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The casket of retired Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, the U.S. Army's first Hispanic four-star general, is transported by the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Caisson Section during his interment ceremony Nov. 14 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

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‘Show Some Love’ theme for 2017 Combined Federal Campaign

By Steve Elliott

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There have been changes for the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign, but the mission remains the same: to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

“As the Honorary Chairperson of the 2017 CFC, I would like to thank you for serving as part of a powerful Federal community that raises hundreds of millions of dollars to help important causes and individuals in need,” said the Hon. Ben Carson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and 2017 CFC Honorary Chairperson.

“Service as a campaign leader is a fantastic opportunity to network within your organization, increase your visibility, and hone your skills in management, strategic planning, communications creativity, problem solving, time management, and more.

“This year, we will ask our colleagues to ‘Show Some Love’ by making a pledge, via monetary gift or volunteer time, to one or more of the many worthy charities in the campaign. Together, we will help wounded warriors, provide medical care, feed the hungry, house the homeless, protect animals and the environment, and make a difference in countless other ways,” Carson added. “The beauty of the CFC is that it is large and small at the same time. How is this possible? The



STEVE ELLIOTT

From left: Brig. Gen. Heather Pringle, commander, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio; Chief Master Sgt. Kristopher Berg, 502nd ABW and JBSA command chief; and Fil Jimenez, 502nd ABW technical director; look over the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign website at <http://opm.gov/showsomelovecfc> at the 502nd ABW headquarters at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

CFC harnesses our collective power to positively impact the lives of millions of people while honoring our individual gifts to the causes we personally care about the most.”

The biggest change is the elimination of the hard-copy paper contribution forms. There is now one central donation system at <http://opm.gov/showsomelovecfc>. Other changes include the fact that federal employees can now pledge volunteer hours and federal retirees can contribute through their annuity.

There are more than 10,000 local, national and international participating nonprofits in CFC. Since 1961, federal employees

have contributed more than \$8.2 billion to the causes they care about.

In addition to online donations, donors can choose a payroll deduction or a one-time or recurring monthly pledge via a credit card, debit card or direct bank transfer. For the next five years, donors also have the option of completing a paper pledge card and submitting it to the Central Campaign Administrator using the address provided on the pledge form or by giving the completed form to their keyworker. Paper pledge donors can give via payroll deduction or check.

For the first time, federal employees are also invited to

broaden the impact of their gift by pledging volunteer hours to participating charities in addition to monetary donations.

Donors also need to know that cash donations can no longer be accepted. Undesignated contributions are no longer permitted under new CFC regulations. Donors are asked to designate their pledge to the specific CFC charity or charities of their choice. A list of Frequently Asked Questions is available at <https://www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/cfc-faqs/>.

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Chris 'Chaos' Kelly provides order, control at Joint Base San Antonio Air Show

By Airman 1st Class
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Chaos seemed to be everywhere as aircrafts roared overhead and swarming crowds cheered on a glistening afternoon at Kelly Field during the Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House Nov. 4-5.

As air show director, Chris "Chaos" Kelly, an imposing 6-foot-4-inch man, was responsible for providing order and control in every aspect of confusion that comes along with running an air show. Whether it is upside-down helicopters, formation flying of the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds," or the pyrotechnics and deafening uproar of Tora! Tora! Tora!, "Chaos" was on top of things.

"I'm responsible for the whole operation," Kelly said. "I keep everything going, everybody on point and everybody happy."



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DILLON PARKER

Whether it is upside-down helicopters, formation flying of the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds," or the pyrotechnics and deafening uproar of Tora! Tora! Tora!, air show director Chris "Chaos" Kelly was on top of things at this year's show Nov. 4-5.

Rental cars, hotels or anything else required, Kelly provided it so the air show could

move along smoothly.

"There's a lot of moving parts," Kelly said. "But to me,

it's just another day at work. I don't really get too stressed out about these things."

During his air show duties, Kelly woke up as early as 4 a.m., vibrant and alert, responding quickly to every phone call he received.

Kelly may have his air show experience to thank for his sharpness and functionality in less than favorable conditions, but it is his experience as a U.S. Air Force MH-53 Pave Low pilot that enabled him to stay so observant and drive his success as air show director.

"As a pilot every phase of the operation is pretty turbulent," Kelly said. "I've done both operations and contingency. The experience really helps me stay calm and collected out here, even when I have to be everywhere at once."

Unlike flying Pave Low missions, Kelly isn't stressed. For him, this air show is a celebration.

"We are celebrating the Air Force's 70th Birthday, Air Education and Training Com-

mand's 75th birthday and the 100th anniversary of Kelly Field," Kelly said. "We're enjoying the whole fact of what we're doing like you're supposed to do during a celebration."

Part of the Air Force celebrating all these birthdays and landmarks is sharing the opportunity with the public, Kelly added.

"They're the ones who make all the landmarks possible," Kelly said. "Our goal for this show is really to create an awesome open house that shares our heritage and our future with the public. The biggest part I play in doing that is making sure everything is organized."

Throughout the air show, order and control was provided because "Chaos" was everywhere.

"At the end of the day, everybody did their job and we really enjoyed this unique event," Kelly said. "It was all made possible by our synchronization as a team."

COMMENTARY

You ask why, I say why not

By Tech. Sgt.
Kimberly Lisenby

ROBERT D. GAYLOR NCO ACADEMY

Growing up on a horse ranch in the country, my siblings and I were constantly up early in the morning doing chores of some sort before we went to school. My parents constantly reminded us that we needed to do our best at whatever we were tackling at the moment.

Whether it was chores, sports or a school assignment, we were taught to always give our all. I carried that philosophy with me throughout the

years, even when I got lost along the way.

In my Air Force career, I have encountered individuals who would say, "Why should I bother to work hard?"

There are also the ones who say, "Why do I have to do that?"

Even worse are the ones who say, "That's not my job!"

I was pulled into that negativity a time or two, but thankfully, I was able to get back on track.

During this time, I have heard and seen quite a lot on how Airmen, from Airman Tier (pay grades from E-1 to E-4) all the way up to Senior Noncom-

missioned Officer Tier (pay grades from E-7 to E-9), deal with issues. One thing that constantly surprises me is when the response I get from Airmen is, "Why should I care?"

My response is always, "Why not?"

Why not give your best at your job? Why not give your subordinates the attention and time they need from you? When I ask those questions, I almost always get the same response, which is, "Well, no one ever did that for me."

Guess what, there were times that no one did those things for me either.

If we lived our lives with that kind of thinking, no one would

ever care about anything or anyone but themselves. What good is that going to do anyone? How are we going to make the Air Force better than we found it?

Why not try to make yourself better? Why not learn from those individuals, so you don't become the Airman that everyone tries so hard to avoid? Learn from those bad subordinates, supervisors, leaders and friends.

My challenge is for every Airman to do their best at being a technician, a doctor, a security forces member, a personnel specialist, a section chief, a friend, a supervisor and even a spouse. Sometimes, people just

give up when the best thing to do is keep trying. It's amazing how much better your life will be when at the end of the day you can honestly say, "I did my best."

So the next time someone asks you why they should care, respond with, "Why not? What's the worst thing that could happen? You could be that Airman everyone tries so hard to avoid, or, you can step up to the plate and be that Airman everyone tries hard to be like. Be that person who leaves a positive, lasting impression — be that person the Air Force remembers as an awesome person, then and now, for years to come."

Thanksgiving fire safety: food for thought

By Ricardo Campos

502ND CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

The countdown to turkey consumption is on the horizon. The arrival of Thanksgiving means countless of us will be searching our closets for stretchable pants, so we can prepare to feast on the tasty morsels of turkey!

Giving thanks and spending a day with loved ones, friends and neighbors is what this holiday is all about. But the jovial Thanksgiving meal can lead to fires while in the cooking process. By following a few simple safety precautions while in the kitchen, holiday revelers can avoid any fires that may lead to injuries, deaths or property loss.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, or NFPA, Thanksgiving Day is the high point of home-cooking fires. Fires are likely to occur about three times more during this time as any other day of the year. Thanksgiving Day can produce a surge of residential building fires that can result in millions of dollars in property damage, injuries and deaths.

What causes most Thanksgiving fires? Cooking attributed to more than 71 percent of fires. Leaving food unattended while it was cooking was the leading cause of Thanksgiving cooking fires, according to the NFPA. The timeframe for the highest incidence of cooking fires transpired between noon and 3 p.m.

With all the festivities going on in your home and visiting with friends and



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relatives, you may get distracted from keeping an eye on your food. Be aware to what's going in the oven or on the stovetop. Give your complete attention to one dish at a time and this will help to keep food from burning and starting fires. Leaving cooking unattended is what brings cold sweats to firefighters across the nation.

Furthermore, if a pot catches on fire, never attempt to move it or pour water on grease or oil. This splashing action might spread the fire. The best act is to put a lid on top of the pot to smother the fire, leave the pot where it is and turn the heat off when the fire has been suppressed.

The kitchen is not a safe place for children and pets during the cooking frenzy, so have activities for the kids during the busy times. Games, puzzles or books can keep them entertained and out of the way. Kids can get involved in

Use turkey fryers outdoors.

Never use them on a wooden deck or in a garage.

Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen. Just as important is to keep pets out of the kitchen. Keep pets in a gated room.

NFPA officials believe, as currently designed, turkey fryers that use cooking oil are not appropriate for safe use by even a well-informed and vigilant shopper. The significant amount of cooking oil at high temperatures and units currently available for home use pose a noteworthy danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process.

In addition, the burners that heat the oil can ignite spilled oil. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property. NFPA officials urge those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments, such as grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants for the prep-

aration of the dish, or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer."

But if you decide you want to try your hand at frying the turkey this year, take extra safeguards such as:

- ▶▶ Keep the fryer away from the house and on even ground. The fryer should be set up more than 10 feet away from the home and on level ground to keep the oil even.
- ▶▶ Completely thaw and dry the turkey first. Only fry a turkey after it has been fully thawed and dried off to reduce the possibility of splattering grease, which can ignite fires.
- ▶▶ Keep children and pets away, and have a fire extinguisher nearby. The last thing you want on Thanksgiving Day is for a child or pet to knock over the fryer and get injured.

When people have tried to fight the fires themselves, the majority of non-fatal Thanksgiving Day fire injuries occurred. If the unspeakable was to occur and your home catches on fire and no fire extinguisher is available, your primary objective is to get everyone out of the house! Call 911 immediately.

For more information about Thanksgiving safety, visit the National Fire Prevention Association website at <http://www.nfpa.org/education> or contact the fire prevention offices at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-2727; at JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-2921; or at JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-6915.

Mail holiday packages early

By Robert Goetz

502ND AIR BASE WING
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With the holiday season drawing ever closer, it's time for the families of service members deployed overseas or assigned to installations outside the United States to prepare their cards and packages for delivery to their loved ones in time for Christmas.

As always, the advice at the United States Postal Service offices is "mail early."

"Bring your packages and your patience," said Jeff Sanna, USPS sales and services associate at the Joint Base San Anto-

nio-Randolph postal facility. "It's going to be busy, but that's the Christmas season."

USPS is expecting an even busier holiday season than last year, with an anticipated 10 percent uptick in parcels, Sanna said, attributing much of that increase to a continued surge in online shopping.

The postal service expects to deliver more than 15 billion pieces of mail this holiday season, including 850 million packages, he said.

For the timely delivery of priority and first-class mail, USPS recommends mailing cards, letters and packages to Air/Army Post Office, Fleet

Post Office and Diplomatic Post Office ZIP code 093 no later than Dec. 4 and to other APO/FPO/DPO ZIP codes by Dec. 11.

Other recommended deadlines are Nov. 27 for space-available mail, Dec. 4 for parcel airlift mail and Dec. 16 for Priority Mail Express Military Service, which is available to selected military and diplomatic post offices.

Domestic mailing deadlines for delivery by Christmas are Dec. 14 for standard post, Dec. 19 for first-class mail, Dec. 20 for priority mail and Dec. 22 for priority mail express.

For packages sent to military

members overseas, the postal service offers a discounted price of \$17.35 on its largest priority mail flat-rate box, Sanna said. That price includes a \$1.50 per box discount for mail sent to APO/FPO/DPO destinations.

USPS also offers a free military care kit for presents and care packages, available by calling 800-610-8734. The kit contains two priority mail APO/FPO/DPO flat-rate boxes, two priority mail medium flat-rate boxes, priority mail tape, priority mail address labels and appropriate customs forms.

The postal service advises special care in sending packages to APO/FPO addresses. The service member's full name should be included along with the unit, APO/FPO address

and nine-digit ZIP code, but not the country's name. A return address is required.

Sanna said he expects long lines at the JBSA-Randolph post office during the holiday mailing season, but he said customers can facilitate the process by having their documentation for overseas packages ready by the time they reach the counter.

Retail hours at JBSA USPS locations are: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 1804 Stanley Road; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at JBSA-Lackland, 2261 Hughes Ave.; and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday at JBSA-Randolph, 220 B St. West.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

America's Navy makes impact on students during JBSA Air Show, Open House

By Burrell Parmer
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America's Navy participated in the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House at JBSA-Lackland Kelly Field Annex Nov. 3-5.

One of the attractions at the air show, in addition to the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, the "Thunderbirds," was the Navy's virtual reality experience, the "Nimitz" supported by Sailors assigned to Navy Recruiting District San Antonio and the Navy's Partnership Team.

More than 3,200 high school students from San Antonio and surrounding areas visited the pre-day activities of the air show Nov. 3.

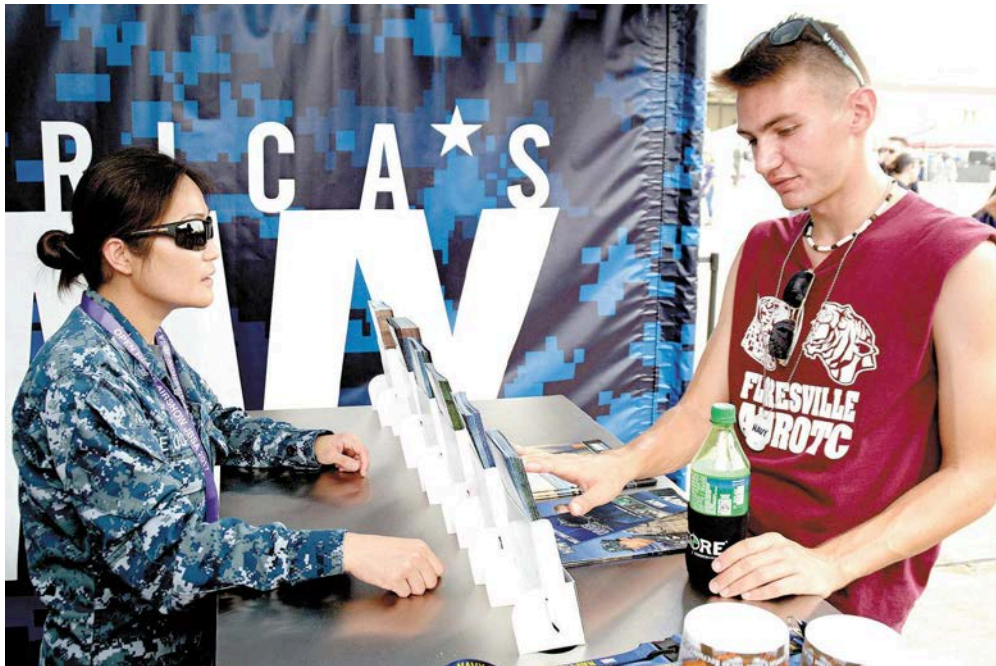
The "Nimitz" experience began with a video briefing on a Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewmen mission to extract Navy SEALs, the virtual reality mission and a debriefing on participants' performance during the mission.

Additionally, the students had the opportunity to demonstrate their prowess by participating in the pull-up challenge and being photographed at the Navy photo booth.

A second highlight of the airshow was the swearing in of 80 future service members by Brig. Gen. Heather Pringle, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander, Nov. 4.

Throughout the air show, students and the public had the opportunity to engage with Navy recruiters about future opportunities.

"It is great that the Nimitz



Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Dalisay De Ocampo (left) of Lakewood, Wash., speaks with Garret Nunnely, a sophomore attending Floresville High School, about career opportunities Nov. 3 during the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House at JBSA-Lackland Kelly Field Annex. Nunnely was among 3,200 high school students attending the pre-day rehearsals of the air show and visiting the Navy's virtual reality experience, the "Nimitz."

PHOTOS BY BURRELL PARMER

was able to be here at the air show," said Petty Officer 1st Class Jimmy Castro, a Navy recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting Station South San Antonio. "We are looking for smart, driven individuals who are eager to serve."

According to Castro, responses from the public and students about the "Nimitz" have been overwhelming positive.

"It's about as realistic as it can get," said the Los Angeles native. "It's an adrenaline rush for many of the participants. We had a great turnout."



A Sam Houston High School student visits the Navy's virtual reality experience, the "Nimitz," on Nov. 3 during the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House at JBSA-Lackland Kelly Field Annex.

Security forces to receive upgraded equipment

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Security forces at Joint Base San Antonio locations are receiving enhanced communication capabilities through a multi-year project to improve and upgrade their communications equipment.

The \$6 million project includes outfitting all JBSA security forces squadrons with new emergency dispatch consoles, vehicle consoles and hand-held radios.

Installing the replacement consoles and outfitting security forces members with the new hand-held radios is a process that will take two to three years to complete. The first phase of the project is putting in the new consoles in the base defense operations centers at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Lackland, which is scheduled to begin within the next few months.

Mark Allen, 502nd Security Forces Squadron director at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, said the new consoles and hand-held radios will enable security forces officers to talk directly to law enforcement agencies outside of JBSA, a capability they currently do not have with their current radios.

“It is going to give us increased communications capability,” Allen said. “We are going to be able to talk to some of the adjoining law enforcement agencies, such as Bexar County and the San Antonio Police



DAVID DEKUNDER

Airman Zachary Sherrod, 502nd Security Forces Squadron alarm monitor, works at the emergency dispatch desk of the base defense operations center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Department.”

The new dispatch consoles will have the capability of monitoring all radio traffic and include a Geo-Base map of all radio locations. Additional capabilities include the patching, or temporary connection, of unique

radio groups together, temporary radio connections with the San Antonio Police Department and Bexar County, identifying radio locations for patrols under duress, ability to communicate with aircraft and multiple monitors to track communications from outside agencies.

With the replacement hand-held radios, patrol officers will have hundreds of radio channels and four programmable bandwidths at their fingertips. The new radios include Wi-Fi, secure voice, Bluetooth, a man down sensor and GPS tracking on Geo-Base maps.

Lt. Col. Doug Whitehead, 802nd Security Forces Squadron defense force commander at JBSA-Lackland, said the current console system is obsolete and that the new updated system is needed.

“It is going to ensure our command and control network stays relevant and current,” Whitehead said. “The new system is vital for us to be able to continue command and control capabilities across JBSA.”

Lt. Col. Brandon Edge, 902nd Security Forces Squadron commander at JBSA-Randolph, said the current dispatch console at JBSA-Randolph will not have to be replaced because it will be compatible with the new hand-held radios. The console, which was installed in August 2016, is used by both 902nd SFS and JBSA Fire Emergency Services.

Army's first Hispanic four-star general laid to rest at FSHNC

From U.S. Army North Public Affairs

Military funeral honors services for retired Army General Richard E. Cavazos took place Nov. 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Cavazos died on Oct. 29 after a long illness. He was 88.

Cavazos, who served more than 33 years, became the Army's first Hispanic four-star general. He retired in 1984 as the commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Ga. Prior to that, Cavazos commanded at every level of the Army from platoon to Corps. He served in Central Texas on numerous occasions at Fort Hood. He was commissioned in 1951 from the Texas Tech University ROTC program.

Cavazos earned two Distinguished Service Crosses, the nation's second highest award for valor in combat. Among his many awards and decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze



SGT. CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ

Soldiers from the Military Funeral Honors Caisson Detachment carry the casket bearing the remains of Gen. Richard E. Cavazos during Caisson Funeral Honors (Fallen Stars) for Cavazos at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Nov. 14.

Star Medal with "V" device with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

Upgrades to AMEDD Museum enhances visitor experience, showcases more artifacts

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The U.S. Army Medical Department, or AMEDD, Museum at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is upgrading its exhibit area and some of its facilities to enhance the museum experience for its visitors.

Museum upgrades include better lighting, a renovated activity room, a new sound system in the auditorium and new exhibit cases for holding objects and artifacts.

George Wunderlich, AMEDD Museum director, said the cost for the museum upgrades is \$500,000, which is being covered through donations from the AMEDD Museum Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit organization that supports the museum and its programs that cover the 200-year plus history of AMEDD, from its founding in 1775 to the present.

The museum has completed part of the upgrades, including switching all 130 exhibit lights from halogen to LED, renovating and transforming the activity room into the AMEDD Regimental Room and installing the new sound system in the auditorium.

Wunderlich said the new exhibit lights provide a clearer view of artifacts and historical objects for museum visitors.

"The writing on the panels shows up better and you can see the artifacts better," he said. "Before people were squinting their eyes. They certainly couldn't read and see and get a good feel of what was in the exhibit case."

In addition, 200-plus halogen ceiling lights in the museum are being switched to LED, a project that is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

By switching to LED lights, Wunderlich said the museum will save thousands of dollars a year in both electricity and maintenance costs since LED lights last longer than halogen. LED lights run for approximately 50,000 hours compared to halogen, which last between 2,500 to 3,000 hours, requiring halogen lights to be constantly replaced.

The new LED lights will help preserve artifacts better because they contain no ultraviolet rays, which are in halogen lights, Wunderlich said. Ultra-



DAVID DEKUNDER

George Wunderlich, U.S. Army Medical Department Museum director, points to a section of historical photos and prints in the museum's revamped AMEDD Regimental Room.

violet rays are harmful to some artifacts and displays, including paper and certain dyes in clothing.

Wunderlich said certain exhibits in the museum were kept dark because turning on halogen lights would have harmed both the objects and artifacts. With the replacement LED lights, those exhibits can be lighted up without any potential harm to artifacts and objects.

"By having no ultraviolet light, we are going to be able to more effectively preserve these artifacts for future generations," he said.

Starting in January, the museum will install new exhibit cases in the exhibit area. The new cases, which are custom made, replace ones that have been in use since the 1960s and 1970s. Putting in the new exhibit cases will take 12 months to complete.

The new exhibit cases include an LED lighting system that is being designed and worked on by Christopher Goodrow and Angeliq Kelley, museum specialists for the AMEDD Center of History and Heritage located in the museum.

"We are designing a lighting system to meet museum standards and doing it in-house," Wunderlich said. "That is a great cost savings for the Army and best possible lighting solution for us."

Wunderlich said the newer exhibit cases will enable the museum to show-

case more of its artifacts from its collection, covering every era of AMEDD's history from the Revolutionary War to the present.

"That's going to be an incredible transformation for this place," he said, commenting on the installation of the new exhibit cases.

The AMEDD Regimental Room, located off the museum foyer, is used for various activities including change of command and retirement ceremonies, receptions and training demonstrations for students in the U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School.

The transformed AMEDD Regimental Room includes original photos and images from every era and part of AMEDD history, including those of combat medics in action during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraqi and Afghanistan.

"We have dug up pretty cool images," Wunderlich said. "We have prints, posters and photos from our collection, a lot of which have either not been presented for years or have not been presented before."

To make it more user friendly, the kitchen in the AMEDD Regimental Room has been reorganized using the 5S system, a Japanese workplace system that emphasizes efficiency by placing and organizing utensils, plates and cups which can be found and utilized easily.

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George Wunderlich, AMEDD Museum director

Wunderlich said the setup of the AMEDD Regimental Room is meant to honor the mission and history of AMEDD and the contributions of its members.

"We have tried to make it a place where people can feel the heritage of the U.S. Army Medical Department," he said. "It should be a place where we remember the importance of what we do every day."

The upgraded sound system in the museum's auditorium includes an amplifier and jack contained in the podium that will allow for set ups for a microphone and audio and music presentations.

Since the improvements in the museum are being done in-house by staff and 20 plus volunteers, utilizing materials already at the museum, Wunderlich said costs are being kept at a minimum.

The AMEDD Museum, located at the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley roads at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, is free and open to both Department of Defense cardholders and the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Visitors who want to come to the museum but do not have DOD access to get into JBSA-Fort Sam Houston should refer to the JBSA website at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/library/visitorinformation.asp> for base entry requirements.

Museum information can be found at <http://ameddmuseum.amedd.army.mil/index.html>. To contact the museum, call 210-221-6358.

Ranger medics win 2017 Army's Best Medic competition

By Wesley P. Elliott
ARMY MEDICINE

Fifty-six U.S. Army medics gathered from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 to compete as two-person teams in the punishing 72-hour Army Best Medic Competition at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis.

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Rangel and Staff Sgt. Richard Philbin, representing the 75th Ranger Regiment, were the winning team.

Philbin said, "We were definitely surprised. After getting the marksmanship award, I figured that would be our line, I definitely didn't expect [to win] but I know Joe and I tried hard and worked well as a team."

The Army's Best Medic Competition is hosted by the U.S. Army Medical Command and the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School. This year's competition included 28 teams and is designed to physically and intellectually challenge medics in a simulated tactical environment.

Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West, the U.S. Army surgeon general and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command, said during the award ceremony, "By participating in this competition, you have set yourself apart from your peers ... you represent the best of Army Medicine."

Philbin believes they were selected to compete because he and Rangel have served together previously and work well together as a team.

Rangel explained that there wasn't a need to prepare for the competition because being a Ranger, they are always expected to perform at a higher level at all times.

"We practice our normal standard operating procedures and protocols throughout the

"By participating in this competition, you have set yourself apart from your peers ... you represent the best of Army Medicine."

Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West, U.S. Army surgeon general and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command



JOSE E. RODRIGUEZ

Staff Sgt. Clint McKinley (left), AMEDDC&S, dressed in WWI period uniform, briefs Capt. Stona Jackson and 1st Lt. Marco Presichi, Regional Health Command – Europe, on a competition event.



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Rangel (left) and Staff Sgt. Richard Philbin hold up their Combat Medic trophies after winning first place in the Jack L. Clark Memorial Best Medic Competition Nov. 5-7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

training cycle. "We went at it with what we had," said Rangel.

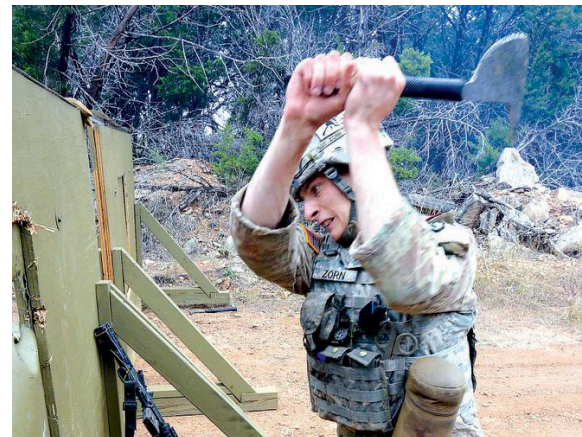
The competition is designed

to test the medic's medical proficiency and leadership while working together as a team.



JOSE E. RODRIGUEZ

Staff Sgt. Lionel Semon, assigned to the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade, climbs up the side of a cliff.



JOSE E. RODRIGUEZ

Sgt. Jonathan Zorn, U.S. Army Alaska, chops through the simulated skin of a downed helicopter to rescue an injured Soldier.

LACKLAND

Airman brightens holiday meal for firefighters

By Airman 1st Class Dillon Parker
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As families across the country prepare to sit to down and enjoy an enticing meal this Thanksgiving, there will be service members prepping for essential work away from their loved ones.

Airman 1st Class Kijana Soppe, an administrative specialist with the 802nd Force Support Squadron, knows this reality all too well.

“He missed out on a lot,” said Soppe, the step-daughter of a firefighter who served for more than 30 years. “We’d be eating Thanksgiving dinner at the fire station with him and next thing you know he’d get a call.”

Experiencing life as a family member of a service member, Soppe, a service member herself, decided she would spend her Thanksgiving Day showing love to the local firefighters at Fire Station 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

“I kind of sprung it on the fire station a couple days before Thanksgiving,” Soppe said. “I gave them a call and told them I wanted to cook dinner for them. Even though they don’t wear this exact uniform, I still wanted to show them they’re family.”

Soppe vastly improved the firefighters’ Thanksgiving takeout dinner from the year before.

“I did turkey, ham, pies and rolls and made everything from scratch,” Soppe said. “The firefighters do so much for us, they take care of us and I don’t think they deserve to have take-out for the holidays.”

The meal was a huge hit with the firefighters.

“She did an awesome job,” said Jason Chavana, Fire Station 1 firefighter. “Everything tasted so great; the pies especially were really good.”

The spectacular meal really lessened the burden of being away from family members, Chavana added.

“It sucks missing all the major holidays at work away from your family,” Chavana said. “You learn to deal with

“I would love for more people to get involved and be a part of it because I know it can be on a bigger scale. Last year, I cooked by myself and it took a long time.”

Airman 1st Class Kijana Soppe, 802nd Force Support Squadron administrative specialist



COURTESY PHOTO

Firefighters gather around the table at their fire station to enjoy a home-cooked Thanksgiving Day meal. Airman 1st Class Kijana Soppe, an administrative specialist with the 802nd Force Support Squadron, is looking for volunteers to help her cook this year’s Thanksgiving Day meal for the firefighters of Fire Station 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

it, but it really helped having someone there to cook for us.”

While Soppe enjoyed cooking, making such a large meal herself was challenging and time consuming.

“I did a lot of prep work the day before and then I woke up at 3 a.m. and went to the fire station to start cooking,” Soppe said. “I did the pies

first and I had the firefighters take out the innards of the turkey. I was there in my footie pajamas cooking until about 7 (a.m.) in the morning.”

“I would love for more people to get involved and be a part of it because I know it can be on a bigger scale,” Soppe said. “Last year, I cooked by myself and it took a long time.”

The firefighters are really looking forward to having Soppe back at the station, Chavana said.

“We’re all really excited to see her again and eat some more of her food,” Chavana said. “It’s just not Thanksgiving without a home-cooked meal.”

To volunteer to help cook this Thanksgiving, call 210-671-9292.

IAAFA's first female flight instructor continues to make aviation history

By Mary Nell Sanchez
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

She may only weigh about 100 pounds, but her expertise in flying a 2-ton fighter plane and years of extensive work in aviation helped Maj. Maria Tejada-Quintana land a historic guest instructor position at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Tejada-Quintana, born in the Dominican Republic, knew early on she wanted to follow in her brother's footsteps as a pilot, but women in her native country were not allowed to enter the military academy at that time. That would soon change and history would follow her every move.

"On Jan. 4, 2002, was the first day I started this dream," said Tejada-Quintana.

Tejada-Quintana left her home to enroll in the military academy, but some were skeptical.

"When I left home that day, someone said to my mother 'have lunch ready for her because she will be back the same day,'" she added.

In 2002, women were now allowed to enroll in the military academy in the Dominican Republic for the first time. No one knew if it would be successful. Eighty women entered that first year, but only 27 would graduate. Tejada-Quintana's love of country and wanting a career propelled her to keep going.

"I was dreaming all the time about being a pilot," said Tejada-Quintana. She was determined to do whatever it took to reach her goal.

The next step would be to complete two years of aviation school. This time the odds were greater. There were 11 cadets: eight men and only three women.

"It was very hard," said Tejada-Quintana.

One woman left training and another one had an accident at aviation school, breaking her back and could not continue.

Tejada-Quintana remembered one instructor who took her aside and gave her some encouraging words about reaching her goal of becoming a military aviator.

"You can do it; you will do it. I believe in you," said the instructor to the aviation school's lone female student pilot.

Upon graduation in 2007, Tejada-Quintana



ISMAEL ORTEGA

Maj. Maria Tejada-Quintana, a guest instructor at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, is the only female flight guest instructor teaching international students from partner nations in the Western Hemisphere.

continued flying and honing her skills. Later on she became the first female instructor in the Dominican Republic Air Force and began teaching future pilots.

After completing the required hours and obtaining the experience needed, Tejada-Quintana began training to become a fighter pilot. She was the only female among 750 men. She knew it was a big responsibility.

"I will do well because now I will be (a role model) for the other girls who will be watching me," she said.

In October 2012, Tejada-Quintana completed her studies and became the

country's first female pilot at age 28. She still faced some challenges ahead.

"My legs were too short. At the beginning, it was hard to reach the pedals," she said.

She also needed to gain weight and had to train extensively at the gym.

Tejada-Quintana, an IAAFA graduate, continued as an aviation instructor while flying missions for her country in an A-29 Super Tucano fighter plane. In 2013, she accepted a position as an instrument flight teacher at IAAFA giving her the distinction of being the only female flight guest instructor teaching international students from

partner nations in the Western Hemisphere.

"Working here at IAAFA, I feel like I'm home," said Tejada-Quintana.

Her goal is to make sure her students get the best education possible.

"For me, it's about the quality of the teaching and I like the quality of this school," she added.

Her fellow aviation instructors agree. There are five IAAFA instructors on the team.

Tejada-Quintana was one of the first people Lt. Col. Jorge Ramirez met when he came to IAAFA to teach aviation almost two years ago. Ramirez, from Paraguay, said she works well with everyone

and it's obvious that she loves her job.

"As a professional (military) woman representing her country, she is always well-prepared to do her job," said Ramirez. "She includes herself in all job assignments," he said adding her work ethic puts her on the same level as those of her colleagues.

Ramirez said everyone respects her and the knowledge she brings to the academy.

"She's not hesitant to make decisions," said Ramirez. "She will leave behind a positive opinion not only of herself, but of her country because of the work she has done at IAAFA."

Tejada-Quintana is hopeful there will be more females from her country flying soon. She knows of one woman from the Dominican Republic who is on the cusp of becoming a fighter pilot. Once Tejada-Quintana's mission at IAAFA is completed, she will likely fly with that new female fighter pilot on missions when she returns home.

Tejada-Quintana is looking forward to spending time with her family in her country during the upcoming holidays. She wants to continue to inspire future female pilots to achieve their dreams.

While the road has been both challenging and rewarding, she hopes others like herself will follow on the prize.

"Concentrate on what you want and don't listen to what other people say. Just believe in you," said Tejada-Quintana.

Thunderbirds member enjoys air show homecoming

By Airman 1st Class Dillon Parker

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As the crowd cheered in unison as the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron “Thunderbirds” soared overhead, Staff Sgt. Rebecca Coronado-Ortiz was dialed into her headset and radio, prepared to provide whatever the team needed during the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House Nov. 5 at Kelly Field Annex.

“As maintenance operations center for the Thunderbirds, I’m the middle man between the aircraft and the ground crew,” said Coronado-Ortiz. “If anything were to happen while they’re in the air, they’d contact me and I’d get them what they need.”

Even though the bulk of Coronado-Ortiz’s job takes place while the aircraft are up in the air, she also has other duties to perform.

“When the aircrafts aren’t flying, I handle all the tools sections,” she said. “I inspect and order all the tools so the crew has everything they need to put on the show.”

For Coronado-Ortiz, a San Antonio native, the 2017 JBSA Air Show and Open House was especially significant.

“It’s definitely great to be back in San Antonio,” said Coronado-Ortiz. “This is where it all started for



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DILLON PARKER

Rebecca Coronado-Ortiz, maintenance operations center for the U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds, prepares for the Thunderbirds show during the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House Nov. 5 at JBSA-Lackland Kelly Field.

me. I was born and raised here.”

The best part of the air show for Coronado-Ortiz was having her family present.

“I love my family, and being home with them is amazing,” she adds. “Letting them see what I do is

rewarding and fulfilling, and it’s great for them to see it live and in action.”

As a part of performing in her hometown, the Thunderbirds put on a farkle for Coronado-Ortiz, a ceremony honoring a team member and their family.

“The farkle was amazing,” said Coronado-Ortiz. “It was amazing that my family got to see what I do, and having my commander talk about my accomplishments was great. I know sometimes my family doesn’t understand what I do or why I’m away so much, and I think the farkle gave them a better appreciation for it.”

Coronado-Ortiz loves being with the Thunderbirds, even with the long hours on the flight line and constant movement.

“It’s been truly a dream come true,” she said. “I never thought I would be here, so getting to see the look on all the fans’ faces and getting to try and bring in a new generation of airmen is spectacular.”

Even though being a Thunderbird is a dream come true for her, Coronado-Ortiz isn’t done dreaming.

“I plan on applying to the Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program,” said Coronado-Ortiz. “It’s been tough, especially working a lot of hours. Making time for studies and trying to find a balance can be a challenge, but I feel that anybody who wants to succeed and has the drive will make it.”

Paramedics expand Wilford Hall's medical capabilities

By Senior Airman
Stefan Alvarez
59TH MEDICAL WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, located at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, has a robust, multifaceted patient care program that provides one-stop-shop for medical needs, including its own emergency medical service teams.

Working in conjunction with the Urgent Care Center, EMS is responsible for locating individuals experiencing medical emergencies and bringing them back to the UCC for evaluation and treatment.

"To be the pinnacle of excellence on every front of medicine is our mission," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Hall, 59th Medical Wing paramedic. "We try to be the team that is truly genuine and kind to every person we encounter and also be the ex-

pert in all aspects of emergency medicine outside of the hospital. We strive endlessly to be the team that everyone prays in their heart they receive when the unfortunate tragedies of life strike."

JBSA-Lackland serves as the hub for Air Force basic military training where each year, tens of thousands of trainees graduate and become full-fledged Airmen. This does not come easy, as trainees are included in the amount of the calls that EMS respond to. It is not uncommon for the summer temperatures to break into the 100s. If the trainees are not properly hydrated, heat exhaustion and heat stroke is a very real consequence.

"At any prehospital department, there will be slow days and busy days, but we exist and train for the few true emergencies that do occur, especially at WHASC," Hall said. "Through



SENIOR AIRMAN STEFAN ALVAREZ

Staff Sgt. Lucas Reaume, 59th Medical Wing paramedic, stands next to an ambulance Feb. 9 at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Service Center. The paramedics are on standby 24 hours a day for any medical emergencies that occur on base.

my career, it has always been known that the WHASC has

the largest call volume and enforces a high standard of

EMS. There is no other place I would ever want to work as an EMS member."

Only the best are chosen to become paramedics in the Air Force. Paramedics are the ones who do their very best to ensure patients arrive at the emergency room in a stable condition, increasing their chance of survival. They pride themselves as the paramount example of patient care, and have earned the trust of their patients, which is crucial in the medical field.

EMS teams at WHASC continue to set the bar for excellence, performing under pressure to diagnose and treat patients on-scene and en route to a medical facility. Working as a team, these medical experts deliver patients to physicians. The ability to stand up as a leader during chaos propels them into outstanding Airmen and medical professionals.

RANDOLPH

Sutherland Springs victims, married Airmen, honored during service at JBSA-Randolph

By Randy Martin
12TH FLYING TRAINING WING

Civilian employees and military members from Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, joined with Air Force colleagues and families of two of the Sutherland Springs shooting victims for a funeral Nov. 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Senior Master Sgt. Karen Marshall and her husband Scott Marshall were among the 26 people who were killed at the First Baptist Church on Nov. 5.

Marshall was an Air Force knowledge operation management specialist transitioning from an active guard and reserve assignment at JB Andrews.

"I came to appreciate her capability and expertise to manage reports and information vital to the health of the Air National Guard logistics portfolio," said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Burkett, director of logistics and installations, National Guard Bureau, during his remarks to more than 500 people in attendance.

Marshall supported Burkett during her assignment at JB Andrews. She was promoted posthumously and her certificate was read aloud to the assembly.

Scott was a nine-year active-duty crew chief and employee with the 12th Maintenance Group at JBSA-Randolph. He met his wife after he enlisted in the Air Force and when they were serving together at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

They were married in 1984.

"I can stand here and tell you that America is stronger because of the lives and the service of great Americans like Scott and Karen."

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command

"A nation is only strong when she has citizens of character and resolve and I can stand here and tell you that America is stronger because of the lives and the service of great Americans like Scott and Karen," said Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command.

Photos from their lives were displayed and the couple's favorite songs were played. The service also featured traditional military honors.

A U.S. flag was presented to Martina Pachal, Kara Boyd, and Brandon Marshall, their three children. Chaplain (Maj.) Samuel Bridges, JBSA-Randolph's senior chaplain read a joint statement on their behalf.

"Our mom and dad were more than just our parents. They were our friends, confidants, a shoulder to lean on, a shoulder to cry on, and a well of advice. They were loving grandparents. They would laugh with you, support you in times of need, and help you with ... almost ... no questions asked. Dad's sense of humor was contagious, his laughter would



PHOTOS BY RANDY MARTIN

More than 500 people attended a funeral service in the Fleenor Auditorium at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Building 100, Taj Mahal, on Nov. 9 for Senior Master Sgt. Karen Marshall and her husband Robert Scott Marshall.

make you smile. He was a ham, always the first to crack a joke. Mom was very dedicated to her family as well as her career. She was hard working, spunky, and always there for you. After a long time apart, they were both extremely excited to get back to their life together in their new home. Mom and Dad loved, were loved, and we will miss them both very much."

Outside of the auditorium, the JBSA Honor Guard fired three volleys and a musician from the Air Force Band of the West brought the program to a close with the playing of taps.



Tech. Sgt. David Evans, a musician with the U.S. Air Force Band of the West plays Taps during a funeral for Senior Master Sgt. Karen Marshall and her husband, Robert Scott Marshall, Nov. 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Reserve duty offers benefits to Airmen from health professions, other career fields

Health care professionals serving as reservists can maintain military benefits

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force members who plan to separate from active duty often choose to maintain their ties to the military by opting for a reserve commitment that gives them the opportunity to work in the civilian sector and still serve their country.

That pathway to the Air Force Reserve is called the Palace Front program, and it is so popular that more than 30 percent of separating active-duty members committed to the program in the 2016 fiscal year.

The program is mutually beneficial for the separating member and the Reserve, which is able to meet its manpower needs and augment its ranks with experienced veterans from numerous career fields.

Some of the Air Force Reserve's greatest needs are in the health professions.

"We will always have a need for physicians and dentists," said Master Sgt. Andrew Davis, 433rd Airlift Wing health professions recruiter.

Davis, whose recruiting area covers one-third of Texas, including Joint Base San Antonio and Laughlin Air Force Base, said he meets with physicians and dentists who are separating from active duty as part of their out-processing checklist.

"When they separate, I want to make sure I talk to them face to face and let them know

what the Reserve offers," he said.

One of the benefits for physicians and dentists who join the Reserve is that they will have time in service added to their record if they attended medical school with assistance from the Health Professions Scholarship Program or the Financial Assistance Program, Davis said.

"You get years added to your service time and credit that time to your retirement," he said. "You receive that as long as you don't have any break in service. You're not eligible if you're already 100 percent separated."

Some of the other benefits mirror those of other active-duty members who transition into the Reserve, Davis said.

"These include being able to continue serving part time, being able to focus on a civilian career, having no permanent changes of station, receiving low-cost TRICARE Reserve Select health care benefits and being able to retire after 20 years," he said.

Still other benefits of being a reservist include opportunities for advancement, paid vacation, training, tuition assistance and access to base exchanges, commissaries, fitness centers and other amenities.

Traditional reservists serve one weekend per month plus another 15 days of active duty, but individual mobilization augmentees have even more flexibility, Davis said.

"You can be part of an active-duty unit for 39 days," he said. "You can choose all that time at once, or you can divide the time by coordinating with your squadron commander. In addition, you do not deploy; you backfill the positions of active-duty members who deploy."

Davis said he can place the



TECH. SGT. CARLOS TREVINO

Visitors walk onto the rear cargo ramp of the C-5M Super Galaxy belonging to the 433rd Airlift Wing at the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House, Nov. 4 at JBSA-Lackland's Kelly Field Annex. Alamo Wing air crew members were on-hand to answer questions and talk about their experiences as Reservists.

physicians and dentists he recruits anywhere they want to go.

"I look for a position in the place of their preference," he said.

Physicians, dentists and other health care professionals make more money in the civilian sector, but by serving as reservists, they maintain their military benefits and enhance their retirement pay.

"When I meet with them face to face and show them how years of reserve duty affect their annuity, that speaks volumes," Davis said.

There's another reason to

serve, too.

"They want to be part of something bigger than they are," he said.

For Palace Front information on physicians and dentists, call Davis at 210-387-6449. For medical officer specialties other than physicians and dentists and for other Air Force career fields, call Master Sgt. Cindy Rositas at JBSA-Lackland (last names A-J), 210-671-3860; Master Sgt. Kyle Swinney at JBSA-Lackland (last names K-Z), 210-671-7362; or Master Sgt. George Higgins at JBSA-Randolph, 210-652-7532.

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FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

School district seeks board members

Date: Nov. 30 deadline

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is soliciting nominees for a position on the board of trustees. The positions must be filled by either a military member or civilian living on or employed by Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. To qualify, a volunteer must be 18 or older, a U.S. citizen, a qualified voter and must not be a convicted felon. Trustees will take an official oath of office and serve without compensation. Interested applicants must apply no later than 5 p.m. Nov. 30. Resumes may be submitted by email to the School Liaison Officer at nita.n.fordhightower.naf@mail.mil or dropped off in person at Building 2263, 107 B (in the basement).

School Liaison Office new location

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office is now located at 2484 Stanley Road, Building 2263, Room 107. The SLO is a primary point of contact between the military installation,

the local schools and school districts, transitioning families and the community at large, and assists parents with children in grades K-12. For more information, call 210-221-2256 or 221-2214.

Stray animal control

Stray animal control on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis is the exclusive responsibility of the 502nd Pest Management Section. If you see an animal that appears to be a stray, call 210-671-5555 immediately. Do not call the Security Forces regarding strays. Never attempt to capture strays or dogs/cats that appear to be strays. If you capture a dog or cat that appears to be a stray, it becomes your responsibility. Avoid this by calling 210-671-5555 or 210-466-5555, which allows for the proper and safe capture and processing of strays to be turned in to the city of San Antonio's Animal Care Services. The Pest Management Section staff are the only people authorized to capture and turn in strays to San Antonio's Animal Care Services. For more information, call 210-295-4865.

LACKLAND BRIEFS

Pre-Separation: Retirement

Date/Time: Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, Building 1249

This is a mandatory briefing for all service members planning to retire from federal service. Schedule an appointment up to 24 months prior to retirement. To register, call 210-671-3722.

1-Day Transition GPS

Date/Time: Nov. 29, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, Building 1249

Those exempt from the mandatory five-day Transition GPS workshop must attend a Veterans Administration stand-alone workshop. Review topics like health care, education, home loans, insurance and disability benefits. To register, call 210-671-3722. Prerequisite class:

Pre-Separation Counseling.

Post-Deployment Reunion & Reintegration

Date/Time: Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Location: Logistics Readiness, Building 5160

Required for all service members returning from deployment; this training covers reintegration into home life and provides resources to deal with associated stressors. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Pre-Deployment briefing

Date/Time: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Location: Logistics Readiness, Building 5160

All service members scheduled to deploy, TDY longer than 30 days or go on a remote assignment are required to attend. To register, call 210-671-3722.

RANDOLPH BRIEFS

ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:

The Commander regrets to announce the death of Senior Master Sgt. Karen S. Marshall, assigned to NGS/1, TX ANG, who passed away Nov. 5. To settle the estate of the deceased, Capt. James Burgess, assigned to 136 LRS, Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, has been appointed Summary Courts Officer. Any persons having a claim for or against Marshall's estate should contact Burgess at 817-323-3453.

For questions or concerns, call 210-671-4137/7689.

Personal & Family Readiness briefing

Date/Time: Nov. 21, 9-10 a.m.

Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, Building 693

All military members scheduled to deploy, go TDY longer than 30 days or on a remote assignment are required to attend this briefing. Military spouses are encouraged to attend to learn about programs and resources available to them. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Thrift Savings Plan

Date/Time: Nov. 27, 1-2:30 p.m.

Location: M&FRC, Building 693

Review aspects of the TSP including contribution limits, matching contributions, tax-deferred investments, return rates, options to consider after separating from the military or federal service and more.

Developing a spending plan

Date/Time: Nov. 29, 10-11 a.m.

Location: M&FRC, Building 693

Establishing a financial plan is an important part of budgeting. Review the components of a spending plan and a financial planning worksheet, and discuss tips to control spending, SMART goals and an ideal budget breakdown. To register, call 210-652-5321.

USAJOBS workshop

Date/Time: Nov. 30, 8:30-11 a.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 693

Learn how to create a federal resume and navigate the USAJOBS website. To register, call 210-652-5321.