Vietnam, Dec. 7, 1968.



Photo by Senior Airman Brett Clashman

Army Capt. Angela Demaree (right) performs a follow-up exam on military working dog Celo as his handler, Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Beauvoisin (left), looks on at the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan, Aug. 11, 2012. Demaree checked for range of motion and any continued signs of inflammation or pain on the German Shepherd's front leg due to tendonitis. In addition to ensuring the health and well-being of all working dogs assigned to the Transit Center, Demaree also performs audits of all approved food source providers, helping to maintain food safety standards and the health of all service members stationed at the transit center.

of the Veterinary Corps involved in medical research and development missions contribute immeasurably to the overall military effort. Vaccine, antitoxin, and antidote development, directed toward the protection of military personnel, has been and will continue to be, heavily reliant on military veterinary expertise.

The participation of the Army Veterinary Corps in all U.S. conflicts since World War I has been an essential element in the maintenance of the health and wellbeing of both animals and Soldiers.

Today, the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps are professionals with military, public health and specialty skill sets

usually not found in the private sector. These specialists have a unique role in the nation's defense strategy, by ensuring the strength of veterinary public health capabilities through veterinary medical and surgical care, food safety and biomedical research and development.

For more history on the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps visit the U.S. Army Medical Department website at <http://veterinarycorps.amedd.army.mil/history.htm>. For information on joining the Corps, visit the Go Army site at <http://www.goarmy.com/amedd/veterinarian.html>.

(Source: U.S. Army Medical Department Veterinary Corps)

# BAMC marks tobacco-free milestone with butt-can smash

By Elaine Sanchez  
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston marked a tobacco-free milestone with a sledgehammer-wielding butt-can smash and removal of the last standing smoke shack June 1.

“We are proud to say that, as of today, BAMC is tobacco free,” said BAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Crews.

“It’s a tremendous thing we are doing here,” said Debbie Bray, RN, CNS, pulmonary clinical nurse specialist and one of the butt-can smashers.

BAMC began its tobacco-free journey on Feb. 1 when patients, staff and visitors to BAMC were informed that they soon would no longer be able to light up, chew, or use any tobacco product – whether cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, vaping devices, cigars or pipes – on the facility’s campus.

The medical campus includes all property owned, operated, maintained or leased by BAMC, to include the hospital, outlying facilities on Fort Sam Houston and parking lots.

While the policy was instantly in effect for service members, civilian staff and patients were given until June 1.

“We understand tobacco is a hard habit to break,” added Col. Gerald Dallmann, logistics division chief. “But

we strongly believe that the benefits far outweigh the challenge of quitting.”

As health risks have come to light, tobacco use has become far less prevalent in society throughout the years, he noted. Smoking rates among adults and teens are less than half what they were in 1964, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Still, 42 million American adults and about 3 million middle and high school students continue to smoke despite the evidence that links smoking to diseases of nearly all organs of the body.

With the public’s health in mind, tobacco-free medical facilities have become increasingly common throughout the nation, Crews said, noting the majority of San Antonio’s hospitals already have joined this effort.

“We are proud to be tobacco free and promote a healthy environment for our patients, staff and visitors,” Crews said. “As a system for health, becoming tobacco free is the right thing to do and demonstrates our commitment to health and wellness.”

To help staff comply with this policy, BAMC has expanded its tobacco cessation support and services to beneficiaries and BAMC’s civil service staff members.

To register for tobacco cessation services, call BAMC Health Promotions at 916-7646/4626.

## AMEDDC&S HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT COMPANY CHANGE OF COMMAND



**Photo by Jose E. Rodriguez**

The U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School held a change of command ceremony for its Headquarters and Support Company at the AMEDDC&S' Blesse Auditorium June 2. Maj. Lisa M. Chabot (left), the new company commander accepts the company's guidon from Col. Jack M. Davis (center), 32nd Medical Brigade commander, while Maj. Rory K. Walley, outgoing commander, looks on. Chabot comes to the company from the 187th Medical Battalion at Fort Sam Houston, where she served as the executive officer. Walley's next assignment is with the U.S. Army Regional Health Command-Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

# Mom Strong program brings group approach to prenatal care

The 59th Medical Wing's new routine prenatal care program is moving expectant mothers out of the exam room and into a group setting.

The new program, called Mom Strong, brings together expectant women and couples with similar due dates for regular two-hour meetings.

Held through pregnancy and birthing, the meetings provide parents with information on standard prenatal care, and participants get to share information related to pregnancy, childbirth, parenting, and personal growth.

Practitioners also provide the standard services – listening to the baby's heartbeat, assessing uterine growth and talking individually about specific problems and concerns.

Health care providers get the opportunity to share information with their patients while spending more time getting to know them.

"Women will still have

their initial prenatal appointment with their provider in the clinic, but are also offered the opportunity to enroll in the Mom Strong program for follow-up counseling and care," said Maj. Aimee Alviar, women's health nurse practitioner.

The clinic staff redesigned previous prenatal care support programs to incorporate Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Clinical Practice Guidelines.

The initiative resulted in incorporating new curriculum and goal-oriented care into the Mom Strong program. The first Mom Strong group met in November 2015.

"The reception has been positive and, for military families, the extra support available through Mom Strong is especially valuable," Alviar said.

"Mom Strong provides a support network through the deployment of a spouse, and is a great way to approach prenatal care in the military

community. Through the program, a model is being developed that empowers and educates couples about pregnancy and provides support to military-unique families," she explained.

Thirty mothers are currently participating in the program, and according to Alviar, attendees value the individual attention as well as the enriching group discussions encouraging mothers to share experiences and gain a better understanding of the phases of pregnancy.

"The program provides for better interaction between the doctor and expectant mothers," said Tabitha Dahmen-Redd, a current Mom Strong member.

"It's the interaction. You get more personal time versus coming in to see the doctor during the regular checkups. You get information that you normally wouldn't receive during a regular checkup, such as guest speakers who



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Iinuma

Expectant mothers attend a Mom Strong program session at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The program functions as a support system for expectant parents by providing information and insight on what to do before, during and after birth.

talk to you about different things like breast feeding," Dahmen-Redd said.

The 59th MDW has Mom Strong groups at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center's Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and at the San Antonio Military Medical

Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

"It's more like a support group than a regular doctor's visit. There are times when you may not know what to ask, but another expectant mother may ask for you. It's good to have a group instead of only going to see a doctor," Dahmen-Redd added.

Expectant mothers can enroll in Mom Strong at the Women's Health Clinics; for more information, call the WHASC Women's Health Clinic at 292-6104 or the SAMMC Women's Health Clinic at 916-7002.

(Source: 59th Medical Wing Public Affairs)

## ARDENT from P1

at military installations across the United States as well as at the U.S. Army North headquarters on Fort Sam Houston from June 6 to 10. The local, state and FEMA response is under the exercise titled Cascadia Rising.

Ardent Sentry 16 simulated a magnitude 9.0 earthquake which struck the Cascadia Subduction Zone in the Pacific Northwest. The massive earthquake caused widespread death, damage and destruction across Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Canada. The response to this disaster is what



Photo by Sgt. Aaron Rognstad

U.S. Army North senior leaders attend a commander's update brief during the command post exercise Ardent Sentry 16. The simulated exercise allows ARNORTH to validate plans and procedures in the event of a large-scale natural disaster.

Ardent Sentry 16 is designed to test.

"Our objective is to confirm and validate our planned assumptions with a phased exercise," said Roger Bass

II, ARNORTH chief land operations officer.

In total, the exercise brings active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines as well as

Defense Department civilians together to coordinate a joint response while integrating with their civilian counterparts.

"The DOD regularly conducts exercises to sup-

port other federal, state and local officials in the event of a catastrophic disaster in the homeland. Exercises like Ardent Sentry provide opportunities for the military to work with civilian agencies to refine processes and assess capabilities," said Maj. Gen. Brian C. Harris, Joint Task Force-X and Task Force 51 commander. "JTF-X plays an important role in disaster response; however, the support of other commands is critical to JTF-X and U.S. Northern Command's abilities."

As the front line representation for USNORTHCOM, JTF-X is stationed at Fort Sam Houston and a subordinate of AR-

NORTH and is responsible for the command and coordination of the military response to a disaster.

"Essentially, JTF-X is the eyes and ears for the regional DOD response for NORTHCOM. JTF-X is a 'super coordinator' in that we assure the requested DOD assets are in the right place at the right time," Harris said.

Lessons are numerous in an exercise this large in scope, and, these annual exercise are used to work out any issues, Bass emphasized.

"Each year we focus on a different overall FEMA and USNORTHCOM comprehensive response should this happen in reality," he said.

# Stay safe around water this summer

By Jose T. Garza III  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Ten people die daily from unintentional drowning, which ranks fifth among leading causes of unintentional injury and death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Roughly, of the 10 who succumb to drowning, two are youths aged 14 and younger while another five receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries.

In Texas, drowning is already a deep concern this summer as 35 children have already died this year, accounting for nearly half of last year's total of 75, according to

a Texas Department of Family and Protective Services press release.

In recognition of the Summer Safety Campaign – an Department of Defense-wide initiative from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend that targets on and off-duty risk management of summer activities – Scotty Johns, 502nd Air Base Wing occupational safety and health specialist, imparted water safety tips for adults and children with the goal of reducing water casualties this summer.

“We have had a lot of rain lately,” he said, referring to the torrential downpours that have flooded South Texas recently. “The currents are moving at a different pace and with

flash floods you want to get out of the water because you don't know how fast water levels are going to rise. Lightning is also a killer.

“Be aware of your surroundings because there are critters out in water areas and they can jump off trees,” Johns added.

According to the CDC, some of the factors that influence the drowning risk include:

- Lack of swimming ability among adults and children.
- Lack of barriers, such as pool fencing, to prevent young children from accessing pool areas without supervision.
- Lack of close supervision; drownings can happen quickly and quietly anywhere

there is water (such as bathtubs, swimming pools, buckets), and even in the presence of lifeguards.

• People of different ages drown in different locations. For example, most children ages 1-4 drown in home swimming pools. The percentage of drownings in natural water settings – including lakes, rivers and oceans – increases with age.

• Failure to wear life jackets; 672 people died from drowning during a boating adventure with 88 percent of the victims reported not having a life jacket on in 2010.

• Alcohol use; 70 percent of water recreation deaths amongst adults and adolescents



Photo by Mike Watkins

At Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, call the Aquatic Center, located at building 3300 on Winans Road, at 221-4887 for more information on swim lessons.

involved alcohol use.

• Seizure disorders; drowning is attributed as the most common cause of unintentional

injury and death for people with seizure disorders.

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# Distracted walking; heads up, phones down

By Terry L. Todd  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Occupational Safety Manager

As the joke goes, some people can't chew gum and walk at the same time. Apparently, a large number of people can't walk and text at the same time, either. Unforgiving lessons are learned from the deaths and pointless injuries that occur due to the failure of individuals to exercise sound personal risk management.

As the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Occupational Safety Manager, my staff and I have a lot of opportunities to observe people's behavior.

One thing we have noticed is an increase of people – civilian, military and family members alike – spending a large amount of time looking down. No, they are not looking at their feet to see if their shoes are untied, they're looking at their cell phones. These individuals are participating in a dangerous habit, texting while walking.

You may be unaware that distracted walking, or texting while walking, injuries are on the rise. It has become such a big problem in recent years that Injury Facts® 2015, the statistical report on unintentional deaths and injuries published by the National Safety Council, included statistics on cell phone distracted walking for the first time. You may be surprised by their findings.

Unintentional injuries are the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. Take the time to look around your unit, the installation, or even your home, and almost every individual you see has some form of cellular communications device. That makes this issue even that much more serious.

Fifty-two percent of distracted walking incidents involving cell phones happen at home – not near roadways as many might believe, according to a study in the Journal of Safety Research. Fifty-four percent are people ages 40 or younger, while 21 percent of those injured were 71 and older.

Talking on the phone accounted for 62 percent of injuries, the most common of which were dislocations or fractures, sprains or strains and concussions. Nearly 80 percent of the injuries were due to a fall.

The increase in cell phone distracted walking injuries parallel the eight-fold increase in cell phone use in the last 15 years.

It is just as important to walk cell-phone-free as it is to drive using hands-free devices.

Pedestrians and drivers using cell phones are both "impaired and too mentally distracted" to fully focus on their surroundings, according to the National Safety Council.

For pedestrians, this distraction can cause them to trip, cross roads unsafely or walk into stationary objects such as street signs, doors, furniture, walls or even parked cars.

Here are a few tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and National Safety Council for children and adults of all ages:

- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Looking left a second time is necessary because a car can cover a lot of distance in a short amount of time.

- Make eye contact with drivers of oncoming vehicles to make sure they see you.

- Be aware of drivers even when you're in a crosswalk; vehicles have blind spots.

- Don't wear headphones while walking.

- Never use a cell phone or other electronic device while walking.

- If your view is blocked, move to a place where you can see oncoming traffic.

- Never rely on a car to stop.

- Children younger than 10 should cross the street with an adult.

- Only cross at designated crosswalks.

- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing.

- Walk in groups.

To stay safe as you and your family walk across the Joint Base San Antonio commissary, exchange, work center or roadway parking lots, remember "Distracted Walking (Texting While Walking) is Dangerous Walking."

Common sense says "Just Don't Do It." Keep heads up, phones down.

For military unique requirements of walking and texting in uniform, refer to your branch- and unit-specific uniform wear regulations.



# INSIDE THE GATE

## Newcomer's Orientation

Friday and June 30, 8 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Mandatory in-processing briefing for all military and civilian personnel newly assigned to Joint Base San Antonio. Service members must coordinate with their unit personnel coordinator or commander support element. Spouses are welcome to attend; all patrons must be seated by 7:50 a.m. Call 221-2705.

## Accessing Higher Education

Monday-Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Education Center, building 2408. A two-day track for service members that have already obtained a bachelor's degree and are interested in pursuing higher education. To register, call 221-1213.

## TAP-Goals, Plans, Success

Monday-June 24 and June 27 to July 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Soldier for Life, building 2264. A mandatory five-day session workshop for all service members separating from

the military; the GPS workshop is facilitated by the Department of Labor, Veterans Administration, and Military & Family Readiness Center. Prerequisite is "Pre-Separation Counseling." Call 221-1213.

## Pre-Separation Counseling

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Airmen, Sailors and Marines planning to separate must attend a mandatory counseling. Begin the process 18 months prior to separation date. To register, call 221-2418.

## Playgroup For Kids

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Teen Center, building 2515. Join other parents and children ages 0-4 for an interactive group concentrating on developing your child's social interaction and skills while also connecting parents. No registration required. Call 539-6350

## Anger Management

Wednesday and June 29, 9-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. A comprehensive anger program for those who want to examine the different causes of stress and learn techniques to more effectively cope with anger and stress in a group setting. Call 539-6350.

## Army FAP Unit Training

Wednesday, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Mandated Unit Family Advocacy Training in accordance with Army Regulation 608-18 regarding domestic and child abuse identification, reporting, and prevention. Other topics covered include the Lautenberg amendment, restricted/unrestricted reporting and transitional compensation program. Seating is limited; reservations will be accepted up to two weeks in advance. Call 221-2418.

## FRG For Commanders

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to Noon, Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Family Readiness Group commanders will receive an overview of the FRG, community resources, funds, deployment cycle, working with families and crisis intervention. To reserve a seat, call 221-2418.

## Pre-Deployment Resiliency

Thursday and June 30, 9-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This training draws heavily on the experiences of service members in order to prepare for the realities and challenges commonly

encountered prior to and during a deployment. Call 221-2418.

## Citizenship, Immigration Assistance

June 28, 9 a.m. to Noon, Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Review American customs and cultures or meet with a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service officer for assistance with applications. Eligible patrons will take the oath of allegiance at a naturalization ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Registration is not required, for more information, call 221-2705.

## Volunteer Management Information System

June 30, 9-10 a.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Volunteers will receive hands-on training with the Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS. Open to all registered volunteers. Call 221-2705.

## Volunteer Orientation

June 30, 10-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Volunteers newly assigned to the Military & Family Readiness Center will in-process and receive training on their responsibilities. Call 221-2705.

## SAFETY from P15

Johns stressed the importance of swim lessons and life jacket safety while discouraging alcohol use during water recreation.

"Drinking and swimming is bad news. Never drink and swim period," he said.

Even without drinking, some people can struggle being in the water for various reasons like lack of boating knowledge or inability to swim.

"All of our Joint Base San Antonio pools offer swim lessons," he said. "This is the perfect time to learn because the water is beginning to warm up. Also, JBSA Outdoor Recreation

offers boating lessons if you want to rent a boat.

The bottom line is, at some point you can get pressured into jumping to a pool or go tubing.

Most of people aren't going to admit they can't swim, but will go along with it and perhaps put on a life vest or not.

At JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call the Aquatic Center, located at building 3300 on Winans Road, at 221-4887 for more information on swim lessons. The JBSA Canyon Lake Recreation Park, located at 698 Jacobs Creek Park Road in Canyon Lake, Texas, offers a boating safety class weekdays between 8:30

a.m. and 1:30 p.m. by calling 830-964-3576 or 800-280-3466. The JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders.

At JBSA-Lackland, swimming lessons are offered to youth ages 3 and up Tuesday through Friday throughout the day and limited classes for adults at the Skylark Aquatics Center, building 6482. Classes are \$65 per student. The JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Adventure Center offers a 95-minute course on basic boating procedures Mondays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m.

At JBSA-Randolph, swimming lessons are

given at the South Pool, building 980, next to the Rambler Fitness Center, from 8-11 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Call 652-2053 for more information. A Texas Parks and Wildlife-sanctioned boater's safety course is offered daily Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Community Services Mall, building 895, in Outdoor Recreation. Learn boater safety tips and requirements along with the "rules of the road" for water travel. The cost for the course is \$2 per person and takes about 1 1/2 hours to complete. Call 652-5142, option two, to sign up.

# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## Juneteenth Events

A Juneteenth Festival takes place at Comanche Park Friday-Saturday, with a Freedom Parade from Sam Houston High School (4635 E. Houston St.) to Comanche Park (2600 Rigsby Ave.) Saturday. Lineup begins at 8 p.m. and the parade is at 10 p.m. Call 902-9490 for more information.

## Warrant Officer Association Meeting

The June meeting of the Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association is at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road, at the corner of Rittiman and Harry Wurzbach. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family

members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call 571-4967.

## Art In The Dark

The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind and Vision Impaired hosts its annual Art in the Dark from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday at the La Quinta Inns & Suites, 303 Blum St., near the Rivercenter Mall. Enjoy food and beverages and view or participate in an auction of donated items. Tickets are \$35 if purchased in advance and available at <http://www.salighthouse.org/events>. Call 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 Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited. Call 539-1178.

## CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

#### Sundays

**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way  
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

#### Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 5584 Dodd Blvd.  
8:30 a.m. - Samoan  
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

#### Army Medical Department

#### Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.  
9:20 a.m. - Contemporary Service  
11:01 - Contemporary Crossroads Service

#### Brooke Army Medical

#### Center Chapel

Building 3600,  
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.  
10 a.m. - Traditional

### CATHOLIC SERVICES

#### Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel  
Building 3600,  
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.  
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way  
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

*For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/jbsachapel/jbsa-fortsamhouston.asp>.*

#### Saturday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation  
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

#### Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD  
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC  
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC  
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC  
12:30 p.m. - Afternoon Mass, DFC

### JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,  
Friday, MPC  
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,  
Friday, MPC

### ISLAMIC SERVICE

2:00 p.m. - Islamic Services  
(Monday through Thursday) BAMC  
1:15 p.m. - Jummah, Friday,  
AMEDD

### LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,  
AMEDD

### BUDDHIST SERVICES

10 a.m. - Buddhist Services,  
Saturday, AMEDD

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