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902nd Civil Engineer fire department personnel, provide treatment to a simulated victim during an active shooter exercise at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph July 12. The active shooter exercise tested the threat response time and effectiveness of Joint Base San Antonio's emergency responders and support agencies. The exercise replicated possible real-world events and was designed to enhance training and readiness of JBSA emergency responders during threats to the installation and units.

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### EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

# Unique is not necessarily special

By Chaplain (Capt.) John W. Schuetze  
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Although our Armed Forces provide a unique type of service, it is not necessarily special.

There are many different types of service even within the Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Within each of those we have active-duty personnel and Reservists. We have National Guard as well.

Each member provides a unique type of service. Although those services are different, no one of them is necessarily better or worse than the others. So, although the Armed Forces exists to provide a particular service, we, as members of a particular service, do not accomplish our service or mission alone. We depend on each other and on our sister services, contractors and alliances with other countries to accomplish the mission.

We find a similar situation in the communities in which we live.

Those of us who work at an Air Force Base often live elsewhere. Our children may attend schools near where we live and we may attend a church near where we live.

However, we also rely on all of the services provided by the communities in which we live and we depend on our local business community.

Even on base, we rely upon the outside services that are provided. So, whether we are in need of shopping, entertainment, utilities, roads and communication services, or medical, legal or religious services, we rely on many different organizations and people.

What is it that allows a something to become special?

Consider this: If a particular make

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and model of a vehicle is manufactured on a Monday, is it different from one of the same make and model manufactured the following Friday?

Externally it may appear the same, but one of them may be better manufactured than the other depending upon the circumstances affecting the person engaged in the manufacturing process.

Similarly, does a particular airplane fly the same in all circumstances? Or does it behave differently depending upon the pilot? Or, does that same plane change depending upon who is maintaining it? I think it is fair to say that, even though items appear to be identical, many things cause things to be different from the external appearances.

Even when dealing with the same item, that item may be different from one day to another because of the person using it.

During our lifetime we will encounter many wonderful, technologically-advanced things, each one capable of carrying out a particular function. Many people may be able to operate them, but a few will do so in a way that is special. It is always the person that makes it special.

Though we are all members of the military services the U.S. Air Force is

unique among them.

In addition, each Airman is unique within the Air Force.

We work together, not only to accomplish the Air Force mission, but also to ensure the success of all those who serve and protect. It is clear that we depend upon others as much as they depend on us. It is our willingness to work together for the common good that makes each of us special.

We may want to be the best at what we do, but peace and harmony will come only when we recognize our common bonds. We cannot afford to succeed in life at the expense of someone else. In life success has to mean that all succeed.

May I suggest that you take time to attend a Storytellers presentation? There you will meet and hear about the lives of Airmen who are not only unique, but special. Each one tells of a personal journey traveled in the company of others. Though each one describes his or her individual struggle and effort, I have not heard any one of them claim to have made it on his or her own.

They each understand how, as individuals, they are indebted to the community and responsible for its betterment.

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# AF selects first enlisted Airmen for Global Hawk pilot training

By Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs Command Information

The Air Force recently selected the first 10 enlisted Airmen to attend RQ-4 Global Hawk pilot training, marking the first time since World War II enlisted Airmen will be behind the stick.

The first combined enlisted and officer training course will begin October, with the first enlisted Airmen expected to graduate in 2017.

“We’re opening the RQ-4 career field to enlisted pilots for the first time,” said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. “We’ll take this important step in a deliberate manner so that we can learn what works and what we’ll need to adjust as we integrate our highly capable enlisted force into flying this weapons system. The intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission continues to grow in importance and our enlisted force will be central to our success.”

The initiative to incorporate enlisted pilots is the first step to developing future operating concepts within the multi-domain intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance enterprise. The Global Hawk is the most stable remotely piloted aircraft community and presents an opportunity now to integrate enlisted Airmen in RPAs to posture the force for dynamic future operating environments.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein also weighed in on the importance of the ISR enterprise to the joint force.

“Looking at new ways to operate within our RPA enterprise is critical given that ISR missions continue to be the number one most requested capability by our combatant commanders. We expect that will only continue to expand,” Goldfein said.

“We know our enlisted Airmen are ready to take on this important mission as we determine the right operational balance of officer and enlisted in this ISR enterprise for the future.”

“We have been taking a hard look at the ISR enterprise and ways to maximize what our amazing Airmen can do in support of this mission,” said Gen. Hawk Carlisle, commander of Air Combat Command. “There is no doubt that the challeng-

es of meeting incredible demands for ISR with a small force requires solutions that make the best use of our talented enlisted corps.”

Enlisted pilots will undergo the same rigorous Air Force training as current RPA pilots with respect to flight training, rules, and responsibilities.

The new enlisted pilots will begin their undergraduate RPA training with RPA Initial Training where they will learn to fly a DA-20 Falcon. From there they will attend RPA Instrument Qualification and Fundamentals Courses before finishing with Global Hawk Basic Qualification Training. At the conclusion of this training, they will be rated, instrument qualified pilots who are Federal Aviation Administration certified to fly the RQ-4 in national and international airspace and mission qualified to execute the high-altitude ISR mission.

“There has never been a doubt that our enlisted corps could step up and accomplish this mission for our Air Force,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody. “We’ll certainly see that as the first enlisted Airmen go through the training. They will set the tone for the future of the RPA enterprise.”

Airmen interested in applying for RPA pilot duty should work with their supervisor and through the Air Force Personnel Center. AFPC will add enlisted RPA pilot categories to their annual flying training selection boards and the next boards will convene Jan. 23-26, 2017, to fill fiscal year 2017/2018 training seats. Applicants must be a Career Enlisted Aviator (1AXXX or 1U0XX), a staff sergeant through senior master sergeant, be able to attain six years of retainability from course graduation date to complete the required undergraduate RPA training service commitment and not previously declined enlisted RPA pilot training. Eligible applicants should apply by Nov. 18.

The training plan could see 12 Enlisted Pilot Initial Class graduates in fiscal 2017, 30 in fiscal 2018, 30 in fiscal 2019, and 28 in fiscal 2020. In 2020, approximately 70 percent of those flying day-to-day missions in the RQ-4 are expected to be fully trained enlisted pilots.



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# JBSA-Randolph performs base-wide active shooter exercise

By Airman 1st Class Lauren Ely  
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

An active shooter training exercise at the Air Force Personnel Center tested the response from units base-wide July 12-13 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

The purpose of the exercise was to evaluate the ability of personnel in the facility under attack to protect themselves and the ability of all organizations on JBSA-Randolph to implement a lockdown.

The exercise was also designed to evaluate the response capabilities of security forces, fire emergency services, medical and the Office of Special Investigations, public affairs, force support and the Chaplains Corps in providing support to the incident commander, victims and their families.

“These exercises allow our first responders as well as command and control elements to test their skills, training and any technology they utilize in this type of response,” said Edward C. Doss, 502nd Air Base Wing Inspector General installation exercise program director.

Planning for the exercise began six months ago when the Inspector General’s offices from the 502nd Air Base Wing and the Air Force Personnel Center began determining a scenario and location for the exercise. A Wing Inspection Team was then created to review objectives and develop a series of events to test these objectives, Doss said.

Master Sgt. Leif Gisselberg, 902nd Security Forces Squadron standardization and evaluations superintendent and Wing Inspection Team member, said communication is the vital cog to any major response.

“For security forces, it is another repetition of muscle movements, helping these critical skills to become automatic during a tense, high-stress event,” said Gisselberg. “Rapid, effective response to an active shooter by those personnel in the immediate vicinity provides the greatest chances for minimal loss of innocent life. It also helps the public become familiar with law enforcement procedures, which can remove some confusion from a chaotic scene.”

Gisselberg said the real-world active shooter incident at JBSA-Lackland in April, which resulted in the death of Lt. Col. William “Bill” Schroeder, commander of the 342nd Training Squadron, “absolutely” affected the preparation for security forces in this active shooter exercise.

“As a career field we are always sharing After Action Reports and knowledge with each other to refine operations,” said Gisselberg. “Being in the San Antonio area, we are fortunate to have so many law enforcement agencies surrounding us willing to assist should the need arise. One area we will be looking at is how we can seamlessly integrate the support of other agencies.”

Following the exercise, a review from members of the Wing Inspection Team will be given to each orga-

nization involved in the exercise to provide feedback on any issues.

“If these issues are significant, the organization will develop a corrective action plan – approved by their commander or civilian leader – and be tracked until the process or procedure is implemented,” said Doss. “We then test these processes and procedures in future exercises to ensure that they work.”

For more information on active shooter facts and how to prepare, visit <http://www.beready.af.mil/disasters&emergencies/activeshooter.asp>.



Photo by Joel Martinez

359th Medical Group personnel, provide treatment to a simulated victim during an active shooter exercise at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph July 12.

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# Car buying class helps consumers negotiate successful deals

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Buying a new or used vehicle can be a frustrating, stressful experience for consumers.

Contending with trained sales representatives at a car dealership and trying to avoid buying a lemon on a new or used car lot or from an individual are some of the possible roadblocks in the way of a satisfying purchase.

A class scheduled from 10-11:30 a.m. July 22 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center will help potential car or truck buyers surmount those obstacles and negotiate a successful deal.

“Our car buying class provides pointers and tips people can use when they purchase a vehicle,” said Mike Bell, M&FRC community readiness consultant. “Car salesmen are professionally trained; consumers are not trained to negotiate with them and respond to their tactics.”

Bell, who will instruct the class, said consumers should first do their homework when they’re planning to buy a vehicle.

“Sit down and determine how much you can afford,” he said, and that includes the total price, the down payment and the monthly payment. “Don’t just consider the car payment. There’s a lot more to it than that, such as operating costs and insurance premiums.”



Bell also said it’s important to get an idea of the vehicle’s cost by consulting Kelley Blue Book, Edmunds.com Inc. and other automotive research companies that list car prices in different areas of the country and other worthwhile information, including car-buying tips and trade-in values. Finding out what a vehicle costs at different dealerships is also helpful.

Once consumers arrive at the car dealership, they should separate the different aspects of the purchase: the purchase price, the trade-in value and financing, Bell said.

“If you keep those three things apart, you’re usually in good shape,” he said. “Negotiate first for the price of the vehicle, then you can talk about the trade-in.”

It’s also a good practice to walk in with financing from another source already approved, Bell said.

“But don’t let them know what you’re pre-approved for,” he said. “If you have cash to pay for the vehicle, don’t tell them that either until you get to the financing phase.”

The class will feature a visit to the vehicle resale lot behind the M&FRC building, where Bell will give participants pointers on what to look for when they’re buying a used vehicle. Some advice is to look at the condition of the brake rotors and see if the body or frame show any signs of damage from an accident.

“It’s just a visual inspection,” he said. “You should also pop the hood and make sure there are no wet areas.”

If there are wet areas, it could signify the presence of oil, antifreeze or some other fluid, ‘which is a possible red flag.’

Bell will also discuss types of vehicles to consider, the pros and cons of purchasing from a dealer or individual, leasing, extended warranties, dealers’ tricks of the trade, questions to ask, consumers’ legal rights and other aspects of the car-buying experience.

Above all, Bell said, consumers should show salesmen they’re savvy and in control and should not be afraid to say no and walk away from a deal they feel is not in their best interest.

“If you walk off the lot that day, you’ll get a call the next day,” he said. “I’ve yet to see that fail.”

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

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# Goldfein sworn in as 21st CSAF

By Staff Sgt. Alyssa C. Gibson  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Command Information

Gen. David L. Goldfein was sworn in as the Air Force's 21st chief of staff by Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James during a ceremony at the Pentagon July 1.

As the Air Force's most senior uniformed leader, Goldfein is responsible for ensuring the 660,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen under his command are fully trained and equipped. He also joins the Joint Chiefs of Staff as an adviser to the secretary of defense, National Security Council and the president of the United States.

"The Air Force is going to be relying on your determination, General Goldfein, to improve readiness, to improve our modernization, and most importantly – always at the top of the list – taking

care of our Airmen," James said. "It is a huge responsibility, it's also an honor, and it's also a great privilege and I have every confidence that you are going to take our Air Force to new heights."

One of Goldfein's first acts as chief of staff was to make a pledge to his Airmen.

"This is my commitment to you – to work every day to give you everything I've got, to leave nothing on the table, to remain laser-focused on warfighting excellence, to find the opportunity in every challenge, to treat team building as a contact sport, and to be worthy of this honor," he said. "And I can't wait to get started. Fight's on!"

In his previous position as the Air Force's vice chief of staff, Goldfein presided over the Air Staff, and served as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group.



Photo by Andy Morataya

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James (left) reads the oath of office to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein as his wife, Dawn, holds the chief of staff Bible during a swearing-in ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., July 1. Goldfein became the 21st chief of staff of the Air Force.

## JBSA-Randolph Toastmasters earn prestigious Golden Gavel Award

By David DeKunder  
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

The Randolph Toastmasters has earned the international organization's top honor - the Golden Gavel Club Award - for achieving high standards in conducting and organizing its weekly meetings.

Toastmasters, who are affiliated with Toastmasters International, is an organization that helps their members improve their communication and public speaking and leadership skills.

Huddleston said Toastmasters provides a supportive, encouraging environment for JBSA-Randolph members to help them improve their communication

and leadership skills. The skills club members gain may help them advance in their military or civilian careers, he said.

The club achieved the award by fulfilling 11 requirements for running effective meetings. Those included starting and adjourning the meeting on time, providing printed agendas, giving a warm welcome to members and guests, having 15 or more Toastmasters members in attendance and two non-Toastmasters guests present. Other requirements include interesting topics for members to speak about and speeches that follow guidelines from the Toastmasters manual, said Adrian Huddleston, JBSA-Randolph Toastmasters president.

The award was based on an evaluation by Toastmasters Area I-40 director Jim Lowery, who observed the club's meeting in April.

JBSA-Randolph Toastmasters club consists of 30 members at JBSA-Randolph, including active-duty members, retired military and Department of Defense civilian employees.

Huddleston said this year is the first time ever that Toastmasters, which started in 1958, has received the award.

"This is a very prestigious award," he said. "In order to get the Golden Gavel Club Award you must

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# Taj facility manager embraces role in preserving Air Force history

By Airman 1st Class Lauren Ely  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs



Reaching 170 feet in the air, building 100, more recognizably known as the "Taj," stands with its blue and gold mosaic roof, covered in ceramic tiles, as an iconic representation of Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Built in 1931, the Taj was dedicated as a Texas historical landmark on March 2, 1976, and is officially listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. However, with 85 years of rich history comes a great deal of wear and tear, requiring more than just a fresh coat of paint.

Tracey Powell, 502nd Security Forces Logistics Support Group deputy director of the commander's action group and Taj facility manager, is the woman behind the curtain who ensures operations at the Taj run like clockwork and the building maintains its historic yet restored look.

Powell, who has been in the position for just more than four months, said she takes a sense of pride in her work.

"This building is iconic to the Air Force," Powell said. "Everybody in the Air Force who sees this building knows what it is and where it is. It's important to try and keep it in good order."

Keeping the building in good order can include anything from coordinating to replace stained ceiling tiles, to rekeying locks or even terminating rats. Currently, Powell has more than 50 work orders open, but her main project is to manage getting the Army and Air Force Exchange Service theater up-and-running in the Fleenor Auditorium.

"There's not a typical day," Powell said. "You can have your calendar all set for the day, but once you get here that may not be how it works."

Although her work can be unpredictable, Powell said she tries to begin each day with a walk-through in and around the building.

Col. Michael Gimbrone, 502nd SFLSG commander, also does walk-throughs.

"Sometimes things will happen – like a lightbulb will go out – and he'll be in on the weekend and notice it, but hopefully I'll notice it before he does," Powell said. "He has done so much for getting this building back in good repair."

Not only is the 502nd SFLSG the caretaker of the Taj, it also plays a hand in ensuring historical artifacts are in place for tours.

Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Diaz, former Taj facility manager, said she often had people ask why the photo in the Clark Rotunda – named after 1st Lt. Harold Clark, designer of JBSA-Randolph – did not correspond with the name of the room. Working with just a 1926 black and white photo, Diaz began a quest to have a portrait of Clark created to complete the flow of artifacts.

"I was able to learn and experience working with the Fort Sam Houston Museum, JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs and the 12th Flying Training Wing historians in collecting data to support the artist in capturing the realistic aspects of the portrait," Diaz, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of packing and crating, said. "It's exciting to know the portrait I had a hand in helping create will hang in the Taj for generations to come."

With a steady stream of projects always on the slate, Diaz said the most challenging part of the job was getting all the required people to the location at the same time.

"So many mission partners have a hand in keeping the Taj in tip-top shape, and it is always a challenge getting everyone's busy schedules

to link up," Diaz said.

Powell added that it's a constant learning process and figuring out what part of the 502nd Civil Engineering Squadron needs to be involved can be a challenge.

"Anyone that I've had to deal with or that civil engineering has sent over for a project has been fantastic, and it makes it a lot easier," Powell said.

Another challenge is projects can sometimes take longer to finish or are limited because it can disrupt the historical integrity of the building, Powell said.

"To replace the elevator handle - the historian said they are going to do a replica of it," Powell said. "They're going to have to fabricate one because you can't just put anything there."

Although there are many tasks of managing the Taj that make it challenging, Diaz said those same aspects are what made the job rewarding.

"The most satisfying aspect of this job is the end result of complete work orders and renovations," Diaz said. "It's an amazing feeling to know that you have helped preserve a piece of Air Force history. I am part of a small group of people that have had the opportunity to care for this historic building, which is pretty cool."

Referring to the special duty as her "baby," Diaz said it was bittersweet letting go of the Taj after 16 months, but she knows Powell will do a great job in embracing the position.

"I know she has the tools and experience to take over the projects within the Taj," Diaz said.

But Diaz does have one last piece of advice for Powell: Just go with the flow.



Tracey Powell (right), 502nd Security Forces Logistics Support Group deputy director of the commander's action group and Taj facility manager, escorts Randy Eichman, 502nd Civil Engineering Squadron technician and planner, inside the Taj May 5, 2015. The Taj contains a water tower that holds up to 500,000 gallons of water.



Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Diaz, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of packing and crating, hands off the key to the "Taj" to Tracey Powell, 502nd Security Forces Logistics Support Group deputy director of the commander's action group and Taj facility manager, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph May 18. The Taj was completed in 1931 and cost \$252,000 to build.



Tracey Powell (right), 502nd Security Forces Logistics Support Group deputy director of the commander's action and Taj facility manager, accompanies Bryan Hinton, 502nd Civil Engineering Squadron group technician and planner, to the top of the Taj to inspect outdoor lights May 5. The beacon at the top of the Taj can be seen for 50 miles by pilots and identifies Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph as a military base.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Lauren Ely  
Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Diaz (left), 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of packing and crating, and Tracey Powell, 502nd Security Forces Logistics Support Group deputy director of the commander's action group and Taj facility manager, meet in Taj's Clark Rotunda May 18. Powell succeeded Diaz as the facility manager and now handles day-to-day operations of the building.

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## AETC installs new emergency phone app for JBSA members

By David DeKunder

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command has installed a new mobile phone app that will allow Joint Base San Antonio active-duty members and Department of Defense cardholders to receive emergency notifications at their fingertips.

The AtHoc Notifier app enables the JBSA Command Post to send emergency alerts to JBSA members through desktop popups, email, text messages and phone calls to multiple devices with a single click of a button, said Senior Master Sgt. Torrie Perry, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA command post superintendent.

AtHoc is an installation notification warning system that is part of the AETC Emergency Mass Notification System. The app notifies users of any warnings or emergency situations issued by the JBSA Command Post, including force protection conditions, security incidents, anti-terror warnings, weather notifications, natural disaster warnings, recalls or localized responses for a bomb threat or explosion.

Perry said the development of the AtHoc app is in response to a directive from the Office of the Secretary of Defense requiring all DOD installations to have rapid and effective notification capabilities to help facilitate information in the event of a natural disaster, major accident or man-made threats.

“The mobile app simply adds another avenue of alerting registered users via their smartphone,” Perry said. “AtHoc is just one of the INWS tools that assist the installation commander to meet the Department of Defense Issuance 6055.17,

Installation Emergency Management Program, requirements to warn/notify assigned personnel on and off duty. The goal is to notify the base populace within 10 minutes of a hazardous incident.”

The AtHoc app is available free to active-duty members and DOD cardholders via the App Store for iOS phones and Google Play for Android phones. To register for the app, an email that is attached to an account in the Installation Warning System, or IWS, Alerts desktop software, which operates on the standard desktop configuration, must be used. The IWS Alerts software is identified as a small purple globe in the system tray.

Any active-duty member or DOD cardholder who does not have the purple globe in the task bar on their work station desktop needs to contact the 502nd Communications Squadron at JBSA-Randolph, 652-2015; JBSA-Lackland, 925-0576; and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Army Enterprise Desk, 866-335-2769.

An AtHoc account is automatically created during a user's initial Common Access Card login to any computer or JBSA network. The purple globe is the primary way for an active-duty member or DOD cardholder to update their contact information in AtHoc, by right-clicking and going to the “Update My Profile” tab. Under the contact information, a user can add up to three email addresses to receive alerts.

In addition, the AtHoc app allows a user to include three mobile devices to receive notifications. Once the app is loaded on these devices through the purple globe, a user can put in an organization code for each JBSA location: HKHN, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; MPLS, JBSA-Lackland; and TYMX, JBSA-Randolph. By doing this, an AtHoc user can enable JBSA members not on the JBSA network, such as dependents, contractors and retirees, to receive emergency notifications and alerts for these locations.

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# Eye injury prevention depends on proper protective eyewear

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

July is Eye Injury Prevention Month, calling attention to a common occurrence in the United States which affects some 2.4 million people each year.

Eye injuries can occur anywhere, from homes and playing fields to construction sites and factories, but an overwhelming majority of these injuries are preventable.

"Ninety percent of eye injuries are preventable if people wear the right protection," said Marvin Joyce, 502nd Air Base Wing occupational health and safety specialist at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. "Injuries occur when people are either not wearing any eye protection or they are wearing improper eyewear or eyewear that is no longer serviceable."

Some workers at Air Force bases and other military installations are particularly at risk for eye injuries because of the nature of their professions, Joyce said.

"Those most at risk are craft workers such as mechanics, repairers, carpenters and plumbers; machine operators; and general laborers," he said. "Here at JBSA-Randolph we have aircraft mechanics, workers associated with the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron, groundskeepers and assembly workers."

Despite eye-injury risks inherent in these jobs, workers at JBSA-Randolph have an exemplary safety record, Joyce said.

"Since I have been here, we have only had one eye injury that was reported to us, and that was an injury

that did not occur here," he said. "It was an off-duty civilian."

Joyce attributes the absence of serious eye injuries to a good safety program governed by Air Force Instruction 91-203, which covers occupational safety, including the use of personal protective equipment such as protective eyewear – safety goggles, face shields and other appropriate PPE.

"Our workers go through job safety training," he said. "They only go to the areas that they have been trained for. That is why there are so few injuries here."

In general, the five most common eye injuries are scratched eye, chemical burn, flash burn, foreign object in the eye and blow to the eye, Joyce said. Flash burn comes from sources such as sunlight, welding, tanning booths and sunlamps.

At the JBSA-Randolph Medical Clinic, Tech. Sgt. Jason Ellington, NCO in charge of optometry, said corneal abrasions caused by blowing or falling debris are the most common eye injury he has seen.

"Closely behind abrasions, I have seen corneal ulcers caused by over-wear or sleeping in contact lenses," he said. "The least common injury I've seen would be blunt trauma, usually caused by playing some sort of sport."

The most serious eye injuries are ulcers and blunt trauma Ellington said.

"Corneal abrasions can be equally as serious, depending on the depth of the abrasion," he said.

Although the jobs of aircraft workers, machine operators and general laborers are more at risk for

eye injuries, nearly one-half of eye injuries occur in the home and more than 40 percent are related to sports or recreational activities, according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

"Usually it is mandatory to wear eye protection in the workplace, but at home there is no one looking over your shoulder, so people tend not to use protective eyewear," Ellington said. "However, the easiest thing people can do to prevent eye injuries is to wear eye protection when doing things like gardening, working on cars, playing sports and woodworking."

He said it is also important for people to follow contact lens care instructions.

"For example, you should not sleep with your lenses in your eyes and should not wear the lenses longer than their intended time frame," Ellington said.

Joyce also emphasized the importance of eye protection in the home workshop and in the yard.

"Hand and power tools such as saws, drills and sanders present a danger to eyes when precautions are not taken," he said. "In the yard, debris from lawn mowers and power trimmers can unexpectedly enter the eye at a high rate of speed."

In addition, protective eyewear should be used when working with fertilizers, pesticides and other lawn chemicals as well as household chemicals, such as bleach and other cleaners, Joyce said.

"There are different types of protective eyewear," he said. "Most home centers sell eye protection. Make sure you have the proper gear for the hazards you face."

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have an exceptional meeting when someone is there to evaluate you."

"It's a place where you can practice your communication and leadership skills and gain self-confidence as a communicator and a leader," he said. "We learn by doing is our approach in Toastmasters. We find out the more you speak, the more confident you get. The more confident you are, the more you want to speak."

Huddleston said club members gain leadership skills by learning how to conduct meetings, holding leadership positions and learning how to communicate effectively through practical experience at their meetings.

The skills club members learn from Toastmasters can help them advance in their military or civilian careers, Huddleston said.

"It gives them an opportunity to practice their communication and leadership skills and then apply that to their mission," he said.

Amy Espinoza, Air Education and Training Command logistics program analyst, said getting involved in Toastmasters, which she joined in 1997, has helped her become a better communicator.

"It has helped me out in my job in being able to facilitate meetings, to communicate more clearly and to be able to think quickly on my feet," Espinoza said.



Courtesy Photo

The Toastmasters Club at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph receive the Golden Gavel Club award May 18. Toastmasters empowers JBSA individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

Espinoza has benefited by becoming a Toastmasters officer at the district level.

"It helps me to understand the various roles of leadership and responsibilities," she said. "It is a non-profit organization; everyone is a volunteer. You are not only helping yourself, but others."

Staff Sgt. Channing Cook, 338th Specialized Contracting Squadron administrative specialist, said she has become a more confident public speaker and leader since becoming a Toastmasters member two years ago.

"I'm building my leadership skills," Cook said. "These are the tools I'm going to be using to lead

Airmen in the U.S. Air Force."

Cook likes the encouraging atmosphere of the Toastmasters meetings.

"Nobody is there to judge you," she said. "Everyone who comes to the meetings is there to support you. They give you constructive criticism and want you to succeed."

The Toastmasters club meets at noon every Wednesday at the JBSA-Randolph Education Center, building 208, in room 35. To join Toastmasters, individuals must fill out a new member application that can be picked up at their club meetings. For more information, call 863-1517.

# A hot vehicle is no place for children or pets

By David DeKunder

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Being inside a parked vehicle on a hot day where the temperature can reach more than 100 degrees can become a dangerous situation for children and pets left unattended by their parents and owners.

Awareness of the dangers of leaving children and pets unattended in a hot vehicle and efforts in preventing such instances from occurring are a focus of the Air Force Summer Safety Campaign.

Leaving a child or pet alone in a hot vehicle could lead to heatstroke, injury or death. In the U.S. each year, an average of 37 children die from heat-related deaths after being left in a parked vehicle, according to <http://www.KidsAndCars.org>, a nonprofit organization that works to improve the safety of children in vehicles.

Since 1998, the Department of Meteorology and Climate Science at San Jose State University reports 677 children left in vehicles in the U.S. have died from heatstroke, which occurs when the body reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

According to [webmd.com](http://webmd.com), a heatstroke is caused by prolonged exposure to high temperatures and can damage or kill internal organs in the body, including the brain.

Staff Sgt. Dominick Fugazzi, 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office safety technician at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, said an adult or parent should not leave a child unattended in a vehicle even for a short period of time.

"It's never okay to leave a child in a car, period, even if it's only for a few minutes and even if the car is left running," Fugazzi said. "The safety and security of your children should be every parent's number one priority. Leaving a child in a car unattended creates an extremely dangerous environment for numerous reasons."

Even cracking the windows does not reduce the temperature inside a vehicle, which can increase over 20 degrees within 10 minutes and to 40 degrees within an hour. For instance, on a 70-degree day, the temperature inside a vehicle could rise to 110 degrees Fahrenheit in an hour.

Children left alone in a hot vehicle are at risk for getting heatstroke because their bodies heat up quicker than adults, Fugazzi said.

"Young children are extremely vulnerable to suffering heatstroke because their bodies can heat up three to five times faster than an adult," he said.

Other dangers for children left unattended in a vehicle include car theft that could lead to kidnapping or child abduction, seat belt strangulation, carbon monoxide poisoning if the vehicle is left running and vehicle fires, Fugazzi said.

Fugazzi said measures can be taken by adults and parents to prevent heat-related injuries or deaths include:

- Never leaving a child alone in a vehicle, not even for a minute, and making sure the vehicle is locked



when an adult or parent is not present so children don't get in it on their own and lock themselves in.

- Creating reminders by placing an object in the backseat of the vehicle next to the child, such as a briefcase, purse, cell phone or toy that is needed at the driver's destination. This is important if the adult or parent is not following their normal routine.

- Taking action. If an individual sees a child alone in a vehicle, they should call 911 so that trained emergency personnel can come to the scene and save the child's life.

Fugazzi said adults should get in the routine of "look before you lock," checking to make sure there is no child in the backseat before they leave and lock up a vehicle.

Parents and adults should keep vehicles locked at all times, even in driveways or garages, so that children can't get into them on their own. Children may be able to lock the vehicle doors, but may not be able to unlock them, according to <http://www.KidsAndCars.org>.

In Texas, an adult can be charged with a misdemeanor if they intentionally leave a child in a vehicle for longer than five minutes if the child is younger than seven years of age and not with an individual who is 14 years of age and older.

A hot vehicle is also not suitable for a pet to be in. The American Veterinary Medical Association said hundreds of pets die each year from heat exhaustion after being locked in a vehicle.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Royce, 902nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, said a dog can get heatstroke or have their internal body organs damaged if their body temperature reaches 106 degrees Fahrenheit. A dog's normal body temperature is between 101 and 102.5 degrees.

Royce said last year during the summer months from May to September, 902nd SFS patrol officers were called out two to three times a month for cases of pets, mainly dogs, being spotted in a locked vehicle by callers at the parking lots of the JBSA-Randolph

commissary and exchange.

In all the cases, Royce said the dogs were found to be okay and officers were able to locate and contact the dog owners.

He said the pet owners who left their dogs in a vehicle while they went shopping didn't feel they were harming them.

"They didn't think it was hot enough to cause any damage to the animals," Royce said. "Sometimes we got, 'Well, I was only going to be in there for five to 10 minutes and then it ended up being 30 to 40 minutes.'"

Anyone who sees a pet unattended in a vehicle showing signs of heat stress should call law enforcement authorities immediately, according to the Humane Society of the United States. A caller who reports a pet in distress should get the vehicle's license plate number, go to the nearest business to ask them to make a public announcement to locate the owner and go back and wait for authorities at the vehicle.

While Texas does not have a law prohibiting leaving a pet alone in a hot vehicle, Royce said pet owners could be charged with animal cruelty under state law if an officer finds the animal shows signs of distress, or doesn't have adequate water or airflow in the vehicle.

At JBSA, people who notice a child or pet in distress in a vehicle should call 902nd SFS at JBSA-Randolph, 652-5700 or 5709; 802nd SFS at JBSA-Lackland, 671-3030; or the 502nd SFS at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 221-2244. In cases of emergency off base, call 911.

Individuals would be better served leaving their pets at home and not leaving children alone in a vehicle, Royce said.

"Have some common sense," he said. "I mean, would you want to sit in a vehicle with the windows up and with no air conditioning? If you wouldn't want to do it, why would you want to put your children through that or your animals?"

# Randolph Family Housing schedules community garage sale

By Robert Goetz  
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Residents of Randolph Family Housing – especially those who are preparing for a permanent change of station – will have an opportunity to sell some of their household goods during the next community garage sale set for 8 a.m. July 23.

Randolph Family Housing schedules the garage sales about three times a year, typically during PCS season, said Allison Cook, Randolph Family Housing community director. The garage sales allow residents who are leaving Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph to lighten their load before their move, but other residents may also take advantage of the events.

Cook said a map showing the location of homes designated for the garage sale will be emailed to family housing residents prior to the event. Residents can sign up for the sale and have their homes placed on the map by calling the family housing office at 659-9061.

“Residents are welcome to put things out without calling us, but we can facilitate their sale by placing them on the map,” she said.

Randolph Family Housing resident guidelines forbid individual yard sales, but allows neighborhood yard sales with the approval of the family housing office, which sponsors, coordinates, markets and organizes the events.

Cook said residents who take part in the garage sales sell a variety of items, from housewares, furniture and toys to bicycles, electronics and sports equipment. They also set their own prices.

“All they have to do is place their items on their lawns,” she said. “They can also use tables if they desire.”

Because this garage sale is scheduled in the thick of PCS season, Cook said she expects a dozen or more families to sell household goods.

Also, anyone with base access is welcome to shop at the multiple sites.

The garage sale requires no permits or fees, Cook said.



## Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

### Cybersecurity Training Track Blends Two National Programs

SANS Institute, in collaboration with the Institute for Veterans and Military Families and Onward to Opportunity, or O2O, announced that the SANS VetSuccess Academy will offer a cybersecurity training track in the O2O program at Joint Base San Antonio. O2O is a career skilling program connecting transitioning service members, active duty military spouses, and members of the National Guard and Reserve to high-demand careers in customer service excellence and information technology. Applications for those interested in the O2O/SANS cybersecurity track at JBSA runs through Aug. 8. Participants are required to take the qualifying exam and complete the application process before enrolling in O2O and SANS courses that begin in mid-September. Cybersecurity track participants will complete the Onward to Your Career course delivered by O2O and then progress through three training courses taught by the SANS Institute.

Following the completion of each course, participants will take the associated Global Information Assurance Certification exam.

For more information, visit <http://onward2oppportunity.com/> or <https://www.sans.org/cybertalent/immersionacademy>. To apply, contact the JBSA O2O program manager at 844-8154.

### Chapel Center hours

The Chapel Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, located at 2 Washington Circle, Building 103, announces new weekday office hours today. Chapel offices are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Tuesday, office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to noon for unit training require-

ments and/or unit visitation.

The Chaplain Corps ensures the free exercise of religion for active and Reserve, retiree, and civil service members. They offer privileged communication, pastoral care and counseling, pre-marital and marital counseling, grief counseling and spiritual resilience counseling.

For facility usage, personnel are to submit their request to [12ftw.hc@us.af.mil](mailto:12ftw.hc@us.af.mil) at least seven days prior to the event to be scheduled. You will be notified once your event is scheduled. For additional information about the chapel, call 652-6121.

### Legal Assistance Office

The 502 SFLSG/JA Legal Assistance Office will move from Building 202 to the Taj building 100 effective Monday, June 27.

Also effective Monday, June 27, the 502 SFLSG/JA Legal Assistance Office will offer walk-in legal assistance two days a week. Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. will be walk-in legal assistance for all eligible ID cardholders. However, no will consultations will be completed for retirees on a walk-in basis. Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. will be walk-in legal assistance for active duty only.

Additionally, the 502 SFLSG/JA Legal Assistance Office will offer morning appointments on Mondays and Wednesdays. Appointments can be scheduled in person or over the phone at 652-6781. These appointments are open to all eligible ID cardholders. Retiree will consultations will only be completed during appointments.

Powers of Attorney and notary services hours remain the same: Monday through Friday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

### Drinking Water Quality Report

Every year, all water suppliers that serve the same people

year round must prepare a consumer confidence report, or water quality report, for their customers. The report tells customers where their drinking water comes from, what is in it and how they can protect it. Bioenvironmental Engineering demonstrates its commitment to public health protection and the public's right-to-know about local environmental information.

The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, required tests and is presented at the following link: <http://www.jbsa.af.mil.aspx>. Mouse over the Information tab at the top, click on environmental. The water quality report for 2015 will be on the right hand side of the screen under the section titled "JBSA Environmental Documents". The report will be available no later than 1 July 16. We hope this information helps you become informed about what is in your drinking water. Drinking water on JBSA-Randolph meets or exceeds All federal drinking water requirements and the overall quality of the water is excellent.

### JBSA-Randolph Library offer a range of resources

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Library is offering a host of resources to JBSA-Randolph members including books, audio books, DVDs, video games, children's books, e-readers, magazines, newspapers, computers with Internet and Wi-Fi access, community rooms, study rooms and children's areas.

Library hours are:

- Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday: Closed
- Story Time: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

For additional information, call 652-5578