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Master Sgt. Rueben Rendon Jr., 433rd Security Forces Squadron, meets his grandson, Derreck, for the first time upon his return from deployment Jan. 19 at the San Antonio International Airport.

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Air Force, Army extend restricted sexual assault, harassment reporting option to civilians

By Dan Katka

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE

Policy directives allowing Air Force and Army civilian employees who are victims of sexual assault to file restricted reports with their installation's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, or SARC, were released by the Air Force and Army in August 2015 and January 2017, respectively.

The Army directive is a one-year trial period, but the Air Force's policy is permanent. The Navy has not yet extended this option to their civilian workforce, but as with all services, they can still file an unrestricted report with a Navy SARC or victim advocate.

When choosing the restricted reporting option, law enforcement and chain of command will not be notified of the incident, but members will receive services from the Air Force's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, or SAPR, program or the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, program.

Air Force and Army civilian employees can receive the same services as those already eligible to use SARC services, with the exception of legal and non-

emergency medical services, which are restricted by law. Individuals who make a restricted report can choose to change to an unrestricted report at any time. Once they file an unrestricted report they cannot choose the restricted report option.

Air Force SAPR and Army SHARP programs have always provided invaluable support and assistance to uniformed Airmen and Soldiers who have suffered from this crime. This exception allows the Air Force and Army to extend the same care and support to Department of Defense civilian victims as they do to military members and their adult family dependents.

Q: What services were available to Air Force and Army civilians who were victims of sexual assault prior to these policy waivers?

A: Prior to this waiver, Air Force civilians at OCONUS installations and their dependents 18 years of age and older were eligible to file unrestricted reports only. This waiver will allow all Air Force and Army civilian employees to file unrestricted and restricted reports and receive services from their installation's SARC and SAPR/SHARP victim advocates.

Q: Can civilians who were

victims of sexual assault prior to these policy exception report previous incidents?

A: Yes, Air Force and Army civilian employees may use SARC or VA services and file a report regardless of when the incident occurred.

Q: Are contractors who work on Air Force or Army installations or retirees eligible to use SARC services?

A: No, at this time the exception has only extended services to Air Force and Army civilian employees, both appropriated and non-appropriated. Retirees may only use SARC services if they fall into another eligible category, such as military dependent or civilian employee.

Q: Can other DOD civilian employees file restricted reports with Air Force or Army SARCS?

A: No, at this time the waiver has only been extended to Air Force and Army civilian employees, both appropriated and non-appropriated. Department of the Navy and Coast Guard civilian personnel are not included in this waiver at this time. All DOD civilians can file an unrestricted report.

Q: What services will civilian employees who utilize the SARC or VA receive?

A: Civilians will receive 24/7 crisis intervention and advocacy

services as well as assistance in locating off-base services as needed. Additionally, these reports will be included in Air Force and Army numbers reported to DOD.

For any questions regarding sexual assault reporting options or how to report, call one of the following JBSA SAPR/SHARP offices:

Air Force

JBSA-Lackland SAPR Advocacy Center, 671-7273
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston SAPR Advocacy Center, 221-3769/1469

JBSA-Randolph SAPR Advocacy Center, 652-4386

Army

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston SHARP Office: 221-0598

Navy:

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston SAPR Office: 221-1496

For more information, visit jbsa.mil/Resources/Sexual-Assault-Prevention-and-Response/

To report a sexual assault, call one of the above office numbers during duty hours or the 24/7 JBSA Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline at 808-SARC (7272). Additional assistance can be provided by the 24/7 DOD Safe Helpline as well at 1-877-995-5247 or online at SafeHelpline.org to receive live one-on-one support.

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Nominations sought for NAACP service award

By Staff Sgt. Alexx Pons

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Nominations for the 2017 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award are due to the Air Force Personnel Center by March 21.

The award honors military members and Department of Defense civilian employees who have supported the DOD mis-

sion or overseas contingency operations, or whose attributes epitomize the qualities and core values of their respective military service.

Organizations and base-level personnel must contact their major command, combatant command, field operating agency or direct reporting unit for applicable suspense dates and additional information.

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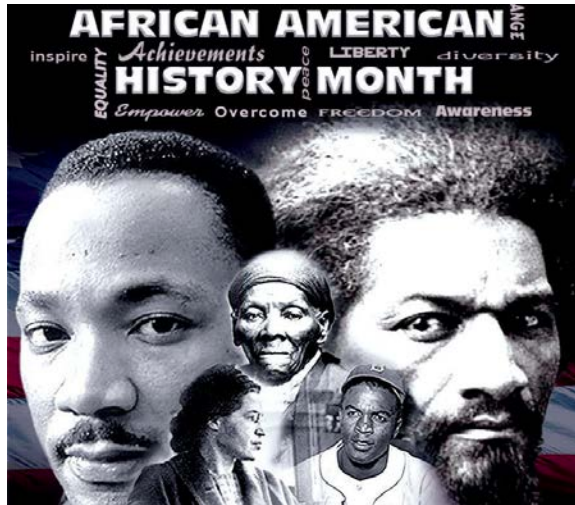
JBSA recognizes African-American History Month

By Airman 1st Class
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In recognition of African-American History Month, Joint Base San Antonio is slated to hold an event from 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 15 at the Blesse Auditorium, building 2841, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

The event is hosted by the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade and the theme, "Success Always Leaves Footprints," will recognize key figures from African-American history such as Booker T. Washington, the Little Rock Nine and Mary McLeod Bethune, among others.

"Black History Month is a time for recognizing the central role African-Americans have played in our nation's history," U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Kim Benzel, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Equal Opportunity adviser, said. "This year's



GRAPHIC BY TOMMY BROWN

observance will honor pioneers in black education and the contributions of African-Americans to our society and culture."

Dr. Kevin Cokley, University

of Texas at Austin professor of African and African Diaspora Studies and Educational Psychology, will be the guest speaker.

According to the Association

for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH), founded by Carter G. Woodson, the origins of African-American History Month, or Black History Month, began with Woodson. Carter, a graduate of the University of Chicago, was inspired by the celebration of the 50th anniversary of emancipation in Illinois in 1915. Shortly after, he formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and established *The Journal of Negro History* in 1916.

Woodson encouraged black civic organizations and his fraternity brothers to promote the achievements of African-Americans that researchers were uncovering. He later decided the association would shoulder this task and sent a press release announcing Negro History Week in February 1926.

Throughout the years, Negro History Week grew larger on college campuses and aided in

efforts to expand the study of black history to the curriculum in schools. In 1976, 50 years after the original celebration, the ASALH succeeded in shifting it from a week to a month. Since then, every U.S. president has officially designated February as Black History Month.

Tech. Sgt. Malik Buchanan, NCO in charge of Equal Opportunity at JBSA-Randolph, said it's important for the United States and Department of Defense to recognize observances like Black History Month.

"It's a chance for everybody to learn the different contributions that this particular demographic that's being recognized has given to American society," Buchanan said.

The event is open to all DoD cardholders. For more information, contact 221-0417.

To learn more about African-American History Month, visit the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute.

Air Force Aid Society scholarships available for active-duty spouses

By Robert Goetz
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Applications are available at two Joint Base San Antonio military and family readiness centers for a program that sets the spouses of active-duty Air Force members on a course toward a satisfying career.

The Air Force Aid Society Spouse Employment Program, which traces its roots back to an AFAS employment initiative at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, some 20 years ago, provides spouses with scholarships so they can receive specialized training to assist with employment opportunities.

This year's scholarships offered through the AFAS office at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center will

fund a six-week office administration training course offered by Northwest Vista College at the Alamo Colleges Workforce Center of Excellence, while the scholarships at JBSA-Randolph will pay for a four-week certified cardiac rhythm analysis technician online training course offered by University of the Incarnate Word.

"The training needs to be something that can lead active-duty spouses to a profession," said Mike Bell, JBSA-Randolph M&FRC community readiness consultant and AFAS officer. "It takes them to that first step so they can get a job. It's also something they can build on and can lead to other jobs."

Jennifer Wagoner-Gates, JBSA-Lackland M&FRC community readiness consultant and AFAS officer, said the office

administration career field has a bright future.

"According to the Department of Labor, the demand for this skill is projected to grow 13 percent over the next seven years and is a portable skillset that can easily transfer to other duty locations," she said.

A need for cardiac rhythm analysis technicians also exists, Bell said.

The certificate students receive after passing a course-ending exam allows them to use specialized monitoring equipment to analyze electrocardiograms, or ECGs, he said. The training prepares them for careers such as telemetry technician, emergency medical registered or licensed vocational nurse.

Bell said he feels fortunate

the JBSA-Randolph AFAS has been approved for scholarships through the competitive program, which is offered throughout the Air Force.

"This is the fourth year for me as Air Force Aid Society officer, and we've gotten grants every single year," he said.

The program enhances the Air Force mission, Wagoner-Gates said.

"This program is important because it offers spouses training and employment opportunities that increase overall family financial stability and reduces financial burden on the service member," she said.

Ten scholarships will be awarded this year at JBSA-Lackland, Wagoner-Gates said. Last year, JBSA-Lackland offered 10 certified nursing assistant training scholarships.

Applications are available at the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC, 2160 Kenly Ave. Interested spouses should contact the M&FRC at 671-3722 and schedule an interview. The deadline to apply for the scholarship program is Feb. 24.

At JBSA-Randolph, 10 scholarships will also be awarded, Bell said. Last year, the AFAS office presented six scholarships to spouses for a legal secretary certificate course. In 2014 and 2015, 10 scholarships allowed spouses to seek opportunities as fitness trainers.

Deadline for applications — which are available at the M&FRC, 555 F Street West — is no later than 4 p.m. March 3. They may be dropped off at the M&FRC or sent by email to john.bell.25@us.af.mil. For more information, call 652-5321.

Basura Bash looks to clean out waterways

By Steve Elliott
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The Basura Bash is a one-day, all-volunteer event to clean the San Antonio Watershed. Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will be hosting an event beginning at 8 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Salado Creek Park.

The effects of storm water runoff are one reason the Basura Bash creek clean-up is necessary. Storm water runoff

occurs when precipitation comes down faster than our soils can soak it up and this rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent stormwater runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants before it flows into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal waterway. Anything that enters a storm

sewer system is discharged, untreated, into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

Polluted storm water runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people.

Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediments also fill up the storage capacity of our reservoirs and can destroy aquatic habitats.

Last year, hundreds of volunteers pulled more than two tons of various kinds of rubbish out of the creek and from throughout the park area, almost filling a 40-yard-long dumpster to the top.

“We at the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron environmental section are spearheading JBSA’s participation. The event brings together a diverse group of volunteers, from JBSA’s own Girl and Boy Scouts and Randolph and Cole High Schools’ students, to active duty members and veterans,” said Mike Tillema, 502nd CES environmental engineering and this year’s event organizer. “We are anticipating a significant turnout.”

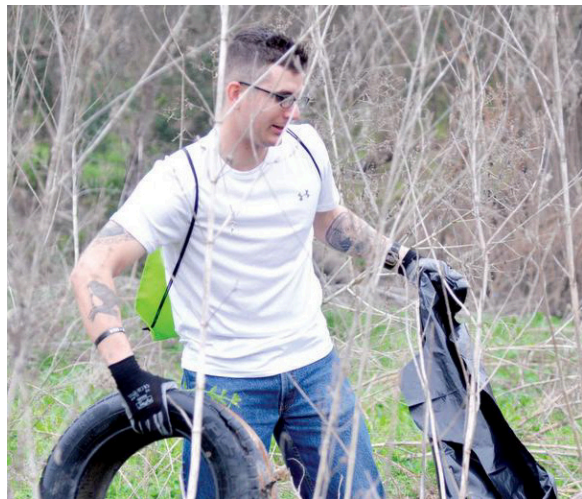
A light breakfast will be provided by the City of San Antonio for those who register online. Due to the lengthy stretch of creek to be cleaned up, including denser brush, it is recommended that volunteers wear long pants, sturdy

shoes or boots, and bring bug repellent.

“Kayaks will be available thanks to outdoor recreation to those adventurous volunteers who wish to clean up from the source on the creek itself,” Tillema said. “Gloves and bags will be provided and there will be live music.”

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Basura Bash is a part of a larger effort throughout San Antonio where local residents, community groups and organizations collect trash at 20 different locations connected to San Antonio’s watershed.

For more information and registration, go to <http://www.basurabash.org/> or call 221-1142.



PHOTOS BY STEVE ELLIOTT

Then-Seaman Apprentice Chris Polizzi collects trash during last year’s Basura Bash at Salado Creek Park at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.



Army Staff Sgt. Sy Smith, an instructor/writer with Company A, Academy Brigade (Provisional), maneuvers a kayak while picking up trash during last year’s annual Basura Bash at Salado Creek Park at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Mobile food trucks may pose risk for fire

By Richard Campos
and James Smith

JBSA FIRE EMERGENCY
SERVICES

Mobile food trucks are making their way across the country as being a convenient way to grab a quick bite near a work site.

A contributing factor

to the popularity of these mobile food trucks are chefs looking for a less expensive way of serving food instead of the traditional stationary restaurant.

As reported by IBIS-World, a business analysis firm, the food truck industry profits grew an average of 9.3 percent

each year from 2010 to 2015 to a projected \$857 million.

Mobile food trucks can create chaos though, as was the case in the Philadelphia neighborhood of Feltonville. On the morning of July 1, 2014, a gas leak coming from the propane tank of the La Parrillada Chapina mobile food truck ignited. The catastrophic explosion sent a fireball 200 feet into the air, shaking nearby buildings to their core and sending the propane tank 95 feet into the air, finally landing in a neighboring yard.

Suffering third-degree burns, Olga Galdamez, 42, and her daughter, Jaylin Landaverry-Galdamez, 17, succumbed to their severe injuries three weeks later. Also injured

in the blast were 10 other people, some critically.

By no means has this incident been the first to occur, but since the explosion was captured by a surveillance camera, it was immediately shown on the internet and news media outlets reported it across the country.

Like any tragic incident, questions began to arise, such as "Are food trucks safe?" and "Can this kind of thing happen here?"

Incidents like this are rare, but not unheard of. In 2011, two workers were burned when a New York food truck exploded after a car accident. In 2012 a food truck exploded in Canada causing \$30,000 in damage.

In 2014, three people were injured when a food

truck exploded at a high school football game. A food truck exploded in a Lakeview, Minn. driveway, damaging 20 homes. The explosion could be felt and heard six miles away. The potential for danger in dealing with propane explosions is not to be taken lightly.

A standard 20-gallon propane tank has the potential explosive capability of 170 sticks of dynamite. Some food trucks may carry propane tanks in excess of 100 gallons and then throw in the equation of a running gas generator ... a single spark from the stove or generator is a potential disaster waiting to happen.

To avoid these possible incidents, Joint Base San Antonio Fire Emergency

Services developed a Mobile Food Vendor Checklist. It is used once the mobile food truck vendor goes through the proper request channels to sell their food items. A date and time is then presented to the JBSA-Fire Prevention section for an inspection. This checklist ensures the contractor is fully aware of their responsibilities in maintaining JBSA fire safe.

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



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FORT SAM HOUSTON

Center for the Intrepid celebrates 10 years

By Lori Newman
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More than 500 people attended the 10th anniversary celebration of the Center for the Intrepid Jan. 27 at Brooke Army Medical Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The stars of the day were the patients and staff members, both past and present. Several former patients, including motivational speaker and author retired Army Staff Sgt. Shilo Harris, retired staff sergeant turned comedian, Bobby Henlin, and many others were on hand for the event.

“Ten years ago today really makes me feel a bit emotional,” Harris said. “I’ve been struggling for words most of the morning.”

“Thank you for being here on this special day to reflect on the accomplishments of the alumni patients, the former and current staff members and the generosity of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund who gifted the Center for the Intrepid to the Army 10 years ago,” said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, BAMC commanding general.

Arnold Fisher, honorary chairman of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, reflected on the fact the center was built with 100 percent of the funds donated by 600,000 Americans.

“The work that is being done here is incredible,” Fisher said. “The advances that you have made in helping rehabilitate the men and women who have served our country is fantastic. It is very heartwarming to come back here and see the progress that has been made by the medical profession and the therapists that have worked here.”

Fisher said when the center was built; he had hoped that someday it would no longer be needed.

“Apparently that’s not going to happen,” he said. “It’s important for centers like this to stay open and keep abreast of all the current technology.”

Fisher highlighted the other Intrepid sites throughout the United States for service members with traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress, which were also built by the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

“I’ve been lucky in my life to be an American and living in this country,” he said. “You just can’t take from this country, you have to give back. That’s what I want to do. I want to do it because I’m an American. No word means more to me than that word.”

Lt. Col. Joseph Alderete, CFI medical director, recognized the former directors and program managers of the CFI by having them stand so everyone could applaud the work they had done.

“We thank you for your years of service to our country and for your dedication and compassion to our war wounded,” he told them. “You truly set the bar.”

Alderete said, despite the decline in the number of combat wounded patients, the CFI continues to serve those with limb amputation, limb trauma and complex orthopedic patients.

“Last year we had more than 35,000 patient visits to the Center for the Intrepid,” Alderete said. “Our patients continue to challenge us. We take a piece of every patient with us. We are grateful for what they teach us and most importantly,

we are honored to participate in every struggle. They help us stand firm in readiness for our next conflict.”

Lt. Col. Kathleen Yancosek, CFI director, explained the holistic approach the CFI uses to help their patients rehabilitate.

“We operate under a sports medicine paradigm called POWER, an acronym for performance optimization warrior enhanced rehabilitation,” Yancosek said. “This is a place where high expectations are set by our staff and met by our patients. We remain in the business of restoring patients to the highest level of function possible.”

Col. David Duplessis, chief of the department of rehabilitation medicine, highlighted the importance of the research being done at the CFI.

“In the past decade, the Center for the Intrepid has accomplished significant scholarships through 99 research protocols, 82 publications and 175 national and international presentations, in addition to countless awards and accolades,” Duplessis said. “We are committed to cutting-edge research efforts, which have shaped prosthetic and orthotic design, surgical intervention and individualized therapy for severely wounded patients over the last decade.”

“We are here to celebrate the enormous contributions the Center for the Intrepid has made for our nation’s wounded warriors,” Johnson said, praising the staff members for creating new and innovative treatments, which advanced the field of rehabilitative medicine.

“Through the established leadership at Brooke Army Medical Center and the intrep-



ROBERT SHIELDS

The guest speakers for the Center for the Intrepid 10th anniversary celebration Jan. 27 at Brooke Army Medical Center were (from left) Arnold Fisher, honorary chairman, Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund; Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, BAMC commanding general; Col. David Duplessis, chief, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine; Lt. Col. Joseph Alderete, CFI medical director and Lt. Col. Kathleen Yancosek, CFI director.

id spirit of past and present patients and the dedication of staff members, the center remains in a steady state of readiness to care for severely wounded patients, both today and in the future,” Johnson said.

Johnson closed his remarks by reading a letter from former president George W. Bush praising the CFI staff for the care they provide service members.

Following the formal ceremony, guests were invited to tour the facility. A new logo and mosaic in the lobby were also unveiled.

Karen Johnston, a guest who attended the ceremony, said she has seen a video about the CFI but was grateful for the opportunity to tour the building.

“The building itself is impressive, but the state-of-the-art equipment and the innovations for amputees is really impressive,” she said. “I’m so glad I had the chance to see it first-hand.”

“This is the best facility with the best patients and it’s a family,” said 1st Lt. John Arroyo, a patient at the CFI. “We just want to say ‘thank you’ to America.”

Navy surgeon general visits JBSA-FSH

By Petty Officer 1st Class
Jacquelyn Childs

NAVY MEDICINE EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND LOGISTICS COMMAND
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The Navy surgeon general and chief of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, or BUMED, was at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Feb. 1 to visit the men and women responsible for supporting, developing and providing the basic and advanced training for the Navy's Hospital Corps.

Vice Adm. Forrest Faison held "Admiral's Calls" with the enlisted, officer and civilian staff from the JBSA-FSH based Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command, or NMETLC, and the Navy Medicine Training Support Center, or NMTSC.

Navy Medicine's Force Master Chief Terry Prince accompanied Faison on his visit, which also included a visit to the Navy Hospital Corps student barracks, a tour of Brooke Army Medical Center and meeting with its senior leaders, as well as a luncheon with enlisted Sailors and junior officers from NMETLC, NMTSC and Naval Medical Research Unit-San Antonio, or



PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS JACQUELYN CHILDS

Rear Adm. Rebecca J. McCormick-Boyle (left), commander, Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command, speaks with Vice Adm. C. Forrest Faison III (right), Navy surgeon general, during a tour Feb. 1 at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

NAMRU-SA.

During the two Admiral's Calls, Faison's discussion included Navy Medicine's future and the significance of the enlisted medical education and training being conducted in San Antonio.

"Navy Medicine's future is bright," Faison said. "Medicine is passed on from generation to generation. The folks we train today will be the leaders of tomorrow."

Faison also discussed Navy

Medicine education and training's support of the post-war Navy and Marine Corps team, many of whom remain deployed.

"There are many global commitments in which the Navy is engaged," Faison said. "Thirty-eight percent of the Navy is forward deployed at any given time and Navy Medicine is there to support them. A big part of that support comes from the enlisted corpsmen who get their training,

experience and initial start here in San Antonio."

The first Admiral's Call was for NMETLC, one of three Navy Medicine Echelon III commands. NMETLC is responsible for Navy Medicine's officer and enlisted training programs and global logistical support.

The second was with NMTSC, an NMETLC Echelon IV command that serves as the Navy's service component of the tri-service Medical Education and Training Campus, or METC, where Navy, Army and Air Force enlisted medical service members are trained.

Faison also used both Admiral's Calls to share some of the major changes taking place within Navy Medicine, including the transition to a new electronic health record, hospital and medical treatment facility reforms, and a billet shift to ensure the optimum training experience for new hospital corpsmen. One large change he addressed, for which NMETLC personnel have prime responsibility, is a rework of the Hospital Corpsman 'A' school curriculum currently underway.

"As we look ahead toward our global commitments and

potential future conflicts, we have to be prepared to go forward and save lives in any environment the Navy or Marine Corps operates," he said. "A big part of that is ensuring we provide the most current training possible to our hospital corpsmen. They are the key to survival in any future conflict, and they are present in every operational platform. The Hospital Corpsmen's responsibilities, their training, their experience will directly translate to saved lives in any future conflict or operational commitment."

The surgeon general wrapped up his visit with words of encouragement.

"Navy Medicine represents a more than 240-year commitment to America's sons and daughters of the best care our nation can offer," he said. "We represent hope, care and passion to countless thousands around the world whose lives have been saved by Navy Medicine or who have benefited from our care. The men and women who are preparing the curriculum and the training and logistical support necessary will ensure that tradition continues. We are preparing for tomorrow."

JBSA Sailor named Sailor of the Year

By Mariah Felipe

U.S. NAVY BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND
SURGERY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sailor was selected as the Navy Medicine 2016 Sailor of the Year during a ceremony Jan. 27 at Defense Health Headquarters, in Washington, D.C.

Petty Officer 1st Class Cameron Graham from Navy Medicine Training Support Center, or NMTSC, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston serves as a Hospital Corps school instructor at the Medical Education and Train-

ing Campus, or METC, training more than 4,000 Sailors assigned to joint military operations world-wide.

Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, kicked off the ceremony as the nominees representing Navy Medicine's three regional Echelon-3 commands and BUMED Headquarters anxiously waited for Force Master Chief Terry J. Prince, director of the hospital corps, to announce this year's selectee.

"Today, only 28 percent of graduating high school seniors

are eligible to come on active duty," Faison said. "These Sailors made it on active duty, were selected for the Hospital Corps and then nominated for the Navy Medicine Sailor of the Year. They really are the best of the best."

Graham was born in Biloxi, Miss. and is a native of Spring Hill, Fla. where he joined the Navy in 2007. Since then, Graham has served in several duty stations with the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Washington D.C., as well as three deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.



MARIAH FELIPE

Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, joins deputy surgeon general of the Navy Rear Adm. Terry J. Moulton and Force Master Chief Terry J. Prince, Hospital Corps director, in congratulating Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Cameron Graham, of Navy Medicine Training Support Center as Navy Medicine's 2016 Sailor of the Year.

Cancer patient praises care received at BAMC

By Lori Newman

BAMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After being a military spouse for 15 years, Shawna Jones had her checklist, which included dental appointments, physicals and all the usual things she did before a move.

Jones, her husband, Lt. Col. Dale Jones, and their daughters Piper, 12, and Kinley, 8, were leaving Italy to come to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. In the midst of the moving chaos, the 41-year-old wife and mother received devastating news ... she had breast cancer.

"My whole world changed," Jones said.

Before arriving in San Antonio and becoming a patient at Brooke Army Medical Center, Jones had a bi-lateral mastectomy and one dose of chemotherapy.

"Coming to a new treatment facility was a little scary," she admitted. "We were concerned about the level of care we would receive."



LORI NEWMAN

Shawna Jones, oncology patient, shows Army Capt. (Dr.) Joshua Fenderson, oncologist, her fingernails during an appointment Dec. 21 at Brooke Army Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Because her treatment began at another facility, her oncologist spoke to an oncology doctor at BAMC to ensure it would be a smooth transition. When the Jones arrived for her first oncology appointment, there was some confusion with the appointment schedule.

"As soon as I met the receptionist up in oncology, she

squared everything away," Jones said. "Our first impression was how on top of it she was. She took the situation personally and said she wouldn't go home that day until I was set up for my next chemo appointment and I was on track."

"I will do whatever I need to so my patients are taken care of here," said Cassandra Aaron,

oncology receptionist. "I love to help people. I love to feel that I've helped get them through something difficult. It gives me joy, it's a reward to me, not a job, and I do the best that I can."

The next morning, Jones received two welcoming phone calls from different oncologists telling her not to worry, everything would be on track. One of the doctors who called was Army Capt. (Dr.) Joshua Fenderson, her primary oncologist.

"To us, that was huge," she said. "It's not normal to have two doctors take time out of their schedule to do that."

She was impressed with Fenderson from the beginning because of how prepared he was during their first appointment.

"He didn't have to go over my medical history with me, because he had already done the paperwork and had print-outs," Jones said. "He just went through it with me to confirm things. It was so nice not to have to go through everything again."

"One of the great things about

oncology at BAMC is we have the capability to diagnose, stage and treat our cancer patients within our institution, which makes communication and treatment planning quite efficient," Fenderson explained. "I think our approach to breast oncology is one of the best examples. We have a weekly clinic where newly diagnosed breast cancer patients are evaluated by surgical, medical and radiation oncologists, often before staging is complete."

"Instead of just following the protocol, I feel like everyone has looked at me as an individual and my situation individually," Jones said. "I know there are many oncology patients, but my team has made me feel like they truly do care about me and I am not just a number."

Jones has finished her chemotherapy and radiation and is now focusing on her recovery. She is currently meeting with Army Lt. Col. Neil McMullin, the plastic surgeon on her core medical team, to work on a reconstructive surgery plan.

MICC Soldiers, civilians mentor students during Job Shadow Day

By Ben Gonzales

MISSION, INSTALLATION CONTRACTING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Many San Antonio high school students missed classes Feb. 2, but they were still gaining real-world knowledge from mentors at the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, or MICC, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston as well as more than 100 employers across the city.

Soldiers and Army civilians at the MICC hosted 21 students from Sam Houston High School from the San Antonio Independent School District as part of the San Antonio Job Shadow Day.

The MICC joined more than

100 area businesses to mentor nearly 3,000 San Antonio students to help shape San Antonio's future workforce. Sam Houston High School students teamed with nine MICC mentors to explore career paths in contracting, legal, operations and others. Job Shadow Day is sponsored by SA Works and partnered with Junior Achievement to allow a half-day of experience-based learning while mentors explained how to join and succeed in the workforce.

As part of Job Shadow Day, students visited mentors' work areas, engaged in discussions on professionalism and ethics, and learned interview skills. One of the mentors was Col.

Tonie Jackson, MICC chief of staff. Sam Houston High School students came to learn about job skills, but made an impression on Jackson.

"The Sam Houston High School students restored hope in me because you all are so intelligent and insightful," the colonel said. "When I retire from the Army, I'd like to become a high school teacher in Mississippi, and they showed me that our next generation is a dynamic and powerful force."

Led by Ernest Guerrero, a Sam Houston High School teacher, the students had an interactive day with mentors and in group discussions.

"The Job Shadow Day gave



RYAN MATTOX

Col. Tonie Jackson (left), Mission and Installation Contracting Command chief of staff, mentors Sam Houston High School students as part of the San Antonio Job Shadow Day Feb. 2 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

our students valuable hands-on experience," Guerrero said. "Hearing this information directly from professionals in the workforce definitely has a meaningful impact on the students, and this is something we cannot provide in the

classroom." Headquartered at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the MICC is made up of about 1,500 military and civilian members who are responsible for contracting goods and services in support of Soldiers.

Gold Star Families find love, support through quilting

By Caryse Harrell

No one chooses to be a Gold Star survivor. Behind every gold star lies the heart of someone who loved deeply and lost greatly. The journey to rebuild a broken heart can be incredibly daunting and lonely.

Within the military family, there are people who selflessly devote themselves to helping Gold Star survivors to make sure they are supported.

The journey through grief looks different for everyone. A lot of us are widows and mothers and want to do something for our loved ones. We want them to be proud of us.

In 2015, two Gold Star Survivors, Cindy Hildner and Stephanie Crotty, approached Laurie Miller, an avid quilter and wife of Brig. Gen. Robert Miller, with a request to have Laurie assist them in making T-shirt quilts out of their loved ones' shirts. Laurie agreed and got the support of the Survivor Outreach Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to offer a room for quilting.

With five assistants, the first gathering was held in September and 12 survivors attended to make T-shirt quilts. Little did anyone know what a ministry of support this group would become.

All survivors know that pulling out shirts their loved ones wore is incredibly emotional and stirs a multitude of memories.

Sometimes tears come, but so do the hugs and support from everyone there who knows how hard it is. A transformation slowly occurs as stories are shared about the shirts and where they were worn and why they



SENIOR AIRMAN STORMY ARCHER

A Gold Star Family member lays out T-shirt quilt panels Jan. 24 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

were a favorite.

As the quilts begin to take shape, a life story has been expressed in a tangible way.

It becomes a healing process. That is the recurrent message from all the survivors as they piece together their quilts. They are determined to move forward and want to make something meaningful and beautiful to honor their loved one.

The day the quilts are completed is a day of "victory."

These quilts are not packed into a cedar box. They are used, survivors wrap up in it like a hug from their loved one.

What makes this group special is we are able to take a piece of our journey and make something beautiful.

FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

Blended Retirement System 101

Date/Time: Feb. 13, 9-10 a.m.
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797
Review the new features and concepts of the Blended Retirement System. The BRS takes effect Jan. 1, 2018. To register, call 221-2705.

Interview, dress for success

Date/Time: Feb. 15, 9-11 a.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 2797
Participants review interviewing skills, wardrobe attire, salary negotiation and networking techniques. To register, call 221-2418.

EFMP: What Does It Mean to Me?

Date/Time: Feb. 16, 1-3 p.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 2797
Explore the three pillars of the Exceptional Family Member Program, medical system, human resources and family support. To register, call 221-2705.

Newcomers' orientation

Date/Time: Feb. 17, 8 a.m. to noon
Location: M&FRC, building 2797
A mandatory in-processing briefing for all newly assigned military and civilian personnel. Patrons must be seated by 7:50 a.m.; service members must coordinate with their Unit Personnel. Local supporting agencies will be on-site for the Spouse Information Fair at 10:30 a.m. Call 221-2705 for more information.

Hiring Heroes career fair

Date/Time: March 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Sam Houston Community Center, 1395 Chaffee Road
Career opportunities for wounded, ill, injured and transitioning service members, veterans, military spouses and primary caregivers. Talk with Department of Defense and other federal agencies and private sector recruiters about opportunities in civilian career fields. For more information, call 571-372-2123.

Trails & Tales guided tour

Date/Time: Feb. 24, 8-11 a.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 2797
Learn about old and new structures that share a rich history dating back more than 150 years. Due to limited seating, registration required. Call 221-2705.

Joint Spouses' Forum

Date/Time: Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to noon
Location: M&FRC, building 2797
Open to all FRSA's FRGs Key Spouses, Ombudsmen and family program advisers to network and discuss issues, share lessons learned and facilitate questions. Call 221-2418.

Heroes at Home financial event

Date/Time: Feb. 28, 9-11 a.m.
Location: Fort Sam Houston Theater
A free seminar with guest speaker Ellie Kay and other financial advisers. To reserve a seat, call 221-2705. Open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders, walk-ins welcome.

Command biologist helps students with competition

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A biologist with the U.S. Army Environmental Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston recently lent his expertise to students at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School who were preparing for a robotics competition.

Lucas Cooksey, U.S. Army Environmental Command wildlife biologist and natural research specialist, talked to 16 members of the school's Robotics Club in December. The fourth and fifth-graders participated in the First Lego League competition Feb. 4 at Corbett Junior High School in Schertz.

The competition included team projects on the theme of solving problems occurring in human and animal interactions. Four teams, each with four students from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, participated in the contest.

Cooksey said he enjoyed interacting with the children, listening to their team project presentations, answering any questions they had and providing technical expertise and feedback when needed.

"It was great," Cooksey said. "They were super interested and super inquisitive in the whole process. It seemed like each group had taken ownership of their project and really wanted to refine it, or were thinking outside of the box on ways to do that."

Cooksey volunteered his time with the children through the U.S. Army North Adopt-A-School program. As part of the program, volunteers with the U.S. Army Environmental Command participate in several activities with Fort Sam Houston Elementary students each year.

Laura Albasini, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School special education teacher and Robotics Club sponsor, said the teams earned points in the Lego robotics competition if they spoke to and had their project reviewed by an expert in the field they are researching.

Albasini is one of three sponsors of the club, which includes fourth-grade teacher Veronica Hellamns and first-grade teacher Amanda Hawthorne.

Besides talking to Cooksey, Albasini said the children

also got feedback from Lt. Col. Lisa Barden, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School veterinarian, and Shannon Wyatt, AMEDDC&S Health Readiness Center of Excellence health statistician, who has a background in animal physiology.

"They gave the kids really good feedback," she said. "They listened to each group present their problems and possible solutions. Each group was also given many different ways to enhance their solutions. They stressed that each group should add pictures or facts to their problems and solutions that explain why others should care too."

At the Lego robotics competition, teams were judged in three criteria: building a set with Lego animals on a board and programming a robot to perform several tasks with the Lego animals, presenting a research project on a problem involving human and animal interactions, which include current solutions to the problem and providing a different solution to the problem, and an activity that demonstrates how well the children work together



DAVID DEKUNDER

Caelyn Maddox, 10, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School student and Robotics Club member, prepares her robot for competition.

as a team.

Albasini said the children have put in many hours after school on Monday and Wednesday, when the Robotics Club meets, to work on their project and have done research

on their own time.

"These kids are very independent," Albasini said. "They do all their own research, they do all their own problem solving and they come and ask their own questions."

Navy assists Salvation Army

By Burrell Parmer

NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Recruiting America's best and brightest into naval service is not the only mission for recruiters assigned to Navy Recruiting District San Antonio. They also give back to the community in which they recruit.

Sailors assigned to Navy Recruiting Stations DeZavala, Ingram, Hollywood Park and Mercado volunteered Jan. 20 at the Salvation Army to support the Feed the Hungry Volunteer Food Distribution program.

Chief Petty Officer Owen Johnson, the division leading

chief petty officer for Division Four stated his recruiters took time out of their busy schedules to volunteer their time.

"It was important to show the community that we support those who are less fortunate than us," Johnson said. "It also demonstrates our commitment to community service."

Eighteen recruiters helped bag and package food to include unloading food trucks.

"We also carried food boxes from the site to people's vehicles," Johnson said. "This gave

us the opportunity to speak with people about their Navy and what we do as recruiters."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Lucius Stalworth, NRS Hollywood Park, who was homeless prior to joining the Navy, said volunteering at the event was a humbling experience.

"I've been in that situation before joining the Navy and it feels good to give back," said Stalworth.

NRD San Antonio is comprised 146 recruiters assigned to 33 Navy Recruiter Stations and Navy Officer Recruiting Stations located throughout 126,000 square miles of Texas territory.



CHIEF NAVY COUNSELOR OWEN JOHNSON

Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Lucius Stalworth, a recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting Station Hollywood Park, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, volunteers Jan. 20 at the Salvation Army Feed the Hungry Volunteer Food Distribution program.

LACKLAND

Last surviving Doolittle Raider shares his story

By Jeremy Gerlach

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For retired Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Cole, the last surviving member of Doolittle's Raiders, the stories he tells still flow easily at 102 years of age.

Cole, San Antonio resident, stopped by Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Feb. 1 to pre-record an interview where he discusses several of his life's tales, to include his participation in the Doolittle Raid, the framed raid aimed at attacking the capital city of Tokyo, Japan in retaliation for its surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. His interview is scheduled to be played later this year at the 75th anniversary celebration event for the 310th Space Wing, based out of Schriever Air Force Base, Colo. whose heritage dates back to the Doolittle Raiders.

While at JBSA-Lackland, Cole used the opportunity to tour the parade grounds and surrounding area and speak with visiting Col. Michael Assid from the Air Force Space Command 310th Space Wing, the modern-day successor to Cole's former unit, 310th Bombardment Group.

As many times as Cole tells the story of the Doolittle Raid, where the U.S. launched 16 B-25 Mitchells on a one-way ticket to Tokyo with just enough fuel to bomb the Japanese and make crash landings in China and the Soviet Union, he still presents the tale with a modest perspective.

"I don't think of what we did as being courageous," Cole chuckled. "I think we were just doing our jobs - and doing your job is better than level (work) - that's an easy answer."

Before he was crossing the



JOHNNY SALDIVAR

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Cole (left), last surviving member of Doolittle's Raiders, speaks with Col. Michael Assid Feb. 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Pacific, landing in China and escaping to British-held India, Cole was just a teenager making 25 cents an hour pulling targets at a local shotgun range in Dayton, Ohio.

While riding his bike home one day, Cole caught sight of his first aircraft: a B-17 Flying Fortress heading to nearby McCook Army Airfield, Neb. After learning more about aircraft engines and maintenance, Cole fell in love with aviation and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940. After completing basic training, he was commissioned as a pilot in July 1941, just five months before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

After the attack, the race was on for the United States to develop a plan for retaliation.

"We were on leave in California at the Hollywood Hotel, but (the Army) snatched us up," Cole recalled. "We had to put together those planes as fast as we could."

That's when Cole met Doolittle, the architect of the planned raid on Tokyo. Cole ended up as Doolittle's co-pilot, taking flight in the lead plane off the

they managed to hitch rides back to American forces.

Cole continued to fight in several other air campaigns in Southeast Asia and North Africa during the war, but none ended up being as famous as his raid over Tokyo, for which he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. Doolittle, commander of the raid, earned the Medal of Honor.

While Cole's involvement in the Doolittle Raid didn't serve a major strategic purpose, it certainly served a psychological one.

"There was a sense of accomplishment to what we did," Cole explained. "It gave the Japanese the idea that we were going to be knocking on the door again ... and it evened up the score (after Pearl Harbor)."

Cole's daughter, Linda, said her father is typically booked for speaking events each month, and doesn't plan on

slowing down.

"General Doolittle was such a good leader ... so dad does this in honor of General Doolittle," Cole said "Since dad is the last Doolittle Raider, it's all left on dad's shoulders to tell the story (of the raid) now."

After listening to Cole's story, Assid said he was grateful to meet Cole in person.

"The Doolittle Raiders were heroes," Assid said. "Now that Cole is the last one left, it's an honor to hear his story... and it's great that he's still telling it."

Those interested in reading about more of Cole's stories can pick up a copy of his book, called "Dick Cole's War: Doolittle Raider, Hump Pilot, Air Commando," online or at local bookstores.

Proceeds from the book go toward a memorial fund for General Doolittle and the raiders.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO

From left to right April 18, 1942, just before takeoff for the raid on Tokyo: (front row) Lt. Col. James "Jimmy" Doolittle, pilot; Lt. Richard E. Cole, co-pilot; (back row) Lt. Henry A. Potter, navigator; Staff Sgt. Fred A. Braemer, bombardier; Staff Sgt. Paul J. Leonard, flight engineer/gunner.

USS Hornet, one of two aircraft carriers assigned to the hit-and-run mission.

Cole still has a high opinion of Doolittle's flying skills, even to this day.

"Doolittle was the golden boy, even before (contemporary pilot) Charles Lindbergh, as far as I am concerned," said Cole, grinning.

Doolittle, like Cole, had been a test pilot for some of the latest and greatest craft the U.S. Army Air Corps was developing at the time. But for Cole - along with the 79 other personnel assigned to the mission - strapping into a B-25 was a noted difference from his previous experience with less advanced craft like his first love, the B-17.

"It was like going from a model-T to a Ford Mustang," Cole said.

Cole's ride across Asia wasn't quite as luxurious. Rather than crash landing in China, his plane ended up short on fuel, forcing the crew to bail out with parachutes. After landing in a tree and sleeping there for a night, the crew regrouped and headed west to British-held India, where

National Children's Dental Health Month observed

By Maj. (Dr.) Casey Slack
59TH DENTAL SQUADRON

February marks the American Dental Association's 36th annual National Children's Dental Health Month. Dental professionals across the nation are coming together to promote oral health to our nation's youth. Members of the dental community are also reaching out and educating teachers and parents on the importance of establishing good oral habits and hygiene.

The ADA recommends all children receive their first dental exam by their first birthday. In addition to looking at your child's teeth, the dentist will also evaluate cheeks, gums and tongue among other structures.

Your child may have only a few teeth by his first birthday and that's OK. The first visit gets children familiar and comfortable with a dental office while giving parents important information regarding their child's teeth and oral hygiene.

Do you have a difficult time brushing your child's teeth? Join the club! Dentists will be more than happy to share their knowledge with you.

First, start early! Par-

ents should start brushing their child's teeth as soon as the first tooth erupts. By doing so, your child will become familiar with the toothbrush and more readily accept the routine. You can use a children's toothbrush or a soft wet towel for infants. Some young children like holding their own toothbrush while their parents work inside with another.

By age 7, most children have developed the manual dexterity to brush their own teeth. However, that does not mean they will do a great job of brushing yet. Parents should supervise and help with the back teeth. Mom and dad are still in charge.

No matter who is doing the brushing, try to make it fun! Sing a song while you brush, or buy a toothbrush with your child's favorite cartoon character on it. Some young ones enjoy timing themselves while they brush.

Children younger than 3 will only need a small smear of toothpaste on their toothbrush. A pea-sized amount of fluoridated toothpaste is recommended for children older than 3. Brush your child's teeth twice a day. This will help prevent dental plaque and tartar from growing.

While fluoridated toothpaste is beneficial to oral health, if swallowed in large quantities it can be harmful to young children. Keep all toothpaste safely out of reach, especially if it tastes good.

While hygiene is important to the prevention of dental decay, so is your child's diet. Snacking should be healthy. Replace refined sugar and simple carbohydrates with whole grains, fruits and cheeses.

Furthermore, never put babies to bed with a bottle of milk or juice. Frequent sipping on any sugary or nonwater substance can quickly lead to cavities. This includes juices, sports drinks, sodas and teas. Water is always the best beverage choice.



STAFF SGT. KEVIN IINUMA

Staff Sgt. Soohwa Ono (from left) and Senior Airman Vanessa Rivas, both 59th Dental Group dental technicians, and Capt. Daniel Chartrand, 59th DG dentist, promote pediatric oral hygiene Feb. 2 at the Kelly Field Child Development Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

For a limited number of pediatric patients 12 and younger, the Dunn Dental Clinic offers walk-in screenings every second Tuesday of the month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, please call 210-671-9836.

To help promote the benefits of good oral health, the 59th Dental Group is sponsoring outreach events at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Elementary School and the child development centers in February. Both

59th Medical Wing dental clinics at JBSA also will be providing free preventive dental services for uninsured military children during "Give Kids a Smile Day" events. For more information, visit 59mdw.af.mil.

Texas ANG member helps revive boy at pool

By Tech. Sgt. Mindy Bloem
149TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The lifeless little body lay on a hot pool deck. His eyes were bulging and partially rolled back in his head. His face was blue, his body grayish and bloated. He was not breathing.

Maj. Eric Hoopes, 149th Fighter Wing's Detachment 1 commander, remembers leaning over the side of the pool and looking down at the boy. He began slapping the boy's motionless feet and counting compressions aloud for the women who had gotten to work performing resuscitation techniques.

"A thought crossed my mind: What if we can't save him?" he remembered thinking fleetingly. "But I had to block out that thought. There was no giving up on this boy until help arrived."

The women placed the child on the side deck of the pool and began life-saving measures.

"I'm really grateful for my military training, which I think helped me keep a cool head," Hoopes said. "We are taught to step up and do what it takes to get things done."

Hoopes counted out compressions

for the women and began rallying the crowd into action. He told his wife, Tara, to call 911. He directed bystanders to get buckets of water to dump onto the hot deck where the boy was lying.

"The deck was about 150 degrees, so this boy was just cooking," he said, remembering the details of the day. "I also had people stand over him to provide shade."

Hoopes' main goal was to direct the crowd and coach the women so they could focus on their resuscitation efforts, he said.

After little more than a minute, the boy's hand twitched. Then he vomited and took his first breath.

"It wasn't a big deep breath like you might think," Hoopes said. "It was a shallow breath then he let out a moan and we knew we were getting him back. Once we started seeing his vital signs return, the pace at which his body warmed up shocked me."

Hoopes then expected to see a panicked relative nearby, but to his surprise that didn't happen.

As it turned out, a family reunion had been taking place next to the pavilion by the pool, and the little boy had

sneaked out to the pool with his young cousin.

According to Hoopes, the great-grandmother and some other relatives arrived on the scene after the boy had been revived.

The boy was airlifted to a hospital in Austin, where he made a full recovery.

Hoopes and the women integral to saving the boy's life hugged, high-fived and thanked each other for the teamwork.

For Hoopes, that day left an indelible impression on him.

"It's an experience I'll never forget" Hoopes said. "It's an experience I hope to never repeat. But it could've turned out so differently. And it has changed our perspective and brought us closer together as a family."

Because of problem-solving training that he and his wife hope to impart on his sons, he was grateful his boys had witnessed the whole thing.

"I want my boys to understand the importance of looking out for each other," he said. "We all need to be more aware and I just want to share this story. I witnessed a miracle and I won't ever forget it."



TECH. SGT. MINDY BLOEM

Maj. Eric Hoopes, 149th Fighter Wing's Detachment 1 commander, Texas Air National Guard, counts compressions during a basic life support class Nov. 30 at the 149th Medical Group at Joint Base San Antonio.

ISR, Cyber coordinate capabilities for maximum effect at Red Flag

By Lori A. Bultman
25TH AIR FORCE

Created in 1975, Red Flag was established by Gen. Robert J. Dixon, then-commander of Tactical Air Command, to more realistically train forces for combat.

This year's first Red Flag, 17-1, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, has today's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance warriors thinking about the many kinetic, or traditional weapon, and non-kinetic, information warfare, effects they can produce in battle scenarios.

When training for war, in addition to the physical effects from bullets and bombs, there can also be battle damage involving technology that is not so evident, said Lt. Col. Neal,

25th Air Force operations division chief.

Rather than thinking about war from a domain-centric perspective, future battles will be fought with combined effects, said Col. Robert "Chipper" Cole, Air Forces Cyber Forward director.

"In the past, the non-kinetic effects were not fully integrated into the kinetic fight," Cole said.

Now, Red Flag is integrating unseen effects into multi-domain operations to include kinetic, cyber, ISR and electronic warfare, Cole said.

"This integration in an exercise environment allows our planners and warfighters to understand how to best integrate these, learn their capabilities and limitations, and

become ready to use [these combined resources for maximum] effect against our adversaries," he said.

"For example, think about the movie Blackhawk Down. As the U.S. task force was moving from the air base to Mogadishu, there were a number of spotters that alerted enemy forces," Cole said.

Consider if cyber was used to coordinate contact with the spotters and tell them to walk away or be targeted, he added.

A key component for coordinating all the different silent effects during battle is the non-kinetic duty officer.

"We are bringing non-kinetic duty officers into the fight," said Neal. "These experts in ISR and cyber warfare are the newest weapons in our com-



STAFF SGT. NATASHA STANNARD

Maintainers from the 419th and 388th Fighter Wings conduct preflight checks on an F-35A Lightning II from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, during Red Flag 17-1 Jan. 24 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

mand and control arsenal."

Twenty-Fifth Air Force kick started the Numbered Air Force non-kinetic duty officer initiative with the development of a five-day Red Flag NKDO course in preparation for Red Flag 17-1.

A typical Red Flag exercise

involves a wide variety of aircraft, as well as ground-based command and control, space and cyber forces. It has expanded in recent years to include all spectrums of warfare, including command, control, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare.



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Barrett Cain III, 433rd Security Forces Squadron, greets his wife, Krystal and his son, Cain IV, upon his return from deployment Jan. 19 at the San Antonio International Airport. Thirteen Citizen Airmen returned from a six-month deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

433rd SFS Airmen return from deployment

By 433rd Airlift Wing

Thirteen Airmen from the 433rd Security Forces Squadron returned from Southwest Asia Jan. 19.

The Airmen deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. While deployed, the Alamo Wing Airmen were responsible for providing integrated defense, emergency response, and combat support for the

base, which houses military and host-nation tenant agencies.

The Airmen were greeted with a warm welcome from their families and fellow Airmen. The 433rd AW is an Air Force Reserve unit with approximately 2,500 members. The wing headquarters and its 21 subordinate units are tenants here.

The Airmen will have time to reintegrate with their families.

LACKLAND BRIEFS

Luke Boulevard lanes closed

Traffic on Luke Blvd. has been reduced to one lane in each direction between Kenly Avenue and Bong Avenue. These closures and an increase in traffic are expected through February.

Blood donations needed

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Blood Donation center, located at 2430 Ladd St., is always in need of blood, plasma and platelet donors. All JBSA members are eligible to become donors, pending a screening at the center. The center is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 292-8100 for more information.

Tax center open

Location: building 6629 on the corner of Hughes Avenue and Gentile Street.
The JBSA-Lackland Tax Center is open Monday-Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Military members O-2 and E-6 and below, their dependents and retirees with less than 65K in income are eligible for services at the center. Call 671-1001 to schedule an appointment.

Sports registration

Date/Time: Feb. 1-28
Youth ages 5-18 can register for T-ball, baseball and softball Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. The cost is \$50 per participant. Current physical and immunization records, to include flu vaccination, are required. Practice begins in March.

Multimedia camp

Date/Time: March 13-17, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Register: Feb. 1-27
A camp for youth ages 9 to 13 will explore various forms of media. The cost is \$130 per participant and lunch is included. All required paperwork to include current shot records with flu vaccination must be on file prior to registration. Register

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call 671-2388 for more details.

Teen college tours

Date/Time: March 13-17, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Registration: Feb. 1-27
Teens, ages 13-18, can sign up for college tours during spring break. The cost is \$25 per participant per day. Specific campuses and dates to be announced. Lunch is not included in the cost. All required paperwork to include current shot records with flu vaccination must be on file prior to registration. Call 671-2388 for more details.

Valentine's Day paintball

Date/Time: Feb. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: JBSA-Lackland paintball field
Admission is \$36 per couple or \$20 for stag. Cost includes one bag of 500 rounds per player, paintball gun rental, compressed air refills, face mask rental and one box of chocolates per couple (while supplies last). Participants must be age 10 or older. For more information, call 925-5533 or 925-5532.

Couple's Valentine tournament

Date/Time: Feb. 12, 8 a.m.
Location: Gateway Hills golf course
Partner up with your valentine for a couple's scramble. The cost is \$60 per couple and includes green fee, cart, prizes, food and beverages. To register by Feb. 10, call 671-3466.

Spring break camp

Registration: Feb. 13-March 1
Date/Time: March 13-17, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
This camp is open to youths in K-sixth grades, ages 5-12 years. To register, visit MilitaryChildCare.com. Fees are based on family income and all required paperwork to include current shot records with flu vaccination must be on file at the Youth Center. Call 671-2388 for more details.

RANDOLPH

Officials celebrate T-38C mod completion

By Richard Essary

75TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force program officials are celebrating the recent completion of two major modifications to the T-38C Talon.

Technicians from the 575th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph modified the last of 446 Air Force and 10 Navy T-38Cs with a video data transfer system and speed brake indicator switch in December.

The \$50 million program upgraded the aircraft's video recording capabilities and added a new speed brake position indicator.

"Service life extension programs and modifications are essential for aging aircraft like the T-38 in order to meet current and future mission needs," said Angela Micheal, Mature and



SENIOR AIRMAN STORMY ARCHER

The first completed T-38 Talon from the PACER Classic III program was unveiled July 31, 2015, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Proven Aircraft Division Chief/T-38 System program manager. "These modifications will ensure continued suitable, safe and effective operation of the T-38 fleet."

The VDTS modification was

implemented as a result of a video tape recorder diminishing manufacturing source issue, Micheal said. This system is important for pilot training as it records flight and cockpit data used to debrief student pilots

after training flights.

The SBIS modification added a visual indicator of the speed brake position on the heads-up display that will provide pilots the ability to check the aircraft's speed brake position during flight.

In addition to the VDTS/SBIS modifications, other T-38 modification programs currently underway include the PACER Classic III program, which replaces fatigued structural components on the aircraft; and the Avionics Component Integration Program, which provides avionics upgrades such as ADS-B and component redesigns to address aircraft obsolescence.

The T-38, which entered the Air Force in 1961, is primarily used by Air Education and Training Command to train combat-ready pilots for fighter

and bomber pilot training.

Modifications are critical to sustaining Air Force training operations, Micheal said, and will keep the T-38 viable until at least 2034, when the next-generation Trainer-X is expected to reach full operational capability.

However, the 2034 AETC divestiture date simply marks a milestone for the T-38, as Air Combat Command, Air Force Global Strike Command, the U.S. Navy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Foreign Military Sales partners still plan to use the aircraft beyond that date, Micheal said.

Air Combat Command currently uses the T-38A/B models for F-22 adversary air training. Additionally, B-2 and U-2 pilots use the T-38 for companion training and currently have no plans to fill that role with another aircraft in the future.

Program prepares AF captain to search for missing WWII Airmen

By Seth Maggard

AIR FORCE CULTURE
AND LANGUAGE CENTER

An American B-24 bomber aircraft lies at the bottom of the ocean off the coast of Italy, its eight-man crew entombed among the mangled fuselage for decades. It's time to bring them home, but before that can be done, someone must communicate between the Italian government and the U.S. agency trying to find them. That's where Capt. Marco Catanese comes in.

Speaking Italian and being able to study at one of Italy's premier schools seems like it would be enough for most service members to be satis-

fied, but that is not the case with Catanese, a manpower determinants flight commander with the Air Force Manpower Analysis Agency at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

After completing training with the Language Enabled Airman Program at the Air Force Culture and Language Center, Catanese took his language skills to new depths as he assisted divers searching for missing American war veterans.

Catanese brought an affinity for learning secondary languages with him when he swore in as an Air Force officer through ROTC. LEAP seemed like the next viable

option that would help him enhance his language skills.

After selection, he completed two of the program's 48-hour synchronous online courses, known as eMentor, and capped it off with LEAP's Language Intensive Training Event and became fully immersed in Italian culture while attending Scuola Leonardo da Vinci.

"It was easy with programs like eMentor where you can schedule training around your career and other things in life," he said.

"LEAP set up a foundation for me to take all of the language and culture pieces that I had been acquiring through my travels and put it together

for something useful," he said.

With such an impressive log of language training, Catanese did not wish to let all of it go to waste.

In late 2016, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency was looking for someone to assist their members with a joint naval operation involving the Italian Coast Guard, its Carabinieri military police, and local divers in an attempt to retrieve the missing crew's remains after locating the B-24 wreckage.

Catanese, fresh from his Language Intensive Training Event in Milan, was a good candidate to fulfill this role.

After an assessment, Catanese had orders and funding

in place for him to take part in the recovery operation.

"At first, it was almost impossible to try and communicate word-for-word the entire detailed process of the underwater operation, but in time, we worked together very well," said Catanese.

Catanese's experiences, while unique, are typical in LEAP. The free Air Force language program prepares its members for real-world language assignments.

"We didn't end up recovering their remains," he said. "But I sincerely hope to be called back to try again."

To learn more about LEAP, visit the AFCLC website: culture.af.mil.

JBSA members keep traffic moving

BY 502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The traffic safety working group is joining forces with the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Readiness Group, 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron and the 502nd Air Base Wing Safety office work to keep traffic moving at Joint Base San Antonio.

“We partner with other base agencies in order to identify trends, develop and implement specific action plans, and educate the community on traffic management issues,” said Senior Master Sgt. George Bibb, 502nd Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent.

These offices manage 100,000 employees and their families, more than 35,000 acres and 300 miles of roadways. They also manage traffic violations, accidents and injuries.

“Speeding is identified by utilizing radar or laser speed measuring devices,” said Bibb. “The locations security forces monitor may be specifically directed or chosen by individu-



JOEL MARTINEZ

Marcelo Aguillon, 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group police officer, uses speed laser equipment to record vehicle speeds at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

al officers.”

At any given time, there are at least 24 patrols across the base, ensuring roads, property and personnel are safe and

accounted for.

Master Sgt. Frederick Williams, 902nd Security Forces and Logistics Readiness Group operations NCO in charge, said

they utilize trend analysis to conduct speed management.

“To conduct speed management we target areas that show repeating offenses being committed and we also receive adequate feedback from the JBSA population who report speeding or parking violations,” he said.

Williams said as of 2016 there were over 3,000 speeding citations issued and this number has increased with additional radar certifications.

The average timespan of an individual receiving another speeding citation is about three-and-a-half years, Williams added.

“It’s not often violators receive multiple speeding citations.”

There were also 661 minor accidents reported during 2016 as well as 39 that involved serious injuries, which is comparable to 2015 figures.

Individuals who would like more information can call security forces at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 221-2222; JBSA-Lackland, 671-1272; or JBSA-Randolph, 652-5700.

RANDOLPH BRIEFS

U.S.A.F.A. gymnastics

Date/Time: Feb. 11/12:40 p.m.
Location: Mission Concepción Sports Complex (714 E. Theo Ave.)
The U.S. Air Force Academy men’s gymnastics team is competing against Army West Point and the Naval Academy.

Résumé writing

Date/Time: Feb. 14/9:30-11 a.m.
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center
Review the different types of résumés and techniques for preparing a non-federal résumé. To reserve a seat, call 652-5321.

Pre-separation counseling

Date/Time: Feb. 15/noon- 4 p.m.
Location: M&FRC
Service members planning to separate or retire from federal service must attend this mandatory counseling. Appointments may be scheduled up to 24 months prior to retirement or 12 months prior to separation. This training is required prior to attending other Transitioning Assistance Program workshops. To register, call 652-5321.

Social Security & You

Date/Time: Feb. 15/10-11:30 a.m.
Location: M&FRC
Review changes to Social Security benefits and how it can affect retirement. To register, call 652-5321.

Key Spouse training

Date/Time: Feb. 16/9 a.m. to noon
Location: M&FRC
Active Key Spouses and Key Spouse mentors are required to attend a minimum of one training class every quarter. To register, call 652-5321.

A Cup of Prevention

Date/Time: Feb 22/8:30-9:30 a.m.
Location: Randolph Clinic MDOS Conference Room
Parents learn to survive the teenage years with building healthy relationships, coping strategies and more. Get a preview of “Teen Talk: In Their Shoes.” Call 652-2448 for details.

In Their Shoes

Date/Time: Feb. 22/5-6:30 p.m.
Location: JBSA-Randolph Youth Center
Teen participants learn to make choices about relationships.

Parent/teen workshop

Date/Time: Feb. 25/10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Location: JBSA-Randolph Chapel Annex
Parents and teens learn communication skills and more. Call 652-2448 to register.

Youth programs seeks coaches for upcoming season

By Robert Goetz

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio’s Youth Programs are seeking volunteer coaches for the approaching baseball season.

The coaches, who are needed for children participating in T-ball, coach-pitch baseball, softball and baseball, fill a vital need, said Adriana Holmes, JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs sports director.

“Every season, with all the turnover from permanent changes of station, we need volunteer coaches for all our sports,” she said. “They’re the ones who make our program run. They’re helping grow America’s future by having a positive influence on our children.”

Prospective coaches are required to submit an application,

which includes a criminal background check. Applications are available at all three JBSA Youth Programs facilities: JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, building 1630; JBSA-Lackland, building 8420; and JBSA-Randolph, building 585.

Coaching experience is helpful, but not necessary, as long as the coach knows the basics of the sport, Holmes said. Coaches also receive training, especially first-time coaches, who go through a certification process, she added.

“It’s not about the competition” she said. “It’s more about having fun and teaching kids the fundamentals of the sport, teamwork and sportsmanship.”

Coaches should have the ability to relate to children, said Ruben Rodriguez, JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs sports director.

“Volunteers need to have a genuine quality that puts the child first in terms of safety, making it fun and staying positive in every situation,” he said. “Children come in all shapes and sizes with different levels of athletic ability and attention span. Coaches have to encourage all of the children on their team — with lots of high-fives and compliments — and emulate all of the qualities as stated in the National Alliance for Youth Sports Coaches Code of Ethics.”

Registration began Feb. 1 for children participating in Youth Programs’ baseball season. The youth centers offer T-Ball for ages 5-6, coach-pitch baseball for ages 7-8, and baseball and softball for ages starting at 9, although softball is not offered at JBSA-Lackland at this time. Practices begin in March and

the games, typically played on Saturdays, start in April.

Youth Programs’ coaches include active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians and retired military members, Holmes said.

Domingo Ramos, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs sports director, called coaches the “backbone” of the sports program.

“We look for reliable, patient individuals who enjoy coaching and helping kids learn the sport,” he said. “It all starts with them and how well they coach the kids for their future in sports.”

For more information, call the Youth Programs office at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 221-3502 or 221-4882; JBSA-Lackland, 671-2388; or JBSA-Randolph, 652-3298.