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Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson (right), commander of Air Education and Training Command, shakes hands with military veteran Rudy Garcia, during the 2016 National Salute to Veteran Patients program Feb. 19 at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital in San Antonio.

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COMMENTARY

Character: It's deep inside each of us

By Brig. Gen. Karl McGregor
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(Editor's note: The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Air Force, Defense Department or the U.S. Government.)

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," said Martin Luther King Jr., in one of his most famous speeches.

Character is what's deep inside each of us, it's who we are on a daily basis, it's who we are when things go well and more importantly, when things go wrong. It's who we are when we're in leadership positions, as well as with the family in our living rooms.

Character is our moral and ethical strength; it is who we are when no one is looking.

Character is a mix of traits that are distinct to each person and baked into

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that person's life. It's much more than just what we try to display for others to see, good character is doing the right thing because it is right to do so.

For those of us who serve in the military, we are and should be held to a higher standard than the general public. We are servants of our country and our bond to those we serve is tied to our reputations and inevitably, to the character that reputation is built upon. Reputation is a long-term display of good character traits and we enhance that display, by making our character traits consistent by living our morals and ethics every day.

We must model good character for ourselves, our families and our service organizations daily.

When promises are made, no matter how small, they must be kept. Be a

great example, be known as a promise keeper. Never take shortcuts, communicate the importance of quality to your team and make sure that in times of stress, the importance of delivering quality is not lessened.

Stay consistent when you deal with others. Treat everyone with respect, regardless of how long the day has been or the number of setbacks created by people in the organization that "just don't get it."

Finally, always self-audit. At the end of the day, week and month, review your decisions for bias and consistency against the character goals you're striving to achieve.

Every action reflects on your character, as Whorton says, "no matter how small." Make sure your reflection is in line with who you are.

43rd Freedom Flyer Reunion kicks off March 4

From Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

More than 30 former prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict will reunite for the 43rd time March 4 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph during the annual Freedom Flyer Reunion.

The reunion is hosted by the "Chargin' Cheetahs" of the 560th Flying Training Squadron and honors those who made it home from Southeast Asia while continuing to remember those who did not.

One of the major highlights of the reunion is a symposium, set to begin at 1 p.m. in the Fleenor Auditorium, featuring former Freedom Flyers who will tell the stories of their time in captivity.

The Freedom Flyer program was born in 1973 when the 560th FTS began retraining former POWs to fly again in the Air Force. Later, the squadron provided POW pilots who had not been retrained to fly one last time, ensuring that their last flight in an Air Force aircraft wouldn't be the flight on which they were shot down and captured.



The first flight with POWs was called a "Freedom Flight." The repatriated POWs and pilots were met with cheers and champagne as they celebrated their return to the "wild blue yonder."

Covering the last 37 years, the "Chargin' Cheetahs" have helped 195 former POWs return to the skies on a Freedom Flight.

According to Air Force records, there are still 511 Air Force service members missing and unaccounted for from the conflict in Southeast Asia.

Events open to JBSA members include:

- 10:15 a.m. – Wreath-laying ceremony at the Missing Man Monument. The ceremony pays tribute to POWs and those listed as missing in action who did not return home from war and will include a fly-over.

- 1 to 4 p.m. – Freedom Flyer Symposium,

Fleenor Auditorium, building 100. Former POWs tell their remarkable stories of survival and hope while imprisoned in the infamous POW camps of North Vietnam.

Former Freedom Flyers will also take part in a formal dining-in ceremony as part of the reunion.

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Paying tribute to veterans

From left: Retired Lt. Col. Kani Ekwurzel speaks with U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Steven Nowicki, U.S. Marine Sgt. Dawn Casiano and U.S. Marine Sgt. Thiago Alves, 2016 Joint Base San Antonio military ambassadors, during the 2016 National Salute to Veteran Patients program Feb. 19 at Audie Murphy Memorial Veterans Affairs Hospital in San Antonio. The military ambassadors were on hand to distribute valentines and visit with veteran patients. VA facilities across the United States pay tribute to veteran patients annually during this week-long salute.

Photo by Melissa Peterson





Photos by Steve Elliott

Seaman Apprentice Chris Polizzi collects a tire and other trash from the area around the Salado Creek Park area at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Saturday during the annual Basura Bash. A total of seven tires were found among the almost two tons of trash collected.



More than 350 volunteers came out early Saturday morning to the Salado Creek Park on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to help clean up the areas surrounding the creek and the waterway during the Basura Bash.



Army Staff Sgt. Sy Smith, an instructor/writer with Company A, Academy Brigade (Provisional), maneuvers a kayak down Salado Creek while picking trash out of the waterway during the annual Basura Bash Saturday at Salado Creek Park at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Annual Basura Bash cleanup of Salado Creek attracts hundreds of volunteers

By Steve Elliott

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

A record crowd of more than 300 military and civilian volunteers showed at the Salado Creek Park on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Saturday to help clean up the areas surrounding the creek and the waterway itself as part of the annual Basura Bash, now in its sixth year. The Basura Bash is a one-day, all-volunteer event to clean the San Antonio Watershed.

More than two tons of various kinds of rubbish were pulled out of the creek and collected from the park area, almost filling a 40-yard-long dumpster to the top.

Among the trash was a set of metal bleachers, seven tires, a partially full refrigerant tank, dozens assorted of pieces of metal in various sizes, along with hundreds

of plastic bottles and Styrofoam containers. The bleachers were actually in good shape, according to event organizer Bryan Hummel of the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron, and were placed back next to the others for continued use.

"We had the largest turn out ever for Basura Bash and were able to expand the clean-up area by a quarter mile," said Hummel, the 502nd CES pollution prevention manager and aquifer recharge specialist. "We actually did not gather the largest volume of trash ever, because the previous five cleanups have been so successful, so there is just not as much trash to clean up. This shows that our efforts are paying off and we are making a long-term difference for the waterways of the San Antonio River."

Hummel added that if trash is picked up out of the

upland fields, parking lots and buildings around JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, there will be less trash to get washed down and pollute our natural waterways.

"The solution to our water issues start on the uplands, not in the actual creek," he said. "The condition of the creek is just a symptom of land stewardship practices in upstream water basin. The trash we cleaned up came from upstream, so if keep this area cleaner, our river will be cleaner. This requires a constant community effort throughout the water basin."

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Basura Bash was a part of a larger effort throughout San Antonio that saw local residents, community groups and organizations collecting trash from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at 20 different locations that connect to San Antonio's watershed.

New Crime Stoppers line helps security forces keep JBSA-Randolph safe

By David DeKunder

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

A new Crime Stoppers telephone line is giving active-duty and Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph members the ability to report suspicious activity on base without having to reveal their identities.

The 24-hour Crime Stoppers line was installed at JBSA-Randolph in January and is being manned by members of the 902nd Security Forces Squadron.

"The Crime Stoppers line gives people an opportunity to report any type of crime, or suspicious activity, without having to leave their personal information," said Senior Airman Timothy Hobson, 902nd SFS NCO in charge of police services. "We just want to make it more approachable for people to contact us."

Hobson said the Crime Stoppers line could help security forces make JBSA-Randolph safer by investigating any suspicious activity or possible crime that otherwise may have not been reported.

"This line gives us the opportunity to investigate everything," Hobson said.

When reporting a suspicious activity or crime at JBSA-Randolph, callers to the

Crime Stoppers line should include the location, description of persons or vehicles involved and any other details they can safely obtain.

Hobson said callers should use the Crime Stoppers line to report any suspicious activity or crime they feel will have a negative impact to JBSA-Randolph and the well-being of an active-duty or JBSA-Randolph member, including domestic disturbances.

When a call is made to the Crime Stoppers line, an officer at the security forces patrol desk will take the call, get the information from the caller and relay it to officers on patrol who will respond to the call, Hobson said.

Hobson said the Crime Stoppers line is to be used only for reporting suspicious activities or crimes. Callers with non-crime related concerns or who want to report a medical emergency can use the security forces' main number, 652-5700.

Crime Stoppers will help improve communication between 902nd SFS members and the JBSA-Randolph community they help protect and serve, Hobson said.

"Any opportunity we have to interact with the community, we want to take ad-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer

Staff Sgt. Camilo Guzman, 902nd Security Forces Squadron Base Defense Operations Center controller, answers the "Crime Stoppers" hotline phone Tuesday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

vantage of," Hobson said.

Since the first Crime Stoppers line was established in Albuquerque, N.M., in 1976, callers have helped authorities around the world solve more than

505,000 cases and make more than 292,000 arrests.

To report suspicious activity, active-duty and JBSA-Randolph members can call 652-2700.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO FRONT AND CENTER

Airman's bond with 'man's best friend' benefits Air Force

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

A senior airman assigned to the 802nd Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland said he has the best job in the Air Force.

He works with "man's best friend" on a daily basis.

Senior Airman Jordan Fuller, 802nd SFS military working dog handler, called Rocco, his MWD, "the best partner I've ever had and literally my best friend."

"The amount of time spent together is a big key factor in the reason why our bond is so great versus a human counterpart you may work with one day or two days out of your work cycle," he said. "The bond you build with a dog that you're working with every single day of that work cycle is going to be so much greater.

"It's a very close bond," Fuller said. "It's something special, that's for sure – almost indescribable, at least to me."

Fuller, who grew up in Conroe, Texas, enlisted in the Air Force after graduating from high school and attending college for two years.

"I enlisted in the Air Force when I realized college wasn't for me and I wanted to serve my country," he said.

Fuller said he didn't even consider being a MWD handler until he was a few years into his enlistment.

"I had become a very good patrolman and gotten a lot of drug busts working at the gates and while on patrol, and it just seemed fitting for me to apply," he said.

Dedication is one of the attributes of a proficient MWD handler, Fuller said.

"Coming in on days off to conduct training or care for your dog is a regular occurrence," he said. "It also helps if you are detail-oriented and very meticulous. For the purpose of substance detection, you have to be able to think like a criminal in order to find a productive place for your dog to search, therefore increasing the likelihood to find the substance."

Rocco, a 4-year-old German shepherd, is more than up to the task, Fuller said. A dual-purpose dog, he's trained in patrol work and detection work. He's fast, too.

"My dog's average speed is 18 miles an hour," he said. "Not very many humans can run that fast. And if they do run that fast, it won't be for long, especially with my dog behind him. He's constantly looking for something, some type of hostile act, something that could possibly hurt me or him. He's always alert."

Fuller said every day is different for him and Rocco.

"There really is no typical day per se," he said.

"For instance, one day I could be working a law enforcement patrol responding to incidents throughout JBSA and the next day I could be conducting K-9 demonstrations for future members of the military and attached to a distinguished visitor as a personal security detail."

Fuller said he's had the privilege of conducting motorcade sweeps for Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, President Obama and Pope Francis.

"We as a MWD team are very versatile and can be implemented in numerous roles as a force multiplier," he said.

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Isom, 802nd SFS MWD trainer supervisor, called Fuller "a self-motivated and motivating young man." "Senior Airman Fuller is a very me-

ticulous and dedicated person," he said. "He is one that loves his job and goes above and beyond daily requirements without being asked."

Isom also said Fuller has progressed quickly as a MWD handler.

"Senior Airman Fuller is a very young handler," he said. "He's only been on leash for a little over a year, but he is already handling his MWD at a level of one who has been working a MWD for three or four years. This is largely due to his tireless work ethic and dedication to his MWD."

Fuller said his bond with Rocco helps motivate him.

"I enjoy being able to come to work every day and, regardless of what may be bothering me or on my mind, I have my dog to cheer me up," he said. "Every morning he is anxiously awaiting my footsteps and is always excited to see me."

Isom said Fuller was an asset to the 802nd SFS from Day 1.

"Senior Airman Fuller has been a great asset to security forces as a whole prior to joining the elite ranks of a military working dog handler," he said. "Once he made that commitment to become an MWD handler, he has not looked back, and has pushed himself to be the best that he can be. Along with pushing himself, he has encouraged those around him to be better."



Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Senior Airman Jordan Fuller, 802nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, praises his military working dog, Rocco, for a job well done during training Monday at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Pharmacy provides drop box for expired, unused medications

By Maj. Quan Tram

359th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy flight commander

In an effort to improve safety among the Joint Base San Antonio community, the JBSA-Randolph clinic pharmacy has installed a secure medicine collection drop box where patients can drop off expired, unused or unwanted medications due to a change in Drug Enforcement Administration regulations.

Patients can now deposit all medications, except sharps or syringes, in the blue steel drop box located in the corner of the lobby by the prescription pickup window.

Medications play a critical role in treating health conditions. When those medications are no longer needed, it's important to properly dispose of them to reduce accidental exposure or intentional misuse. According to the DEA, unused medications in homes create a public health and safety concern because they are highly susceptible to accidental ingestion, theft, misuse, and abuse.

"It's as simple as dumping all your unwanted medication out of the prescription bottle into a zip-lock plastic bag and disposing them into our MedSafe cabinet," Col. Dana James, 359th Medical Group commander, said.

In the past, patients who wanted to safely dispose of old and unused medications were turned away or had to wait until the bi-annual DEA-sponsored

Drug Take Back Day.

"By law, the pharmacy could not legally accept any dispensed prescriptions. The MedSafe drop box definitely meets our patients' needs," said Lt. Col. John Lane, 359th Medical Support Squadron commander.

Pharmacy officials recommend medicines be deposited without their containers in the zip lock bags provided next to the drop box and liquid bottles be 4 ounces or less and sealed in a plastic bag before dropping them into the box.

Pharmacy staff will check the MedSafe drop box weekly. Once the box is full, the contents will be shipped to a company licensed by the DEA in the handling of commingled medications for proper disposal. The DEA's preferred method of medicine disposal is incineration because it renders the medicine irretrievable.

Proper disposal may prevent accidental poisoning or accidental use of potentially harmful medications that may still be in the home. It also prevents unused medications from cycling back into our water systems, pharmacy officials said.

The MedSafe drop box is accessible during normal duty hours and pharmacy personnel will be available to offer any assistance.

The clinic pharmacy hours are Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For questions about safe medication disposal or any other questions pertaining to the pharmacy, call 652-6742.



Courtesy photo

A medicine collection drop box for expired and unused prescription medications is located at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph clinic pharmacy in the corner of the lobby adjacent to the prescription pickup window.

Military members must follow rules regarding political activities

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Hyatt

70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs
Fort George G. Meade, Md.

As election season heats up, Airmen and federal employees must follow strict guidelines to ensure no wrongdoing.

Department of Defense Directive 1344.10 and Air Force Instruction 51-902 outline what active-duty service members are permitted and restricted from doing while acting in personal and official capacity.

Service members who violate these directives could face punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, according to Capt. Lindsey Callahan, 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing deputy staff judge advocate. The Hatch Act (5 USC 7321-7325) applies to DOD civilian employees.

"It's important to understand the rule regarding political activities because it is the duty of every military member to comply with these rules. Our system of government is structured to prevent politicized military," added Callahan. "It is perhaps the most central tenet of our military that it should be neutral with regard to politics."

While it's important to know the rules, Airmen must also understand the rules.

"We take an oath to the Constitution – not to any one political party or any one person," Callahan said. "Individual members of the military may have their personal preferences as to political parties or candidates, but the DOD or Air Force does not endorse a particular party or candidate."

Members must be familiar with these regulations because these rules also apply to social media.

"Often, people forget that social media is a public forum," Callahan said. "Even though service members may believe only their friends will see something, there is no guarantee to ensure that. People will forward and share posts. Once it is on the internet, it is available for the world to see."

When it comes to political participation, it is important to remember that military members **can**:

- Register and vote.
- Express their personal political opinions, making sure it is clearly personal and no one could mistake it for being official.
- Encourage other to participate in the political process.
- Sign a petition for a specific legislative action only in a personal capacity, not using their military rank.
- Write a letter to the editor, but a disclaimer is required and the letter cannot solicit votes for a candidate.
- Donate money to a political organization, party or committee.
- Display a bumper sticker on their car, but just ONE and it has to be a reasonable size.
- Place a poster supporting a candidate or issue on their lawn as long as they live off-base.
- Become a "friend" or "like" the Facebook page or "follow" the Twitter account of a political party or partisan candidate, campaign or cause.

When it comes to political participation, it is important to remember that military members **cannot**:

- Participate in partisan fundraising activities.
- Speak at a partisan political gathering.
- Wear their uniform at a campaign or election event.
- Publish articles or endorsements that solicit votes.
- Participate in radio, television or other programs as an advocate for a partisan party, candidate or cause.
- "Like" or "re-tweet" a post soliciting for political contributions.
- Display a campaign logo or candidate photograph as a profile picture.
- Suggest that others "like," "friend" or "follow" the partisan account.
- Forward invitations to partisan events, solicit or fundraise.

"Every Airman plays a role in ensuring the U.S. military continues to be a non-political part of the government," said Callahan.

For more information or questions, call the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Legal Office at 652-6781.

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Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

March

Arts and Crafts

Framing offers competitive pricing

The JBSA-Randolph Frame Shop, located in the Community Services Mall, building 895, offers 25 percent off select frames March 1-31. Expert framers help with custom frames for special occasions and the shop matches any off-base price on comparable custom framing jobs, plus there is no sales tax. For more information, call 652-5142.

Frame special memories or create a gift with help from the JBSA-Lackland Frame Shop. Framing professionals are ready to help make selections to highlight art, photos, prints and more. For more information, call 671-5503.

Bowling

The Easter Bunny joins in bowling fun

Come to the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center March 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and bowl with the Eater Bunny. Cost is \$10 per child, which includes two games of bowling, rental shoes, a picture with the Easter Bunny and a goodie bag. For more information, call 652-6271.

Special-priced bowling available during spring break

Make plans to visit the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center during spring break, March 14-18. Bowl for the reduced rate of \$2.50 per person. Rental shoes are \$2.50. For more information, call 652-6271.

Easter brings bowling special

Spend Easter at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center March 27 and bowl one game for \$2.50 and get a second game free. This special does not include rental shoes. For more information, call 652-6271.

Healthy options available

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center has introduced a new, healthier menu option in support of the Air Force Kids Live Well® initiative. The goal of this initiative is to help parents and children select healthy menu options while dining out. A particular interest is to increase fruit, vegetable, lean protein, whole grain and low-fat dairy consumption while decreasing unhealthy fats, sugars and sodium. For more information, call 221-3683.

Bosses and buddies receive a special

Bring the boss or a buddy to the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m., and receive \$1 off any 10- or 20-piece wing order or large pizza. For more information, call 671-1234.

Special offer encourages safety

Wear a reflective belt while in uniform to the JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m., and rental shoes are free. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Nightlife entertainment offered at the club

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club is the hot spot on base for nighttime fun all month.

Kick off the month with First Friday at the Maverick Lounge with Doggin' Dave Productions March 4, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy bar food, cold drinks, friends and music.

Sing and enjoy entertainment and a frosty beverage at Karaoke night in the Lone Star Lounge featuring DJ Dee Dee March 5 and 19, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Check out We're Halfway There Night at the Maverick Lounge March 18, 5-8 p.m. DJ LJU entertains while guests relax and enjoy music.

Close out the month in the Maverick Lounge March 25, 5-8 p.m. with DJ LJU for music, relaxation and a game of pool. For more information, call 645-7034.

Chef creates special dinners at the club

The chef at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club creates a special evening dining experience in the Mesquite Dining Room Fridays, 5-8 p.m., with satisfying menus for all. The March 4 menu includes bacon-wrapped filet mignon stuffed shrimp, duchess potatoes, broccoli florets, house salad and dessert. For March 11, enjoy a porterhouse steak topped with sautéed mushrooms, baked potato, grilled corn on the cob, a house salad and dessert. The March 18 menu features a 16-ounce portion of prime rib au jus, baked potato, asparagus with red peppers, a house salad and dessert. The March 25 menu includes a New York strip steak, fried shrimp, seasoned steak fries, broccoli florets, a house salad and dessert. Cost is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Sky Lounge hosts live entertainment

Stop by the Sky Lounge in the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for musical entertainment provided by the Tobias Band March 4 and by Bugz Garza and the Alliance March 18, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres 5-6 p.m. Admission is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 658-7445.

Bingo is played throughout the month

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club holds Bingo Extravaganza March 7 and 21 with \$15,000 in total jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5:30 p.m. and Early Bird bingo at 6 p.m.

Birthday Bingo is held March 8 in the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club. Birthday members receive one free machine, cake and champagne. This event is for Randolph club members only and ID and club card are required.

Children are invited to bingo March 20, 11 a.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for a chance to win several

prizes. Entry is free for Club members' children. Cost is \$5 per child for nonmembers' children. A complimentary children's buffet is available for children up to 12 years. The Gil's Pub grill menu is available for all others. For more information, call 652-3056.

Easter meals are made to go

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club offers Easter meals to go March 13-26. A turkey is \$45 for members or \$50 for nonmembers. A ham is \$50 for members or \$55 for nonmembers. The club also offers a turkey meal, which is \$75 for members or \$80 for nonmembers and a ham meal, which is \$75 for members or \$80 for nonmembers. These meals include cornbread stuffing, whipped potatoes with gravy, macaroni and cheese, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and apple pie. Add \$15 to pick up freshly prepared hot meals; be sure to specify this while placing the order. Orders must be submitted two days in advance. The last day to order is March 24 and the last day for pick up is March 26. Coupons are not accepted for this promotion. For more information, call 645-7034.

March birthdays are celebrated with a buffet

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers a complimentary buffet every month for members with birthdays in that month. Members with March birthdays are honored March 15 and the buffet includes salad, two vegetables, two starches, two entrées, soup and birthday cake. This is free for birthday members. Cost is \$11.95 for members without a birthday in March, \$5.95 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$7.95 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 years and younger eat for free. For more information, call 652-4864.

Special lunch buffet offered for Saint Patrick's Day

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club invites guests to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in the food court March 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a special lunch buffet. Enjoy stuffed pork chops with green pepper and onion strips, fried chicken, shrimp Alfredo with green fettuccine plus an assortment of sides including whipped potatoes with brown gravy, buttered new potatoes, green beans almandine, corn O'Brien, soup and baked rolls. The dessert selection includes key lime pie, lime Jell-O parfaits, green velvet cake, apple pie with whipped topping, green sherbet and Saint Patrick's Day cake. Cost is \$10.95 per person. For more information, call 645-7034.

Club offers Saint Patrick's Day special

Head to Gil's Pub in the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club March 17 wearing green and get \$1 off any beverage. For more information, call 652-3056.

Club hosts live musical entertainment

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick club hosts live music by PM Soul March 18, 5-7 p.m., in the Ballroom. Social Hour is 5-7 p.m. This event is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-3056.

Meals are prepared to go

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers adult and child portions of meals to go. Staff is staged outside of the main entrance in the drive-through driveway to greet customers, take orders and provide meals. Meals are available 4-5 p.m., while supplies last. The March 21 dish includes Chicken Marsala with mushrooms, egg noodles and steamed broccoli. Cost is \$9.95 for nonmembers, \$7.95 for members and nonmembers' children and \$5.95 for members' children. For more information, call 658-7445.

Easter is celebrated early

Come to the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Food Court to enjoy a pre-Easter buffet March 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10.95 per person and the menu includes champagne-basted turkey with cranberry chutney, baked ham with orange glaze, baked tilapia with white wine sauce, fried chicken and rosemary garlic roast beef. Sides include cranberry pecan stuffing, whipped potatoes with giblet and brown gravy, yams with golden brown marshmallow, macaroni and cheese, broccoli with Hollandaise sauce, mixed vegetables, soup and salad bar and clam chowder. The dessert selection includes coconut cake, Easter treats, carrot cake, bread pudding with bourbon sauce, Boston crême pie, peach cobbler, pecan pie and more. For more information, call 645-7034.

Guests fly in to the Auger

Join the party at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Auger Inn for "old school" camaraderie, free light refreshment and great music March 25. Meet neighbors, folks from other squadrons and leadership. There is no cover to join the fun. For more information, call 658-7445.

Easter brunch includes a special visit

Make reservations for Easter brunch at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club March 27. The Easter Bunny passes out candy and children 12 years and younger may be entered into a drawing to win free Easter Baskets. Seating times begin at 10:30 and are every half hour until 2 p.m. Cost is \$24.95 for adult members, \$12.50 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$27.95 for adult nonmembers and \$14.50 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Reservations and prepayments are required. Refunds are issued up to 48 hours prior to the event. For more information, call 652-3056.

Club appreciates members

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Customer Appreciation Night in the Fiesta Ballroom March 29, 5-8 p.m., with entertainment provided by Doggin' Dave Productions. The menu features a salad bar, beef tenderloin with béarnaise sauce, chicken Bordeaux, pork chops Marsala, rosemary roasted potatoes, broccoli spears, mixed vegetables, freshly baked rolls, fresh fruit, red velvet cake and pecan pie. Cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Community Programs

Community Center hosts flea market

Shop for bargains or treasures at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Community Center quarterly flea market in the Warhawk Fitness Center parking lot March 5, 8 a.m. to noon. Enjoy shopping, food and music. Sellers can rent spaces for \$10. Tables are \$5 each. For more information, call 671-3191.

Runners and walkers glow in the park

Put on neon war paint and light up the night for the second annual JBSA Glow in the Park 5K at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston MacArther Parade Field March 5, 5 p.m. Enjoy lighting effects and themed party stations on this illuminated nighttime course. Warm up with Zumba® and cardio fusion sessions. Then, show off dance moves and glow spirit at a celebratory dance party afterwards. Registration is \$12 and each participant receives a goody bag with a T-shirt, glow gear and bib number. Participants may register at the event for \$15. For more information, call 652-5763.

Popular artists are captured in a musical

Visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Dinner Theatre March 11 to April 16 and view London Calling, a high-energy musical revue featuring breakout artists from the United Kingdom such as The Beatles, Dusty Springfield, Rod Stewart, Elton John, Shirley Bassey, Adele and more. Make your reservations today. Group rates are available. These shows are sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 222-9694.

Fitness

Bikers are challenged

All bikers are invited to participate in the 15-mile bike ride at JBSA-Randolph Eberle Park March 5, 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 652-7263.

Swimmers train to save

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center offers a lifeguard certification course March 12-15. Cost is \$160 per student for participants 15 years and older. The class is a total of 32 hours and students must be able to pass a prerequisite swim test.

The Aquatic Center also has a heated indoor pool available for lap swimming Monday, noon to 1 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open swim hours are Monday to Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 12:30-4:40 p.m. Swim lessons for individuals 3 years and older, including adults, are available at the center. For more information, call 671-3780.

Bracket contest hosted by Fitness Center

Join the Fitness Center on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus for a brackets contest March 17. Brackets must be submitted before the start of the first game. \$250 in prizes is awarded to the first-, second- and third-place finishers. In the event of a tie, a free throw contest is held. For more information, call 808-5709.

Runners and walkers wear green

Join the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center for a Saint Patrick's Day 5K run or walk March 17, 7:30 a.m., at Eberle Park. For more information, call 652-7263.

Basketball players play in tournament

Participate in a three-on-three basketball tournament at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center March 19, 9 a.m. Teams consist of three players and an alternate player. This event is free and is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders 18 years and older. If an individual does not have a team, event coordinators can assemble a team the day of the event. For more information, call 221-1234.

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts a free March Madness three-on-three basketball tournament March 25, 11 a.m. This event determines the "King of the Hill" on the basketball court. Registration ends March 24. For more information, call 977-2353.

Units serve, bump, set and spike

Intramural volleyball begins March 21 at the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center. For more information, call 652-7263.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Warrior four-person scramble March 4 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers and includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner and gift certificates for the winners of longest drive and closest to the pin. The first-, second- and third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Low Ball Tournament decides a winner

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts a low ball tournament March 12. The entry fee for this two-person best ball tournament is \$30 per person. For more information, call 671-3466.

Spring brings on Randolph Dual

Join the JBSA-Randolph Golf Course for the Spring Randolph Dual March 19 and 20, with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is a two-person event; day one is a scramble and day two is a shamble. It is pre-flighted based on Golf Handicap and Information Network®. A barbecue lunch is provided by Carl Null and Son, after the first round Saturday and golfers have a chance to win golf merchandise during a drawing. All golfers who place in this tournament receive a certificate for pro shop merchandise. Cost is \$90 for members and \$125 for nonmembers and includes green fees, cart fees, lunch Saturday, a prize drawing, a goody bag and gift certificates for the placing teams. For more information, call 652-4653.

Golfers try out new equipment

Head to the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course driving range and putting green March 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to try the latest equipment from Ping, Taylor Made, Mizuno, Nike and others before making any golf equipment purchases. Special demo-day pricing is available on select items. For more information, call 671-3466.

JBSA Golf Club
Membership Drive
March 1 to May 1

Golf Course membership includes several benefits:

- Preferred advance tee times
- No daily green fees (does not cover cart rental)
- Five free rounds of golf at each of the other two JBSA golf locations
- 10 percent discount off all merchandise purchased in the Pro Shops (excluding Ping)
- Priority for club storage and locker rental (if offered)
- Free handicap service
- Discounted entry fees for all JBSA sponsored tournaments
- Access to member only tournaments and events
- 5 percent discount for catered events at the club house
- Membership referral program, one month free dues for every new member referred
- Annual membership appreciation day with a tournament and food
- Pro-rated membership for "Snowbirds"

Contact a local JBSA golf course and sign up now. For JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 222-9386, for JBSA-Lackland, call 671-2517 and for JBSA-Randolph, call 652-4653.

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Information, Tickets and Travel

Tourists travel to Costa Rica

Book a spring trip to Costa Rica through the JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel. Enjoy four nights and five days April 3-7. This all-inclusive package travels from San Antonio to Riu Guanacaste Beach Resort Area, via the Liberia Airport. This package includes round trip airfare, airport transfers and all-inclusive hotel accommodations. Rates start at \$961 based on double occupancy. Full payment and a \$10 service fee is due at the time of booking. For more information, call 671-7111.

Cruise lovers sail the exotic western Caribbean

The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel offers a western Caribbean cruise May 29 to June 15. Sail from Galveston, Texas to Cozumel, Belize and Mohogany Bay Isla Roatan. Rates start at \$687 per person for an inside cabin and \$1,017 per person for a balcony. Gratuities are not included. Full payment and a \$10 service fee are due at booking. For more information, call 671-7111.

Group tour highlights European destinations

Travel through London, Paris, Lucerne Switzerland, Venice, Florence and Rome June 16-26. The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel offers this tour with rates starting at \$3,800 per person, including airfare. A \$350 per person non-refundable deposit and a \$10 per person service fee is due at booking. Final payment is due April 13. For more information, call 671-7111.

Special offer extended

Universal Orlando has extended the military or Department of Defense special offer. Stop by the JBSA-

Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel office to purchase a one-day, park-to-park ticket and get two days free. Tickets must be purchased by May 18 and used by May 31. There are no blackout dates. This offer is valid for all DOD ID cardholders and an eligible member must activate the tickets at the park gate and accompany guests. There are no limits on the number of guests that may join. Adult tickets are \$147 and tickets for children 3-9 years are \$142. For more information, call 671-3059.

Renaissance fare takes visitors back in time

Pick up discount tickets at JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel office and step into the Renaissance era at the SherwoodForestFare. Enjoy music, games, entertainment, shows and crafts. The Fare is open weekends February through March. For more information, call 671-7111.

Military pricing available for Disney

Disney World® and Disneyland® have announced a military salute program for 2016. Place an order for tickets through the JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel office. Prices are \$194 to \$228 for Disney World® and \$140 for Disneyland®. The new dates end Dec. 19, 2016. The limit per active or retired ID card is six. Both parks have blackout dates in the spring. For more information, call 671-7111.

Library

Libraries offer story time

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

Military & Family Readiness

Service members make a transition

All Service Members transitioning or considering transitioning from military to civilian life are encouraged to attend the JBSA Transition Information Program workshop, March 7, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Speakers from the Military and Veteran Community Collaborative, Texas Veterans Commission, Veterans Service Program and the Work Force Solutions Alamo are on site to discuss networking opportunities, education benefits, health care, employment tips on career transitions, housing, property markets and more. This event is free and is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and their spouses. Registration is required. For more information, call 221-1213.

Career fair for service members offered

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center hosts the Hiring Heroes Career Fair March 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Sam Houston Community Center. Transitioning service members, veterans and their families are invited to network with employers from the Department of Defense, other federal agencies and private sector firms with positions available for wounded, ill, injured and transitioning service members, Veterans, their spouses and primary caregivers. For more information, call 571-372-2123.

Members move from the battlefield to the classroom

Join the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center March 11, 1-3:30 p.m., for Troops to Teachers, a U.S. Department of Defense Transition program that helps eligible military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools where their skills, knowledge and experience are most needed. Patrons review eligibility, licensing requirements, certifications and more. For more information, call 671-3722.

Homecoming and reintegration brief held

Military spouses review the reintegration and reunion process at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center March 18, 9-10 a.m. This briefing includes the importance of reunions, common reactions to reintegration, changes that may result from deployment, positive coping strategies, potential roadblocks and tips for a successful reunion. For more information, call 652-5321.

Officers attend mandatory financial training

The Officer First Duty Station Financial Training is required for officers assigned to their first permanent duty station. Training is slated for March 2, 9-11 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center and March 15, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC. For more information, call the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC at 671-3722 and the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC at 652-5321.

Ombudsman training available for Navy families

Ombudsman is a unit family readiness program for Navy service members and their families. Basic Training is required for all Command Ombudsman. The two-day workshop is slated for March 24-25, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and registration is due March 7 to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 221-2418.

Newcomers are welcomed

Spouses, services members and employees are invited to the Spouse Information Fair March 10, 9 a.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Learn about services and meet with 20 agencies on Joint Base San Antonio. For more information, call 221-2705.

Outdoor Recreation

Concealed handgun licence class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center provides concealed handgun license classes March 5 and 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. To register for a class, visit

<http://www.chlregistration.com>. Once on the website, select "register for class." Then select "Dan Willis-Leatherneck Arms." For more information, call 363-2332.

Participants wear green and receive a discount

Wear something green to play Saint Patrick's Day paintball at the JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation Center March 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and receive all-day play and 1000 balls for \$30 a person. This event is held while temporary repairs are in place. The paintball field is undergoing repairs for damages caused by recent high winds. For more information, call 925-2998.

Archery takes on another dimension

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a three-dimensional archery competition March 26-27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is 8-10 a.m. and the course must be completed by 1 p.m. The fun shoot is \$15, the competition shoot is \$20 and children 12 years and younger participate for \$5. For more information, call 295-7529.

Boat rental prices are reduced

Rent any boat at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake for half price during March. Completion of the Boater's safety course is required for rental. This course can be completed at guest reception for \$2 per person. Please allow a minimum of 90 minutes to review the video and test. For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Pavilions and covered picnic areas are half price

Rent one of the large pavilions or a covered picnic area for half price during March at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake. The covered picnic areas are ideal for groups of 20-25, while the pavilions accommodate groups of 40-50. For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

Youth and Children

Preteens participate in themed lock-in

Youth, 9-12 years, are invited to an overnight adventure March 4, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. The theme for this event features games and activities inspired by the Star Wars movies. Cost is \$30 per person and a midnight snack and breakfast-to-go is provided. For more information, call 672-2388.

Teens attend party

All teens are invited to attend a teen party at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs, building 1630, March 11, 7-10 p.m. Enjoy music, games, refreshments and contests. Cost is \$2 per person for members and \$3 per person for nonmembers. For more information, call 221-3502.

Spring break camp offers entertainment and fun

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs offers spring break camp March 14-18. Camp for children in kindergarten to fifth grade is at School Age Services, building 1703. Camp for children in sixth and seventh grade is held at building 2515. Camp for children in eighth grade to 12th grade is held at the Youth Center, building 1630. Pre-registration is required for all ages and Cost for children in kindergarten through seventh grade is based on total family income. For more information, call 221-4871.

Youth are encouraged to choose a healthy lifestyle

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs celebrates Kick Butts Day March 16, 3:30-5 p.m. Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against tobacco. This is an event to raise awareness, encourage youth to stay tobacco free and urge strong action to protect kids from tobacco. For more information, call 672-2388.

Basketball is played at midnight

Play midnight basketball March 19, 7 p.m. to midnight, with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs. This program is free and youth 11 years and older may participate. Youth in sixth to eighth grade play until approximately 9 p.m. and youth in ninth to 12th grade play until midnight. A healthy snack is provided during the games. For more information, call 221-3502.

Youth are invited to participate for free

There is no membership needed to participate in the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs clubs, activities or open recreation during March 21-25. Check out the preteen game room, teen zone, club meetings and activities. This program does not include instructional classes, league sports or School Age care programs. Stop by for a monthly calendar of events to see what is offered during these weeks. Membership cards cost \$36 per year. For more information, call 652-3298.

Youth participate in day camp

Register children, 5 years, and in kindergarten, to 12 years for day camp March 25 at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Cost varies according to household income. Check school calendars before making reservations. Registration after March 14 is subject to a \$15 late fee. For more information, call 672-2388.

Baseball basics are introduced

Registration for First Steps Spring baseball is March 28 to April 1 at JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. First Steps teaches the basic fundamentals of soccer to children, 3-5 years, in harmony with the gross motor movements of preschool and early school age children. Cost is \$35 per child and a sports physical and shot record is required at the time of registration. Parents are required to participate in the six-week session as an extension of the instructor so that the element of fear is eliminated. For more information, call 671-2388.

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Electrical system failure leading cause of home structure fires

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It's second nature for many of us to flip a light switch, plug in a laptop computer or charge your mobile phone. Electricity makes our lives convenient.

Nevertheless, we need to be careful and keep electrical safety in mind. Across Joint Base San Antonio, plenty of electricity is being used. Electrical fires remain one of the leading causes of home structure fires as reported by the National Fire Protection Association, or NFPA.

The electrical fires report calculates that an electrical failure or malfunction factored in 45,000 to 55,000 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments every year since 2000.

These fires, which account for 13 percent of total home structure fires, resulted in annual losses of 455 civilian deaths, 1,500 civilian injuries and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage from 2007-2011.

Any type of equipment that uses electrical power can have an electrical failure or malfunction. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment accounted for 48 percent of home electrical fires in 2007-2011. Outnumbering overheating by at least 2-to-1 and as much as 7-to-1, arcing appears to be the explanation for most home electrical fires.

Here are some electrical safety tips:

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.

- When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by qualified electrician.

- Only plug one heat-producing appliance such as a coffee maker, toaster or space heater, etc., into a receptacle outlet at a time.

- Major appliance such as refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves and air conditioners should be plugged directly into the wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used with a major appliance.

- Arc fault circuit interrupters, or AFCIs, are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician.

- Use ground fault circuit interrupters, or GFCIs, to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.

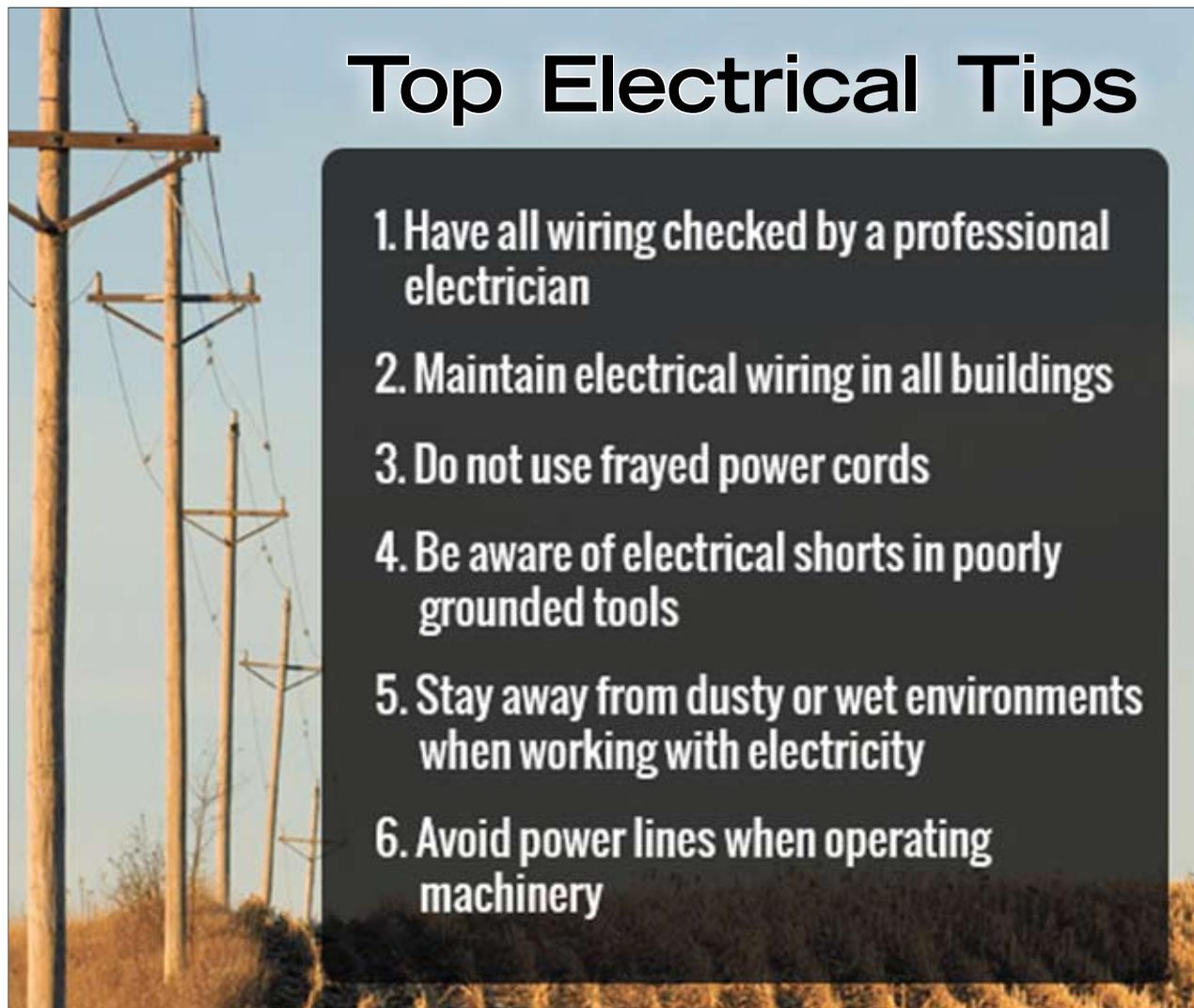
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.

- Do not attach multiple extension cords together. This can cause a fire.

- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets.

- Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more electrical outlets so you won't have to use an extension cord.

- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.



Top Electrical Tips

1. Have all wiring checked by a professional electrician
2. Maintain electrical wiring in all buildings
3. Do not use frayed power cords
4. Be aware of electrical shorts in poorly grounded tools
5. Stay away from dusty or wet environments when working with electricity
6. Avoid power lines when operating machinery

Contact a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.

- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance.

- Discolored or warm wall outlets.

- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.

- Flickering or dimming lights.

- Sparks from an outlet.

Refrigerators, ovens, washers, clothes dryers and dishwashers are in most households. Each appliance should come with instructions upon purchase, as well as safety guidelines that should be read and kept for reference.

One safety hazard in large appliances is that it can gather a lot of dust. Periodically, dust and dirt should be cleaned off of vents at the bottom of refrigerators to permit these appliances to run more effortlessly. After every load of clothing the lint screen of the clothes dryer should be cleaned of dust and dirt. A major contribution to a fire in a laundry room is the build-up of lint.

Also to be checked periodically is the dishwasher in the home to see that it is in good working order. If water isn't draining properly or if there is a problem with water intake, the dishwasher can potentially heat up, leading to problems.

Ovens should be cleaned regularly to avoid a build-up of burnt food on the floor of the appliance. To avoid falling on top of a hot burner and causing a fire, oven gloves, pot holders and other flammable objects should be kept clear of the stovetop.

To avoid a little one opening an oven door and getting hurt, oven locks should be used if there are children in the household.

These safety precautions are simple to put into practice and simply require periodic inspection to ensure that they are in safe, working order. One can never be too safe when it comes to home and kitchen appliance.

To learn more about electrical safety, visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at <http://www.nfpa.org/education> or call the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron's fire prevention division offices: JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 221-2727, JBSA-Lackland at 671-2921 or JBSA-Randolph at 652-6915.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

Munitions offices closure

Munitions offices and munitions storage area will be closed to normal business March 7-11 to conduct a semi-annual 100 percent inventory of ammunition and explosives. Only emergency issues can be honored during this period. Call 652-6780/3361 with any questions or concerns.

Intramural volleyball season

The intramural volleyball season is set to start March 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. To start a team for your unit or for more information, call 652-7272.

PACE seeks volunteer

The Air Force Profession of Arms Center of Excellence (PACE) at JBSA-Randolph is developing another world-class video about the Air Force Family. This video will highlight the unique stories Airmen and their families have lived during their service in the U.S. Air Force. To make this video a success, PACE will need volunteers to share their story. They are seeking San Antonio Air Force families to share their family's story in an interview that will be videotaped for possible inclusion in the "I Serve" or "Air Force Family" videos. If there are families interested in participating with this important Air Force project, call 652-1712 by March 18.

ROSC spouse scholarships

The Randolph Officer's Spouses' Club is accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded to military spouses in amounts ranging from \$1,000-\$2,000 per winner. Applications are located at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Thrift Store, Education Center and the Military & Family Readiness Center. applications are due by March 11. For questions or to receive an application by email, send a request to rosescholarships@gmail.com.

Glow in the Park 5K Run

A "Glow in the Park" run is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Park. The run starts on the east side of MacArthur Field, near the intersection of Worth and Stanley Roads. A pre-race party begins at 5 p.m., people will start lining up at 6:45 p.m. and the first wave of runners start at 7 p.m. Runners will be released in waves of 250

people. Packet pick-up will be at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Clubhouse at 1050 Harry Wurzbach from 3-7 p.m. March 4 and there will be a limited number of packet pickups available at the event at 4 p.m. March 5. Cost is \$10 before March 4 and \$15 on March 4 and 5. All participants need a Department of Defense ID card or to be sponsored by a DOD ID card holder. Visit <http://nsplit.com/glow-run-jbsa/eventdetails/> for more information.

Street construction planned

The 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron is conducting a re-pavement project on 5th Street West, including replacement of existing pavement, curbs and sidewalks from F Street West to C Street West. Demolition and construction will occur in various phases and will require street and parking closures on 5th Street West for the time periods below:

- Saturday and Sunday: Asphalt will be milled off the roadway from F Street to C Street.
- Phase I, through Feb. 26: 5th Street West will be closed from F Street to E Street.
- Phase II, Feb. 29 – April 1: 5th Street West will be closed from E Street to D Street.
- Phase III, April 4 – May 13: 5th Street West will be closed from D Street to C Street.
- Repaving, May 21: 5th Street West will be closed from F Street to C Street for paving. Detour routes will be marked.

For more information, call 652-1224.

Golf Road construction

All access to the area continues to be restricted, directing all South Gate traffic to East/West perimeter roads. Motorists are encouraged to use the Main, West and East Gates. Construction staging for the project is on the crossover intersection of Golf Road, North of Taxiway Echo and Delta and South of Taxiway Foxtrot and Delta. The West Perimeter Road detour for drivers is on the second left entering the South Gate. Traffic exiting the South Gate will also use West Perimeter Road as a detour route. Traffic to and from Randolph Oaks golf course is accessible from the South Gate and West Perimeter Road. Airfield traffic is not affected by the project. The outbound lane being used for early morning traffic is closed from 6-8:30 a.m. until construction is completed. The adjacent jogging path is also closed until the end of the project.

Wounded warriors visit 435th FTS

Second Lt. Matthew Bryant (left), 435th Fighter Training Squadron student, speaks with former Army Sgt. 1st Class James March, wounded warrior, about the T-38 Talon aircraft Feb. 18 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. During the tour of the 435th FTS, wounded warriors learned about the equipment and expertise required to train America's newest fighter pilots while instilling them with wisdom and leadership. Visits like these are coordinated by each new graduating class of 435th FTS students and instructors to encourage student growth as a person and pilot.

Photo by Senior Airman Alexandria Slade



JBSA to train pool of lifeguards in March

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Summer is not quite around the corner, but aquatic centers and pools throughout Joint Base San Antonio will soon be advertising for lifeguards to meet the facilities' needs during the 2016 swimming season.

"The lifeguard announcement will be posted on USAJobs sometime around spring break," said Dave Waugh, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center manager. "The jobs will also be advertised with fliers at the different facilities."

The pools will hire lifeguards at three general schedule pay grades – GS-2 for lifeguards, GS-3 for lifeguard/water safety instructors and GS-4 for lead lifeguard/WSIs. WSIs are also certified to teach swimming lessons.

Waugh said there is a need for lifeguards at JBSA facilities.

"There has been a real problem in previous years getting enough lifeguards to run all the programs and work during posted operating hours," he said. "I know that last year I was short 10 employees."

Waugh said he hopes to hire 31 lifeguards at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston – 23 at the GS-2 level, five at the GS-3 level and three at the GS-4 level.

JBSA-Lackland's facilities – the indoor Skylark Aquatic Center and the outdoor Warhawk Pool – and JBSA-Randolph's outdoor South and Center pools are also seeking lifeguards.

"We hope to hire a total of 23 positions, which include lifeguards, water safety instructors and lead lifeguard/water safety instructors," said Stephanie Soto, JBSA-Lackland aquatics manager. "I'm excited to lead a dynamic group of lifeguards this summer."

Waugh said lifeguards must be certified.

"All employees must be currently certified as lifeguards by having successfully completed the American Red Cross Lifeguard Course within the last two years," he said. "The course certifies them in lifeguarding, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator operation. Certification is valid for two years."

The American Red Cross course is taught at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Lackland.

"The class has instruction in rescue skills in the aquatic environment," Waugh said. "A lot of time is spent on preventive lifeguarding and safety at the pool. We also teach first aid, CPR and AED."

The year's first lifeguard class at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center was taught Feb. 13-15. The next class is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 12-13 and March 19-20, followed by a class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 26-27 and April 2-3.

A blended-learning lifeguard class is also scheduled 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 12-15 at JBSA-Lackland's Skylark Aquatic Center and Skylark Community Center. Soto said other classes will follow.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center will also conduct water safety instructor classes in the weeks ahead. The first class is scheduled 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Photo by Joel Martinez

Alex Pharris, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Parr Club pool lifeguard, oversees pool safety June 22, 2015, at JBSA-Randolph.

March 14-18; the second class is planned for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 9-10, 5-9 p.m. April 13 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 16-17. This certification is required for the GS-3 and GS-4 positions.

The lifeguard and water safety instructor courses cost \$160 each and require passing a pre-test. The lifeguard course is open to anyone 15 or older who can pass the pre-test; the WSI course is open to anyone who is 16 or older on the last day of the class.

Waugh said lifeguard applicants must have a certification that will be valid throughout the summer. They also must be a student, at least 16 years old and able to pass a background check, physical examination and urinalysis.

Lifeguards need not be military dependents, Waugh said.

"At Fort Sam, new employees tend to be high school students, and then they work every summer throughout college," he said. "Unfortunately, people have the idea

that you have to be a military dependent to work, but that is not true. I have had my best luck recruiting from JROTC and ROTC units."

Waugh also said lifeguards serve as customer service representatives, cashiers and custodians in addition to their lifeguarding duties.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, a heated outdoor facility, is open for lap swimming now and for recreational swimming starting Memorial Day weekend. For more information, call 221-4887.

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center is open year-round, while the Warhawk Pool is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. For more information, call 671-3780.

The JBSA-Randolph South Pool is open from mid-June to mid-August for swim lessons and lap swimming; the Center Pool is open starting Memorial Day weekend for recreational swimming. For more information, call 652-5142, option 1.

Registration deadline today for JBSA-Randolph Youth Center spring break camp

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Today is the last day for parents to register their children for the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs school age spring break camp being held March 14-18.

Registration forms for the camp, being held at JBSA-Randolph Youth Center in building 585, are available at the front desk in the youth center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The camp is open to children 5-12 years of age and whose parents are stationed or work at any JBSA location, including JBSA-Randolph, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston or JBSA-Lackland, or are military retirees.

A registration fee is required to enroll; fee amounts are based on family income. Camp hours run from 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. each day and include break-

fast, lunch and afternoon snacks, which are included in the registration fee.

Andrea Black, JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs coordinator, said the camp provides a safe environment and several activities for children to stay active.

"It provides them a place where they are engaged, they are having fun, they are learning and they are socializing with their peers," Black said.

Camp activities include sports, football, basketball, volleyball and bowling; fitness activities, including Zumba; arts and crafts, painting, jewelry making, science based activities and a cooking contest. Bowling will take place at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center.

Children will pick the activities they want to participate in, Black said.

Black said activities at the camp help to cultivate learning in children, including life skills and

problem solving abilities.

"The activities at the camp teach them how to work as a team or on their own," Black said. "They are learning skills, but they are having fun while they are doing it. It's a more free-flowing, choice based type of learning."

The camp provides an opportunity for children to develop relationships and social skills through activities, Black said.

"We are building social skills," Black said. "Everyone has a place in youth programs. Being able to express yourself as an individual is what we promote on a daily basis."

Parents are welcomed to participate in the camp, especially if they have a skill they can teach the children, Black said.

For information on the school age spring break camp, call the youth center at 652-3298.

Drone operators should know rules before flight

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Due to popularity and past holiday sales, the amount of drones has soared.

The Federal Aviation Administration estimated more than one million drones were sold during the year-end holiday season. With that many new drones added to existing numbers, federal, state and local officials are concerned about safety, security and privacy related to these remotely piloted aircraft.

Some of the biggest concerns are drones being used in close proximity to aircraft, personal privacy and terrorist attacks. There are numerous accounts of commercial jets reporting drones in close proximity and even accounts of explosives and radioactive material loaded into them. The overall message is to think about where the drone is flying and act accordingly.

"Drones are highly capable machines and can be abused. Privacy is a basic right and some people feel that their rights are being violated should the drone have a camera," said Victor Duckarmenn, 21st Space Wing Program Management Division quality assurance manager and operations security expert. "The rules are quite specific in the use of drones and permissions, certifications and registration are for the public good."

In 2015, the FAA released rules for hobbyists operating drones. A drone must be operated within sight of the remote pilot during daylight hours.

This rule allows for corrective lenses worn by the pilot, but not the cameras on the craft itself. The aircraft cannot fly higher than 400 feet in altitude and must be operated at less than 100 mph. They have to give way to all other aircraft and local air traffic control must be notified when drones are operated within 5 miles of an airport.

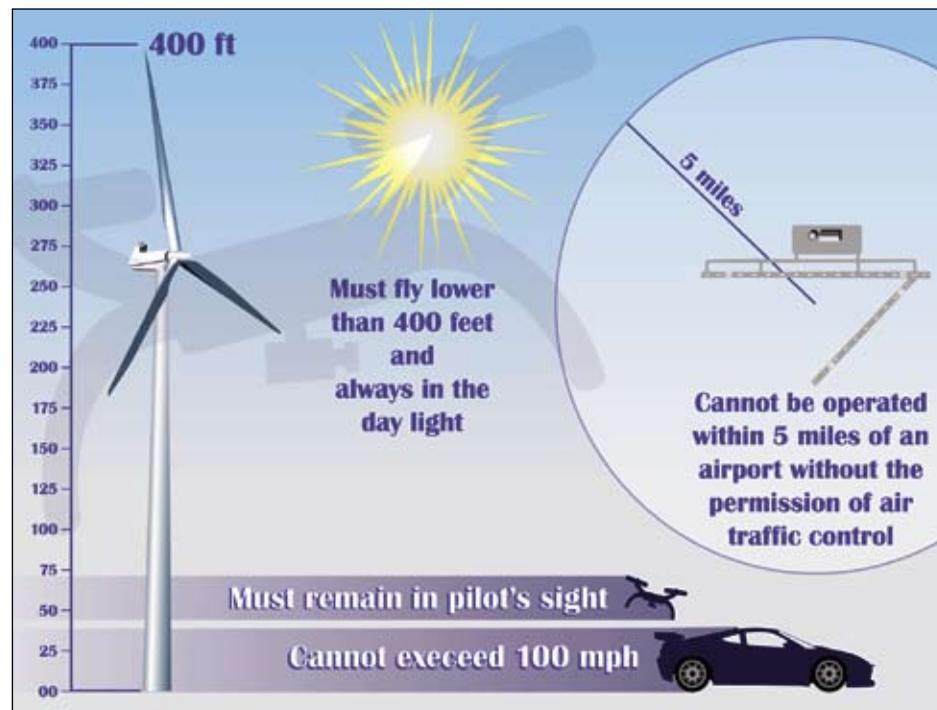
The rules also say operators must not fly over sensitive areas and structures, such as power facilities, prisons and water treatment plants and remain 25 feet away from individuals and vulnerable property.

All drones that are heavier than .55 pounds must be registered and documents displayed upon request. Drones between about a half a pound and 55 pounds in weight must be registered and the FAA has a website to help in taking care of that requirement.

"The most important thing to remember is your training in safety," Duckarmenn said. "There is available drone flight training and annual shows where you can pick up pointers from experienced flyers."

The terrorism concerns are serious. In 2011, CNN reported that the FBI arrested a man who was trying to use a model fighter jet loaded with explosives to attack places like the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol. In another report from last year, the news network said a drone containing a small amount of radioactive cesium was found on the roof of the Japanese prime minister's office.

More recently, the Agence France-



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Presse reported from the DEF CON hacker conference in Las Vegas that a demonstration showed a drone could be loaded with equipment to break into wireless networks.

"Remember – the system is wireless and can be commandeered. Firmware on these devices has not evolved as much as

its popularity," Duckarmenn said.

He recommends joining local drone clubs to learn about, and stay up on, rules and to avoid making legal mistakes.

For more information, check out the FAA website at <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>, or the Small UAV Coalition website at <http://www.smalluavcoalition.org/>.