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Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy (right), commanding general, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, is greeted by Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan (left), commanding general, U.S. Army North, and Command Sgt. Maj. Alberto Delgado (center), ARNORTH senior enlisted leader, during a visit July 17 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's historic Quadrangle.

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Army Futures Command to build on pillars ‘to ensure we can fight and win’

By David Vergun
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

“We’ll potentially be in a near-peer fight in the near future ... and it will be a difficult fight,” Lt. Gen. Paul A. Ostrowski, principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and director of the Army Acquisition Corps, said during an Association of the U.S. Army breakfast in Arlington, Virginia, July 18.

Peer competitors are already investing heavily in such things as hypersonics and electronic warfare, Ostrowski said. “We have to get after those pieces.”

To counter these threats and help the Army maintain a decisive advantage over its adversaries, the new U.S. Army Futures Command will focus its energy on three pillars that will support modernization.

Ostrowski called the first pillar “Futures and Concepts.” It is what the visionaries of the Futures and Concepts group within Futures Command will develop as they ask:

- ▶ What will the battlefield look like in 2036?
 - ▶ What are the tactics, techniques and procedures needed to win in 2036?
 - ▶ Will the current organization revolving around brigade combat teams still be relevant in 2036 or does there need to be a reorganization?
 - ▶ How will quantum computing, high-energy lasers, directed energy weapons, hypersonics, and artificial intelligence change the nature of warfare by 2036?
- While academia, science and industry will inform these visionaries, Ostrowski suggested that they also look to Hollywood. “Think about it. How many things do we have in our hands today that you saw in movies growing up?”

The second pillar is Combat Development, which is the



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ability to take those aspects of Futures and Concepts and turn them into requirements. The Army Capabilities Integration Center personnel will be involved in that.

In the past, “the way we wrote requirements was in a vacuum,” he said. “They were not informed requirements. Technology was not informing them, testing was not informing them and sustainment and logistics were not informing them. Now they are informing them.”

Ostrowski described the third pillar of Combat Systems as taking what has been learned from Futures and Concepts and turning that into experimentation, prototyping and capabilities that can be tested by Soldiers who give their feedback.

In the past, “we didn’t have Soldier touchpoints along the way to make sure we were doing the right thing,” he said, referencing user testing during all aspects of research and development. “Now we do.”

Army Futures Command, which will be headquartered in Austin, will be focusing on those three pillars for years to come, Ostrowski said.

“Futures Command is all about bringing together all the parts and pieces of the enterprise called modernization under one roof in order to get after the things that were missing all these years: agility, speed and the ability to ensure we can fight and win not only today but well into the future,” Ostrowski said.

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AF updates to AFI-36-2903, dress and personal appearance

From Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force announced a series of uniform updates to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, effective July 13.

“These changes stemmed from the 100th Air Force Uniform Board, which incorporated direct feedback from Airmen,” said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel and Services. “There are additional Uniform Board initiatives that

are ongoing and still being analyzed for consideration and implementation by senior leaders.”

The notable changes are, but not limited to:

Grooming and Appearance Standards

▶ No minimum hair length for females, but up to a maximum bulk of 3½ inches from scalp, allowing for proper wear of headgear.

▶ Females are also authorized locs, which must be lightly fused or interwoven to present a neat, professional appearance.

Dress Uniform

- ▶ All enlisted personnel may wear 3½ inch or 4-inch chevrons.
- ▶ All or some ribbons and devices may be worn on service dress uniform.
- ▶ All, some or no ribbons and devices may be worn on blue service uniform.

Outer Garments, Headgear, Rank Insignia and Accessories

- ▶ While off duty in civilian clothes, males are authorized to wear earrings on or off

installation.

- ▶ Females are authorized to wear round or square white diamond, gold, white pearl or silver earrings as a set with any uniform combination.
- ▶ Eyeglasses and sunglasses may have a small logo that can contrast with frame color or lenses. Conservative, clear, slightly tinted or photosensitive lenses are also authorized.
- ▶ Airmen may wear either a sling style backpack or two strap backpack.
- ▶ Handbags for all uniform combinations will be solid black leather or vinyl without

ornamentation with black or white stitching.

Physical Training Gear

- ▶ Short- and long-sleeved solid white, black or light gray form fitting undershirts may be worn and visible under the short-sleeved shirt.
- ▶ A balaclava (black) may now be worn with PT gear while performing physical fitness activities outdoors.

For the complete list of changes, Airmen should go to: http://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/publication/afi36-2903/afi36-2903.pdf.

Navy cites changes, updates to uniform policy

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy announced the expansion of hair styles for women along with several other uniform policy changes and updates July 11 in Naval Administrative Message 163/18.

Among the several hair style changes is the authorization for women to wear locks. The NAVADMIN provides specific and detailed regulation on how locks can be worn.

Women are also authorized to wear their hair in a single braid, French braid or single ponytail in service, working and physical training uniforms. The ponytail may extend up to 3 inches below the bottom edge of the of the shirt, jacket or coat collar. The accessory holding the ponytail must not be visible when facing forward and be consistent with the color of the hair. The hair cannot be worn below the bottom of the uniform collar where there are hazards such as rotating gear.

Women may now wear a hair bun that does not exceed or extend beyond the width of the back of the head.

Other uniform changes



PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS RAYMOND D. DIAZ III

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson (center left) and Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Robert P. Burke (center right) and Sailors assigned to the Pentagon announce new grooming standards during a live all-hands call. The event was held to answer questions from the fleet and to announce changes and updates to Navy policies.

include the approval of the Navy Optional Physical Training Uniform, or OPTU, that consists of a navy blue high performance shirt and 5-inch running shorts. The uniform is expected to be available at Navy Exchange Uniform and Customer Care Centers starting in October.

Navy is also developing a standard navy blue Physical Training Uniform, or PTU, that

will be phased into the seabag issue at Recruit Training Command in the next 12-18 months.

The Black Relax-Fit Jacket (Eisenhower Jacket) has been designated a unisex item and Sailors can wear the men's or women's jacket sizing that best suits their uniform requirements.

To allow for greater visibility female Sailors have the option

to wear identification badges on the right side above the pocket of their uniforms.

Wear testing of the improved female officer and chief Service uniform skirts and slacks will be complete this summer. Improvements include a straight line Service skirt, and redesigned khaki and white Service slacks with lower waist and reduced rise (waist to top of the inseam). These items are

expected to be available at Navy Exchange Uniform and Customer Care Centers at the end of the year.

An improved Black Leather Safety Boot (I-Boot 4) for optional wear with all Navy working uniforms and coveralls will be for sale at designated fleet concentration locations beginning this October. The boots were selected based on Sailor feedback and the 2017 Navy Boot Study.

New uniform policies are the result of fleet feedback and the ongoing efforts to improve Navy uniforms, uniform policies and Sailor appearance.

The Navy Uniform mobile app will be updated in late July. The update will include all of Navy Uniform regulation illustrations, policies and NAVADMINS. The expanded uniform app's goal is to provide one-stop uniform policy access and ability to submit uniform questions links to Navy Exchange online uniform sales via the app.

For complete information on uniform policy, details, guidance and where to direct questions, see NAVADMIN 163/18 at www.npc.navy.mil.

Parent & Child: Read those online privacy policies

By Mieke VanderBorgh

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You know that as a parent, you are in charge of safeguarding your children's online privacy. And you know that an important part of that is to read the privacy policies of apps and websites you and your children use.

Wait, what? You mean read those long policies with all the fine print and complicated legal language? Who can understand those things?

Theoretically, as part of the newly adopted General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR, privacy policies should be getting a bit more reader-friendly. But no matter how clearly written a privacy policy is, the things you should be looking for don't change.

What information or data will be collected? What does the service want to know about you? Will the service be



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collecting you or your child's name, date of birth, email address, location, credit card number, Internet habits, or pictures? Why does it want to collect this data and how is it relevant to the service? Does it have to collect this information for you to be able to use the service? Is the information aggregate (as part of group data), or is it individual? Does it collect the data once or on an ongoing basis?

Are there any particular protections for handling data from children? Does the service have age limits or require parental consent? Look at the service itself. Does it allow for avatars versus pictures? Are there ways for children to unknowingly share personal information while using the service?

How does the service collect the information? Do I (or my child) choose to provide it upon registering? Does the service track my usage and habits automatically? Does it use cookies?

How will the information be used? Does the information stay within the service or does it get sent to others? If it gets shared, with whom is it shared? Marketers? Government and law enforcement? Can I opt out of anything? Will my

information be used to try to sell me things?

How and for how long will the information be stored? Does my information get purged at some point? Do I have a right to request that the service deletes my information at any time?

How is the information protected? Do they have secure ways to make sure my information isn't susceptible to hackers?

How can you contact the company? If I have questions or concerns about privacy issues is there a way to contact the company? Can I request that the company correct or update my information? If so, is there a cost to doing so?

There are ways for tech companies to collect and track data on every move of today's digital natives (a.k.a., kids who are born into today's digital world), from their first breath to their every development. Our job as 21st century parents becomes ever more difficult as we need to make thoughtful and purposeful decisions about how to manage our children's digital lives.

Rather than letting digital media the power to manage your family's life, carefully reading privacy policies is yet another important step toward taking control and taking charge.

Eligible veterans entitled to seek refund for taxed disability severance payment

By Lisa Ferdinando
DOD NEWS SERVICE

The Department of Defense has identified more than 130,000 veterans who may be eligible for a refund for taxes paid on their disability severance payment, a DOD tax expert said.

Army Lt. Col. David Dulaney, the executive director for the Armed Forces Tax Council, said the department began mailing notices to veterans July 9.

The deadline to file for the refund is one year from the date of the Defense Department notice, or three years after the due date for filing the original return for the year the disability severance payment was made, or two years after the tax was paid for the year the disability severance payment was made, according to the IRS.

Affected veterans can submit a claim based on their actual disability severance payment by submitting to the IRS a completed Form 1040X, the

Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Dulaney said.

The IRS also has approved a simplified method for obtaining the refund, in which veterans can claim the standard refund amount on Form 1040X based on when they received the disability severance payment. Those standard refund amounts are \$1,750 for tax years 1991 to 2005, \$2,400 for tax years 2006 to 2010 and \$3,200 for tax

years 2011 to 2016.

Dulaney pointed out the disability severance payment is not taxable or subject to federal income tax withholding for a veteran meeting either of these criteria:

▶▶ The veteran has a combat-related injury or illness as determined by his or her military service at separation that resulted directly from armed conflict; took place while the member was

engaged in extra-hazardous service; took place under conditions simulating war, including training exercises such as maneuvers; or was caused by an instrumentality of war.

▶▶ The veteran is receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs or has received notification from VA approving such compensation.

Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016

However, many of the veterans had taxes withheld, Dulaney said. The Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016 remedies that, he said. The act directed the secretary of defense to identify disability severance payments paid after Jan. 17, 1991, that were included as taxable income.

Even if a veteran did not receive a letter from the Defense Department, the individual may still be eligible for a refund. Dulaney recommends visiting the IRS website and searching “combat injured veterans” for further information.

Estates or surviving spouses can file a claim on behalf of a veteran who is now deceased, the IRS explains on its website.

24th Air Force joins Air Combat Command, welcomes new commander

By Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann
AIR FORCES CYBER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Twenty Fourth Air Force was reassigned to a new major command and welcomed a new commander during a ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland July 17.

During the ceremony, 24th Air Force moved from Air Force Space Command to Air Combat Command. Gens. Jay Raymond, AFSPC commander,

and Mike Holmes, ACC commander, presided over the ceremony.

The move was directed to realign the 24th Air Force cyber operations and 25th Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions under the same command; all to “drive faster decisions as we fight,” said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, in a June 7 statement.

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Gen. Mike Holmes, commander of Air Combat Command, presents the 24th Air Force guidon to Maj. Gen. Robert Skinner, who assumed command of the 24th Air Force during a ceremony July 17 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

502nd SFG welcomes new leader

By Senior Airman Gwendalyn Smith
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Col. Jeffrey Carter took command of the 502nd Security Forces Group during a ceremony July 18 in front of the Taj Mahal, building 100, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Carter accepted the unit's guidon from Brig. Gen. Laura Lenderman, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander, and assumed command of the 502nd SFG from Col. Thomas Miner, who was the unit's commander for two years.

For the past year, Carter has been the National Command System Operations deputy division chief at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., overseeing the decision-making, force management, and survivable connectivity needs of the president, the secretary of defense, the chairman of the joint chiefs, and global and regional warfighters. He has served for 23 years in the Air Force with six years of aircraft maintenance and 17 years of security forces experience.

During his remarks, Carter said he looked forward to taking command of the 502nd SFG, and recognized the leadership of Miner.

“To the men and women of the Security Forces Group, I'm humbled to be here and be a part of this fine organization,” Carter said. “I'm absolutely amazed at everything you've accomplished under the leadership of Col. Miner. I can't wait to be a part of



JOEL MARTINEZ

Brig. Gen. Laura Lenderman (left), 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, passes the 502nd Security Forces Group guidon to Col. Jeffrey Carter (right), who took over command from Col. Thomas Miner in a change of command ceremony July 18 at JBSA-Randolph.

what the next two years hold. We have an unbelievable responsibility to the communities we serve, and there's no other group in the United States Air Force I would rather be a part of, other than this one.”

He thanked military members, friends and his family who have supported him during his Air Force career, and especially his wife.

Carter directed his closing comments to Col. Miner and his family, and 502nd Security Forces Group members.

“Tommy, thank you and your family, for turning over such a high performing

group,” Carter said. “You led with grace and style here, and I have really big shoes to fill. I'm grateful for the chance to lead this fine group, and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you in the coming days.”

Before relinquishing command to Carter, Miner praised the members of the 502nd SFG, for supporting him and his family throughout his command.

“Together, the men and women of the 502nd SFG have accomplished extraordinary achievements,” Miner said. “It is the hard work, professionalism, dedication and sacrifice

of these amazing men and women and their families that make these missions happen. This team made complex challenges a reality every day.”

Lenderman said Miner provided outstanding leadership during a period of reorganization for the 502nd SFG. “Leading this group has been a huge responsibility, and Col. Miner absolutely knocked it out of the park,” Lenderman said.

Speaking directly to Miner, Lenderman said, “Tommy, the men and women under your command consistently raised the bar and exceeded expectations every day, and in every way. You and your team performed brilliantly. Your commitment to excellence and your love for those around you is palpable.

“You pour your heart and soul into every mission and into every Airman. From spending time with families who are grieving, to helping our civil engineering troops fix a broken water main, and dropping into various work centers to spend time with your teammates, you make everyone feel important. You're a game changer, and you're leaving JBSA a better place.”

The 502nd SFG consists of three squadrons and 950 members that includes security forces, logistics readiness and trainer development. The unit supports more than 145,000 personnel at 11 JBSA locations, the largest joint base in the Department of Defense, and provides full-size mock-up trainers for organizations across the Department of Defense and worldwide, for enhanced combat readiness.

Preparing for travel can prevent illness

**From Military Health System
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Whether snorkeling, hiking, or exploring a new place, travelers should know how to stay safe and healthy while away from home. Properly preparing for a trip can help reduce health risks.

“One might argue that the only thing worse than getting sick is getting sick when away from home,” said Dr. Margaret Ryan, a preventive medicine physician and director of Immunization Health Branch’s Pacific Region vaccine safety hub at Naval Medical Center San Diego. “Travelers are wise to take any precautions that are available to avoid infectious disease hazards.”

Ryan recommends travelers be proactive about their travel

medicine needs and prepare for their trip in advance. This includes learning about the health risks associated with the destination and checking with their doctor to make sure they’re in good health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends seeing a provider four to six weeks before departure.

It’s important for travelers to have recommended vaccinations, including flu shots, before leaving home, said Ryan. According to the CDC, people traveling to countries in the Southern Hemisphere — such as Australia — between June and October should get the flu vaccine since flu activity would be at its peak.

Some vaccines, such as typhoid and hepatitis A, are recommended for travel in general, while others may be

required by certain countries before someone is allowed to enter or exit, Ryan noted.

For example, the yellow fever vaccine is needed to enter some African countries, and the polio vaccine is required before you depart some countries that have had cases of that disease, she said.

“Risk for exposure to measles, mumps, and rubella outside of the United States can be high, putting travelers without these vaccinations at increased risk, especially in countries with low vaccination rates and recurring regional outbreaks,” Ryan said.

Ryan also recommends that travelers take precautions with food and water, and take steps to prevent mosquito and insect bites. Using insect repellent and wearing proper clothing in areas with a high risk for mosquito-borne illnesses can

reduce the risk of infection.

Washing hands often with soap and water is another precautionary measure. The CDC also recommends travelers be aware of food precautions and drink only bottled water or water that has been boiled.

Because such things as scuba diving and visiting high altitudes can affect a traveler’s health and medication needs, Laurie Duran, a nurse practitioner at Naval Medical Center San Diego, recommends that during their pre-travel doctor’s appointment, travelers provide itinerary details, including destinations, anticipated activities, travel dates, accommodations, and mode of travel.

“It is helpful for health care providers to have visibility of travelers’ medical history, including their underlying

conditions, allergies, and medications, as well as complete immunization records,” Duran added.

The CDC’s survival guide for travelers (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/survival-guide>) provides health and safety tips, global health notices, and information on specific diseases to watch out for. Planning ahead can help travelers properly prepare. It’s also important to know what your health plan covers when traveling internationally.

The TRICARE website has information about international coverage, including what beneficiaries should know before traveling. Additionally, beneficiaries can find information about the MHS Nurse Advice Line, a free, 24/7 phone service, on the MHS NAL website.

Recent courts-martial, punishment and crimes at Joint Base San Antonio

By 502nd Air Base Wing
Judge Advocate General

The Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General completed one Air Force court-martial in June.

The results of a court-martial are not final until the clemency and/or appeals process is completed.

An Airman Basic from the 383rd Training Squadron at JBSA-Lackland was tried by special court-martial June 18-22 at JBSA-Lackland. The airman was tried, by military judge alone, on a specification of wrongful use of cocaine and a specification of wrongful use of dextroamphetamine in violation of Article 12a, UCMJ, and was found not guilty.

All courts-martial are open to the public and a list of upcoming courts-martial can be found at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's website: www.afjag.af.mil/About-Us/Docket.

During May, Joint Base San Antonio Air Force and Army commanders administered 21 nonjudicial punishments actions under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the member's record.

A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the member engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

Some of the nonjudicial punishment actions that closed out during May:



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WILLFUL DERELICTION OF DUTY: An Airman First Class in technical training cheated on a lab test by pulling and removing a part from a processor unit. The member received a reduction to the grade of Airman (suspended), forfeiture of \$918 pay and a reprimand.

WILLFUL DERELICTION OF DUTY: An Airman First Class in technical training sexually harassed two Soldiers by making inappropriate comments. The member received a reduction to the grade of Airman (suspended),

forfeiture of \$428 pay and a reprimand.

LARCENY (X2): A Senior Airman stole Blu-Ray discs from the Base Exchange on two separate occasions. The member received a reduction to the grade of Airman First Class, forfeitures of \$300 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

WILLFUL DERELICTION OF DUTY & DRUNK AND DISORDERLY: An Airman First Class in technical training willfully consumed alcohol while under the age of 21 and was drunk and disorderly when medical services arrived

to give treatment. The member received a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic, forfeitures of \$819 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

WRONGFUL USE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT: An Airman First Class in technical training wrongfully used clonazepam and touched three individuals inappropriately to gratify their sexual desire. The member received a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic, forfeitures of \$819 pay per month for two months (with

one month suspended), base restriction for 30 days and a reprimand.

WILLFUL DERELICTION OF DUTY AND FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENT: An Airman in technical training violated the gender integration policy by having a member of the opposite sex in their room and made a false official statement when questioned about it by a Military Training Leader. The member received a vacation of forfeitures of \$819 pay from a previous nonjudicial punishment.

WRONGFUL USE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: An Army Master Sergeant (E-8) was found guilty of one specification of wrongful use of cocaine. The NCO had a forfeiture of \$500 pay and received a written reprimand.

DERELICTION OF DUTY: An Army Staff Sergeant (E-6) was found guilty of one specification of dereliction of duty. The Staff Sergeant received one day of extra duty.

FAILURE TO REPAIR, DISOBEYING A NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER, DERELICTION OF DUTY AND FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENT: An Army Specialist (E-4) was found guilty of three specifications of failure to repair, one

specification of disobeying a noncommissioned officer, one specification of dereliction of duty and one specification of making a false official statement. The Specialist was reduced to Private First Class (E-3), forfeited \$478 pay and had extra duty for 14 days.

FAILURE TO REPAIR: An Army Specialist was found guilty of one specification of failure to repair. The Specialist (E-4) was reduced to Private First Class (E-3), forfeited \$450, was suspended for 180 days and had extra duty for 14 days.

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Protecting homeland is military's top priority

NORAD and NORTHCOM commander visits JBSA-FSH

By Joshua Ford

U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Homeland defense is the top priority for the Department of Defense and U.S. Army North plays an important role in that no-fail mission, said the new commanding general of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command during a town hall meeting July 17 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

"The nation's number one mission is our responsibility," Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy emphasized during a town hall meeting with ARNORTH soldiers and civilians.

"Each of us has a role. And every one of you has a unique role in protecting us in the homeland," O'Shaughnessy told the crowd during the town hall event. "That's an awesome responsibility. That's a sacred responsibility. But it's a heavy responsibility."

O'Shaughnessy praised Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, ARNORTH commanding general, and ARNORTH personnel for their response to the devastating hurricane season Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico experienced in 2017.

"When we look at preparing for a conflict, we don't know when or where it might happen. But I can tell you,

Army North, there's a 100 percent chance that you will respond to something in the coming months," O'Shaughnessy said. "I don't know what it might be. Maybe it's a hurricane. Maybe it's an earthquake. Maybe it's a crisis at the national level. I don't know. But I know you all will be there right in the thick of something and that means we have to be prepared."

Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Paul McKenna, NORAD and NORTHCOM command senior enlisted leader, joined O'Shaughnessy on the visit, during which they also attended information briefings and viewed ARNORTH communications vehicles.



KAREN LLOYD

Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy (right), commanding general, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, is greeted by Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan (left), commanding general, U.S. Army North, and Command Sgt. Maj. Alberto Delgado (center), ARNORTH senior enlisted leader, during a visit July 17 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's historic Quadrangle.

Don't get bitten this summer

By Army Public Health Center Public Affairs

With the summer season in full swing, Army Public Health Center entomologists recognize the undeniable presence of mosquitoes and ticks, and emphasize the importance of being aware that their bites can transmit illnesses.

While not every mosquito or tick is infected, experts believe it is important to use protective measures to prevent bites and the potential diseases they can carry.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Clark, an entomologist and deputy chief of the Entomological Sciences Division at the APHC, stresses the importance of personal protection against bites from both ticks and mosquitoes. "The best way to ensure you don't get sick is to not get bitten," he said.

Army entomologists say protecting yourself from tick and mosquito bites while outdoors is easy.

Both Nadolny and Clark advise the

use of an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or IR3535 on exposed skin, and the use of the insecticide permethrin on clothing.

The Army issues factory-treated permethrin uniforms to Soldiers as well as insect repellents containing the compounds mentioned above for use on skin to ensure they have maximum protection while conducting operations. These repellents, permethrin aerosols, and factory-treated permethrin clothing can also be purchased online or at any outdoor sports retailer.

Mosquitoes and ticks spread diseases to people, pets and other animals through pathogens in their saliva.

As a result, prompt removal of a tick is one way to reduce risk of disease transmission, Nadolny said. This is because, for most tick-borne diseases, the tick needs to be attached for 24-48 hours to transmit pathogens.

If a tick is found attached to the skin, experts recommend removing the tick by using pointy tweezers, grabbing the tick

close to the skin and pulling it out slowly. Mosquitoes, on the other hand, can transmit diseases immediately upon biting you so bite prevention is absolutely critical, Clark said.

They also recommend doing a thorough tick check after spending time in tick habitat and putting clothes through a cycle on hot in the dryer immediately after getting home in order to kill any ticks on the clothes. This is because, unlike mosquitoes, ticks can take their time finding a nice spot to bite you.

Clark recalls times when ticks picked up on his clothing during the day were found crawling on him at night when he was working in Kenya. The ticks had crawled off his clothing and onto the bed in search of a meal.

Other efforts can be taken to reduce the chances of getting a mosquito or tick-borne disease. These efforts focus on minimizing contact with these pests. By eliminating tall grass and brush around the home, one can reduce harborage areas for ticks and mosquitoes, as well as for other animals that might carry ticks into the yard.

Minimizing areas that collect rain water like clogged gutters, trash, flower vases/pots and puddles denies breeding habitat for mosquitoes. Also, keeping doors closed and window screens in good repair will deny hungry mosquitoes access to your house.

The Army Public Health Center, Laboratory Sciences Directorate/TBDL offers a program to military personnel, their dependents and Department of Defense civilians called the DOD Human Tick Test Kit Program, where ticks which have bitten individuals can be sent for identification and disease testing.

The program is meant to serve as a "first alert" for tick-bite patients and their health care providers. In addition, Army public health personnel routinely conduct surveillance to monitor mosquito and tick populations and provide needed data to vector control personnel.

For those looking for more information, the Entomological Sciences Division at the Army Public Health Center has fact sheets, posters and videos on mosquito and tick bite prevention, among other things.



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Monthly Events

August

Aquatics

Patrons compete in a triathlon

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center for the second summer triathlon Aug. 12, 7 a.m. The triathlon can be completed as an individual or as a relay and includes a 400-meter swim, 15-mile bike and 3-mile run. The cost is \$20 per person. Registration deadline is July 5. Packet pickup begins at 5:30 a.m. on race day. For more information, call 210-221-4887.

Dive in movie night offered

Bring the family for a fun night floating in the pool and watching family friendly movies at the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Pool Tuesdays, 7:30-10 p.m. Participants need to bring their own clear colored tubes. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 10 years and younger and free for season pass holders. For more information, call 210-671-3445.

Volleyball is played Thursday nights

Join the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Pool Thursdays, 7:30-10 p.m., in the pool for pick-up water volleyball games. Balls are available at the pool. There are no referees, so please play fair and when forming teams, make sure everyone that has come to play has a chance and both sides have a mix of all ages. If there are a lot of people, the winning team stays on after each game. For more information, call 210-671-3445.

Bowling

Fall leagues begin

Sign up for a fall bowling league at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center beginning Aug. 1. Information about the different leagues and times is available at the front desk of the bowling center. For more information, call 210-671-1234.

Get ready for the fall league season and sign up for a weekly league at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center. Leagues include Sunday First Nighters, Monday Extramurals, Tuesday Ladies Early Birds, Tuesday Night Mixed Doubles, Wednesday ROWL Ladies, Wednesday Vince Best Memorial, Thursday Morning Ladies, Thursday Night Mixed, Friday Pioneer Senior League, Friday Night Mixed and Saturday Ben Friedli Youth Memorial League. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

Beat the heat with bowling

Beat the heat this summer at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Bowl nine games and get tenth free with the Frequent Bowlers punch card now through Sept. 3. Punch card holders are also entered to win prizes all summer long. For more information, call 210-221-4740.

Bowl with a DJ

Check out the cosmic bowling music and light show at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Aug. 4, 5-10 p.m., featuring a live DJ. For more information, call 210-221-4740.

Pro Am Tournament held

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center invites patrons to see the professional bowlers in action at the Pro Am Tournament Aug. 18. Members of the Storm Pro League are bowling along with the pros. For more information, call 210-671-1234.

League bowlers are welcomed back

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center welcomes back league bowlers with a special rate of \$2 per game, per person Aug. 20-24 and Aug. 27-30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

Clubs

Entertainment offered at the club

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club invites patrons to relax in the Lone Star Lounge or hang out on the patio with pool tables and big-screen televisions Fridays, 5-11 p.m. Entertainment is provided by DJ LJU Aug. 3 and 24, DJ Tony Style Aug. 10 and DJ J Rock Aug. 17. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

Bingo fun is at the club

Join the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for Bingo Extravaganza Aug. 6 and 20 with \$15,000 in total jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and Early Bird bingo at 6 p.m.

Bingo takes place at 3 p.m. every Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Play Aug. 11 and 25, 3 p.m. Come to the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club in the ballroom. Admission is free to members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Bring the children to the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for Back to School Kiddie Bingo Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children can play bingo and have a chance to win prizes. School supplies are given away while supplies last. This is a free event for the children of JBSA-Randolph club members. A complimentary buffet of chicken tenders, fries, cookies and milk is available for children up to 12 years. Gil's Pub menu available for all others.

Birthday Bingo is held Aug. 15, 7 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club. Birthday members receive one free machine and cake. This event is for Randolph Club members only and an ID card is required. For more information, call 210-652-3056.

Sky Lounge hosts live entertainment

Stop by the Sky Lounge on the second floor of the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for musical entertainment Aug. 10, 6-10 p.m. The Tobias Band performs 6:30-10 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 6-7 p.m. Admission is free for club members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

August birthdays are celebrated with a buffet

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers a complimentary buffet every month for members with birthdays in that month. Members with August birthdays are honored Aug. 15, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is free for birthday members. Cost is \$10 for members without a birthday in June, \$5 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$12 for nonmembers and \$6 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 years and younger eat for free. Coupons are not accepted. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Club offers Sunday brunch

Club members and all Department of Defense ID cardholders are invited to enjoy brunch at the historic JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$23 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, \$12 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$15 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years, and free for children 5 years and younger. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Guests fly into the Auger

Join the party at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Auger Inn for "old school" camaraderie, free light refreshments and great music Aug. 19, 5 p.m. Meet neighbors, folks from other squadrons and leadership. There is no cover to join the fun. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Community Programs

The Harlequin Theatre puts on a show

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Theatre invites guests to a showing of "California Suite" by Neil Simon Aug. 3-25. Plays are held Thursday through Saturday starting at 8 p.m. This comedy is composed of four short plays set in Suite 203 and 204 in a Beverly Hills Hotel featuring a bickering divorced couple, a man and an unconscious prostitute, a British actress and her husband in a marriage of convenience and two best friend couples on a vacation that unravels quickly into chaos. This show is sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 210-222-9694.

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Single Airmen go on adventures

All JBSA Airmen are invited to zip line through the Texas Hill Country in Helotes, Texas Aug. 4 or sky dive in Luling, Texas Aug. 11 with the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Community Center. Both events are free and transportation is provided. For more information or to register, call 210-671-3191.

Equestrian Center

Horseback riding lessons offered

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers horseback riding lessons for beginners and advance riders in both English- and Western-style riding by appointment only. Therapeutic riding lessons are also available and taught by certified instructors. Horses, saddles and tack for lessons are provided if needed. Patrons must be at least 7 years old. The cost is \$60 per hour for a private lesson, \$175 for five group lessons, \$225 for five semi-private lessons and \$250 for five private lessons. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

Trail rides are for all ages

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers trail rides for patrons 7 years and older for \$30. Departures are at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays by appointment only. No experience is required. Adults must accompany children under 13 years. Riders must be at least 4 feet, 6 inches tall and weigh no more than 200 pounds. Call to make reservations. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

Pony rides available

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers parent-led pony rides Saturdays and Sundays for patrons 6 years and younger for \$10. Adults must accompany children and availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

Fitness

Two-Person Team Biathlon encourages teamwork

Participate in the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Two-Person Team Biathlon Aug. 4, 7:30 a.m., at Eberle Park. The first team member must complete the 10-mile bike route before the second team member starts the 5K run. Open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. This event is sponsored by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

Superhero 5K run or walk held

Power up superhero powers, dust off capes and join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the Superhero 5K Fun Run or Walk Aug. 11, 7 a.m. Get dressed up and run or walk with other heroes. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 210-221-1234.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Warrior Four-Person Scramble Aug. 3, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25 for

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members and \$35 for nonmembers. The fee includes green fee, golf cart, prize money and a social after the round. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

Summer brings on Randolph Dual

Join the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course for the Summer Randolph Dual Aug. 4-5, with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is a two-person event; Saturday is a scramble and Sunday is a shamble. At the end of Saturday, a decision is made on which day the flights are based on. Lunch is served immediately after the first round Saturday. All golfers who place in this tournament receive a certificate for pro shop merchandise. Cost is \$90 for members and \$125 for nonmembers and includes green fees, cart fees, lunch on Saturday, draft beer, fountain sodas and gift cards for the placing teams. For more information, call 210-652-4653.

Golfers play with the pros

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts the Professional Golfers Association Championship Blind Draw Tournament Aug. 11, with 7-9 a.m., tee times. This is an individual, low-net, low-gross tournament. Scores are combined with a PGA pro from the PGA Championship. Entry fee is \$10 plus green fee and cart rental. For more information, call 210-652-4653.

One player scramble held

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts a one player scramble Aug. 18, with 8 a.m. tee times. The cost for this individual stroke play tournament is \$30 and includes food and prizes. Cost does not include green fee and cart rental. Players are allowed one mulligan on each hole on any shot of their choice. Marry over mulligans are not allowed. For more information, call 210-671-3466.

New golfers get golf ready

Take a lesson from a pro and get golf ready at JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course. These adult beginner classes focus on the basics including the golf swing, stance, grip, chipping, putting, driving and playing. Classes are held 5:30-7 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 20, 22, 24, 27, 29. The cost is \$150 per person with plenty of on-course experience and includes a set of clubs. For more information, call 210-671-3466.

Couples enjoy a scramble

Come enjoy an afternoon on the golf course with a friend, coworker or significant other Aug. 26, 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course for a couples' scramble. The cost is \$30 for member teams and \$50 for nonmember teams. Price includes green fee, cart, prize fund and a social after the round. To sign up, call 210-222-9386.

Information, Tickets and Travel

2018 River City Rockfest tickets available

The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has discounted tickets for the 2018 River City Rockfest, Sept. 22. Log on to www.spurs.com/lacklanditt, click on the RockFest tickets, input the work LACKLAND as the discount code and get a \$10 discount off general public pricing. VIP packages are available at ITT. Check out the Lackland ITT Facebook page for the latest updates and current line up. For more information, call 210-671-3059.

"Wicked, the Land of Oz" tickets are here

The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel offers discounted tickets for "Wicked, the Land of Oz" Sept. 26 through Oct. 14 at the Majestic Theater. Prices for the Broadway play range from \$59.50 to \$169.50 based on seating and show times. For more information, call 210-671-3059.

Cost-saver group tour to Italy offered

The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel Leisure Travel offers a trip to Rome, Florence and Venice March 9-16, 2019. Rates start at \$2,100 per person, including airfare. Additional discounts are available through the ITT. A \$200 non-refundable land only deposit per person and a \$10 service fee is required at booking. Final payment is due Jan. 4, 2019. For more information, call 210-671-7111.

Tickets for out of town attractions offered

If heading out of town, stop by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information, Tickets and Travel office for discounted tickets to attractions like Disneyland®, Universal Studios™ Hollywood, San Diego Zoo, Legoland® California, Walt Disney World®, Universal Studios™ Orlando or Legoland® Florida. For more information about pricing, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-808-1378, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3059 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-5142.

Military & Family Readiness

Employment workshop held

Review essential skills that help in gaining employment like resume writing and interviewing at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center Aug. 1, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Military Spouses invited to an Expo

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness invites military spouses to connect with over 20 JBSA organizations, learn about local resources, and upcoming community events Aug. 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 210-221-2705.

Participants discover home-buying strategies

Explore the fundamentals of the home-buying process during the Home Sweet Home: Strategies for Home Buying workshop held at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center Aug. 9, 9-11 a.m., and at the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC Aug. 20, 10-11:30 a.m. To register, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-2705 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-5321.

Leadership is listening

The Armed Forces Action Plan is an effective tool to promote change and improve the well-being of the military community. This process gives service members, retirees, reservists, Department of Defense civilians, survivors, teens and their family members an opportunity to identify critical issues and present them to senior leadership for action and resolution. It enables commanders to validate concerns and measure satisfaction, which result in changes to legislation, policies, programs and services that strengthen readiness and retention. Submit issues, concerns or ideas no later than Aug. 14 to usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil or

visit <http://go.usa.gov/x3WwA>. For more information, call 210-221-2705.

Support group for single parents offered

Long- and short-term single parents learn about resources, network with other parents and participate in open discussions Aug. 16, noon to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 210-652-5321.

Workshop explains Social Security

The JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center hosts a Social Security and You workshop Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to noon to review implemented changes to Social Security and how it may affect retirement. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Outdoor Recreation

Flea market available for buyers and sellers

The post wide Flea Market & Lincoln Housing Yard Sale allows the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military community the opportunity to sell personally owned household items Aug. 4, 8 a.m. to noon, at MacArthur Field in the parking lot at the corner of Stanley and Worth Roads. To reserve tables and chairs for the housing area, call Outdoor Recreation at 210-221-5554. For use of tables and chairs at MacArthur Parade Field, rentals are provided on site. For more information, call 210-221-5224 or 210-221-5225.

Concealed handgun license class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center offers concealed handgun license classes Aug. 11 and 23, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. To register for a class, visit <http://www.chlregistration.com>. Once on the website, select "register for class." Then select "Dan Willis-Leatherneck Arms." Class details are available online at <http://www.myjbsa-fss-mwr.com>. For more information, call 210-363-2332.

Archery takes on another dimension

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a 3-D archery competition Aug. 25-26, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is 8-10 a.m. The fun shoot registration is 8-11 a.m. Fun shoot cost is \$5 for E1-E4, active duty or medically retired, \$15 per person for all others, 13 years and older and youth, 12 years and younger, shoot for \$5. The competition fee is \$10 for E1-E4, active duty or medically retired and \$20 per person for all others, 13 years and older. For more information, call 210-295-7577.

Play paintball

Summer time is the perfect time to play paintball. The JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation's paintball field may be reserved for parties, squadron events, training days, birthdays and morale events. A group minimum of 15 people is required to reserve the field. Admission per person is \$20 and includes a paintball marker, air tank, field fees, face mask and a bag of paint, 500 rounds each, per player. For more information, call 210-925-5532.

Sunset cruises offered at the lake

Head to the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake Friday evenings in August for a sunset cruise on the lake. Cast off from the Hancock Cove Marina at 7:30 p.m. and take a scenic ride around the lake on the chartered pontoon boat. This ride lasts approximately one and a half hours. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and younger. Guests may bring drinks and snacks, but Styrofoam and glass are prohibited. Reservations are required. For more information, call 1-830-226-5357 or 1-800-280-3466.

Patrons make boat rental reservations

The JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake is now accepting reservations for boat rentals. There is a \$25 deposit fee for reservations and reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance. A valid Department of Defense ID and Boater's Safety card must be presented before the rental boat is checked out. For more information, send an email to jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com. To reserve a boat, call 830-964-3544.

The weather is great for being outdoors

The JBSA Outdoor Recreation locations have the equipment to enhance plans with sporting and camping goods for whatever plans are made. Take the family or go camping with friends with travel trailers that can sleep five to eight people. Hit the water with one of the wide array of speedboats, fishing boats and pontoon boats. For parties, barbecues and group gatherings, Outdoor Recreation has popcorn machines, chocolate fountains, champagne fountains and margarita mixers as well as sporting equipment for the more active bunch. Add more fun with bouncy castles and sumo wrestling suits. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston ODR at 210-221-5224, JBSA-Lackland ODR at 210-925-5532 and JBSA-Randolph ODR at 210-652-5142.

Youth and Children**Sports registration continues**

Register youth for JBSA-Randolph Youth Sports now through Aug. 11. Flag Football is for youth 5-18 years; cost is \$50 per child. Volleyball is for youth 9-18 years; cost is \$50. Cheerleading is for youth 5-18 years; cost is \$45. First Steps soccer is for youth 3-4 years; cost is \$35; this is a six-week introductory sport. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports invites youth to register for flag football or cheerleading beginning Aug. 1 for the fall season. Cost is \$50 for flag football and \$45 for cheer. Registration is held at the Youth Center, building 1630. A shot record and health assessment is required at the time of registration. For more information, call 210-221-5513 or 210-221-4492.

JK Rowling is celebrated

Celebrate JK Rowling's Birthday with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs now through Aug. 3, 3 p.m., with a different Harry Potter movie each day. Celebrate the wizarding world by honoring the author with cake and ice cream on Aug. 3, 4 p.m. For more information, call 210-221-3502.

Back to school bash held

JBSA Community Programs invites parents to bring their children to the Back to School Bash, Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to noon at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs, building 1630. Free school supplies are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. Parents must bring Department of Defense ID, children and backpacks to receive supplies. If children are not available to attend, parents must bring a report card and his or her DOD ID card. Contractors are not eligible for this event. For more information, call 210-652-5763.

Families are invited to Bistro Night

Dinner is served at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center Aug. 8. The night features a family game night or a family movie night after dinner. Call 210-221-4492 to make reservations. For more information, call 210-221-3502.

Parents offered a break

JBSA Youth Programs offers parents a break through the Give Parents a Break or Parents' Night Out program Aug. 11, 1-5 p.m. at JBSA-Randolph and Aug. 24, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at JBSA-Lackland. Children, 5 years, and in kindergarten, through 12 years, are provided snacks and entertained with activities and games. The cost is \$25 per child with a multiple-child discount or free with a GPAB referral. Late pickup is subject to \$5 for the first five minutes, then \$3 for every minute after that. Pre-registration and a minimum number of participants is required. For JBSA-Lackland, call 210-671-2388 to register children 5-12 years, and to register children 6 weeks to 4 years call 210-671-3675. For JBSA-Randolph, call 210-652-2088 to register children 5-12 years, and to register children 6 weeks to 4 years call 210-652-1140.

National S'mores Day is here

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs is making s'mores in celebration of National S'mores Day Aug. 10, 4 p.m. Come and toast marshmallows, smash them together with together with Hershey's chocolate and graham crackers to make a yummy treat. For more information, call 210-221-3502.

Youth play laser tag

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs invites youth, 11-13 years, to play laser tag Aug. 11. Youth depart the Youth Center at 2 p.m. and return at 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 and sign up deadline is Aug. 8. Permission slips are required and all participants must be registered with Youth Programs. For more information, call 210-221-3502.

First Steps soccer registration

Parents of all Department of Defense children, 3 to 5 years, are invited to sign up for the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs First Steps fall soccer season Aug. 13-17. Sessions begin in September. First Steps teaches the fundamentals of soccer in harmony with the gross motor movements of preschool and early school-age children. Parents are required to participate as an extension of the instructor. A current immunization record is required at the time of registration. The cost is \$35 per child and includes six weeks of one-hour instruction each week. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Youth participate for free

Celebrate recreation and summer fun and participate in the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs for free Aug. 13-18. Youth Programs has a lot of activities, programs, camps and classes to enjoy over the summer and during the school year. Stop by Youth Programs, building 585, to check out everything offered. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

Youth celebrate the end of summer

Say goodbye to summer with family games and activities at the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs End of Summer Bash Aug. 16, 1-4 p.m. This free event includes activities like face painting, arts and crafts, relay races, water games, a bouncy house and more. The event is sponsored by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 210-652-2088.

School Age Care open house held

Everyone is invited to visit JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs for the School Age Care Open House and orientation Aug. 22, 4-6 p.m. Along with the meet and greet, there is a parent workshop and a look at the upcoming opportunities for youth. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Youth skate the night away

Start the new school year off right with music, snacks and skating with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs Aug. 31, 5-7 p.m. This is a free family event and skates are provided, if needed. For more information, call 210-221-3630.

Preteens dance the night away

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs celebrates a new school year with dancing, activities, music and competitions Aug. 31, 7-9 p.m. The cost of this back to school dance is \$3. This is a members only party so membership cards must be shown. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Youth enjoy membership

Kids, 9-12 years, and teens, 13-18 years, are invited to become members of JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Come by Youth Programs, building 8420, to get an application and see what they have to offer. Membership is free. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

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Vogel Resiliency Center workshop teaches parents strategies to fight online bullying

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Parents learned about skills and strategies they can utilize in protecting their children from dangers posed by social media and online bullying at a workshop hosted by the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Vogel Resiliency Center July 16.

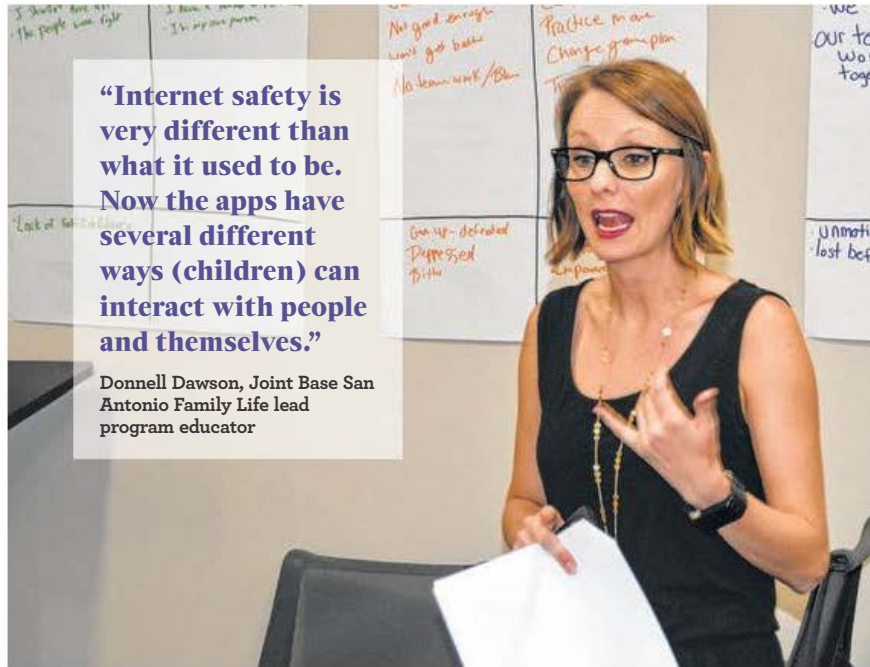
The free workshop, "Social Media Safety and Bullying," provided information and resources to JBSA parents about the risks and benefits of social media, tips and suggestions on how children can use social media safely and what online bullying is, behaviors children show when they are being bullied and how children can overcome bullying.

Donnell Dawson, JBSA Family Life lead program educator and workshop instructor, cited a Pew Research Center poll conducted in 2015 that found 91 percent of teenagers have access to the internet on a mobile device and that they averaged 30 texts a day.

Dawson said online technology is constantly changing and children are keeping up with those changes in utilizing social media.

"Things shift very quickly, especially with technology and especially with our children," she said. "They are definitely more adept at seeing those changes more quickly."

Dawson told parents strategies they can utilize to help their children protect themselves online are educating themselves about social media, taking a proactive approach by talking to their children and monitoring what they view on social media and learning how to identify high risk behaviors of children who



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Donnell Dawson, Joint Base San Antonio Family Life lead program educator, talks to parents gathered at the "Social Media Safety and Bullying" workshop held July 16 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Vogel Resiliency Center.

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are being bullied.

She handed the parents a list of 21 apps they should be aware of and went over the apps most used by children, including Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter and Snapchat, and the risks those apps pose to children.

"Internet safety is very different than what it used to be," Dawson said. "Now the apps have several different ways (children) can interact with people and themselves."

Risks to teenagers who use the apps include being followed by strangers, potential privacy issues, location tracking, mature content, private messaging and sexting, especially with Snapchat.

Dawson said parents should know the apps their children are using and adjust privacy, parental and security settings to protect their children's information and reduce the risks of it being exposed. Dawson also suggested setting time limits and boundaries on internet usage at home, adjusting app settings on what their children can download and knowing their children's passwords.

In addition, Dawson said parents need to be on the lookout for apps that can be used by children to hide photos, files and videos, including Audio Manager, which is shaped like a speaker, and Calculator%, which looks like a smartphone calculator.

Dawson said communication is important for parents in helping to keep their children safe online. She said parents need to have conversations about internet and social media safety with their children, including working with the children to come up with a plan to respond to inappropriate material online.

Parents should also warn their children to be careful on what they post online, said Dawson, noting that social media posts give perceptions about the person who is posting it to the public.

"Children have a perception, and adults do as well, as to what somebody's life is like through social media," she said. "Is what you post about

yourself actually who you are? That's what I like to challenge children and challenge parents with. Are you who you pose? Helping them see how perceptions can change interactions with photos is very important. It's a good conversation to have and good conversation starter."

Other risks and dangers that can come about using social media include cyberbullying, damaged reputations, isolation and suicide.

Dawson said cyberbullying is the most prevalent and biggest issue when it comes to social media. The side effects and behaviors of children who are bullied include helplessness, humiliation, isolation and humiliation.

Also, children who are bullied online want to deal with it on their own, could feel that no one cares for them and fear backlash if they try to do something about it.

Dawson said parents whose children are being bullied need to understand what they are experiencing by talking to them. She said parents need to empower and encourage their children to have a voice in standing up against bullying and feel confident in themselves in doing so.

Parent Geremy Chavez, a mother of three children, said it is important for parents to have a personal conversation with their children about bullying.

"Having a conversation with your kids about when I was a kid, I would get bullied," Chavez said. "When somebody is going through a hard thing, it's just letting them know they are not alone and if you could give a specific example of who or what else is happening so that they can relate to it a little bit and know, 'Well, maybe you do understand it, mom or dad.'"

LACKLAND

Candidates face trial-by-fire at Camp Bullis

By Airman 1st Class
Dillon Parker

502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) candidates must overcome roughly a year's worth of demanding training before calling themselves SERE specialists. Their trails start with the SERE Specialist Training and Orientation Course (SST-OC) at Joint Base San Antonio.

SST-OC is a 15-day course located at JBSA-Lackland, where candidates are evaluated on their physical and mental capabilities to include: basic public speaking, problem solving, leadership and teamwork. The last week of the course is spent in the field environment where candidates

are introduced to the challenges of wilderness survival while building a foundation for the rest of training.

"We spend two weeks on base introducing basic skills-sets they will need during the pipeline," said Staff Sgt. Gerame Vaden, a Det 3, 66th Training Squadron instructor. "The field is where we really get to see what they're capable of; this is our opportunity to see them put it all together."

During the field training exercise, candidates must demonstrate their ability to work as a team in establishing and maintaining camp. As individuals, candidates must make fires, build shelters, and secure food and water in a primitive environment.

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DILLON PARKER

Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) candidates prepare their equipment for inspection June 27 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

JBSA 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron wins top honor

By Mary Nell Sanchez

502ND AIR BASE WING
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2017 was a busy year for the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The team continues to play pivotal roles in carrying out the mission of JBSA-Lackland starting from the beginning of entry into the military, helping countless units operate smoothly and stepping up to assist during times of need when disaster strikes.

In 2018, the Air Force took notice, and honored the unit with the 2017 LRS Squadron of the Year award.

The squadron was key in supporting the JBSA mission by outfitting initial uniforms

to 39,000 basic military trainees and responding to over 42,000 vehicle operations requests during 2017.

They were also responsible for delivering 1.6 million passengers across Joint Base San Antonio.

With good teamwork, comes praise from leadership.

"I am proud and humbled to lead over 800 Airmen of 'America's LRS,'" said Lt. Col. Ernest "Nest" Cage, JBSA 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron commander.

During 2017, the 502nd LRS deployed 1,900 Airmen in support of nine combatant commands, coordinated 14,000 household goods shipments and 24 Army movements.

The activity didn't stop there. The squadron also

maintained more than 2,000 government vehicles in the JBSA area and managed 1,000 aircrafts.

The 502nd LRS was also ready to step in when hurricanes struck last season. They worked in partnership with FEMA to provide disaster support operations and launched more than 98 missions that provided humanitarian assistance to more than three million victims.

"No matter the challenge, no matter the time or day this team always delivers supporting Joint Base San Antonio and the Air Force with logistics expertise, unbridled passion, innovation and care for one another," Cage said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Brig. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman (left), 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, presents the "2017 Best Logistic Readiness Squadron in the Air Force" award to the oldest and youngest members of the 502nd LRS.

Readiness reform bolsters mission

By Senior Airman Keifer Bowes

59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Through the faint glow of night, a medic provides lifesaving care to a fallen teammate in Southwest Asia, doing everything in his power to stabilize the patient until the stretcher gets into a hospital.

Four months prior, that same medic couldn't have saved that life had it not been for the 59th Medical Wing's readiness transformation.

Maj. Chris Parker, 59th Medical Readiness Flight commander, and his team have reimagined the deployment process, with a streamlined process that covers going into a combat zone to participating in humanitarian aid with partner nations.

"Anxiety stemming from preparing for deployment can increase if they have a complex pathway to actually get out the door," Parker said. "We consolidated required readiness stops for our deployers. Not only does this ease their transition to the AOR, but given our massive number of overseas slots, this helps us efficiently and correctly send our people where they need to go."

Parker discovered resources were spread across the JBSA area, such as gear issue or the passport office, and were taking members an excessive amount of time to complete. Because of the sheer volume of personnel deploying, not only from the 59th but all of JBSA, members would miss critical deadlines.

"We plan ahead and order just a little more than the expected equipment needed, and keep it all in house along with standing up our own passport agency which reduced the 30 to 45 day process down to 10," Parker said. "Our discrepancies down range are less than one percent now because of how we've come to handle the process, and simultaneously saving a lot of money and time."

The team partnered with community healthcare centers to form a training partnership, ensuring medics can receive the preparation they need while civilian counterparts learn from the Defense Department's largest mobility mission Airmen.

"We've been able to save a significant amount of money by consolidating training within the San Antonio area by partnering with our civilian healthcare providers all across the city," Parker said. "We can train almost every AFSC without sending them TDY now thanks to our regional partnerships."

Parker pointed to the routine NATO partners and partnering agencies visit the 59th to integrate processes executed here and also form long-term think tank relationships for continued growth for all parties.

From a Critical Care Air Transport Team member monitoring patients 30,000 feet in the air to an optometrist healing local villagers in developing nations, the streamlined process readiness has innovated directly impacts saving the lives of those in need.

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"Getting through this course requires a lot of grit and determination," said Vaden. "We're going to expose them to uncomfortable and tough situations and they must have the drive to push through. If their heart isn't in it, they won't make it up to Fairchild [Air Force Base]."

Along with a strong will and determination, candidates need to have a good reason for selecting SERE. They will need to lean on their internal motivation when things get tough, added Vaden.

"I want to become a SERE specialist because my great grandfather was a prisoner of war in World War II," said Airman 1st Class William Hawkins, an SST-OC candidate. "That inspired me to

want to help save others who might be in that situation. I also love the outdoors so this is the perfect place for me. It has to be more than a job; it's definitely not easy but it is very rewarding."

Vaden added that the course is rewarding for the instructors, too.

"We're in the business of training our replacements," said Vaden. "We have to make sure we're at the top of our game because the guys we send out of here are the future of the career field."

Not everything in SERE revolves around survival, but that is the foundation that all USAF SERE specialists start with. SERE specialists play an integral role in personnel recovery for all branches of the military to include our partner nations. This is a small career field with a big mission and those who wear the SERE arch and beret belong to an elite brotherhood that prides itself on hard work and professionalism.

RANDOLPH

AETC sponsors first-of-its-kind summit

Air Force professionals gather for Remotely Piloted Aircraft training

By Capt. Jose Davis

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Education and Training Command officials sponsored the first Remotely Piloted Aircraft Training Summit July 10-12, at the 558th Flying Training Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The event brought together professionals from throughout the RPA community across the Air Force.

The summit was led by four different program managers representing graduate and undergraduate RPA training systems and programs and all scheduled events focused on collaboration, insights, discussions and developing solutions.

“This summit is a great opportunity for stakeholders from across the RPA enterprise to come together and explore innovative ways to improve our training,” said Lt. Col. Jason Green, chief of graduate MQ-9 training at AETC and lead organizer of the summit. “RPA pilots and sensor operators will always be in demand, so we must continue to evaluate how we train and produce these professionals.

“The RPA community continues to operate at a breakneck pace with an ever-increasing training demand,” he continued. “As the community attempts to build dwell capacity for the first time since its inception, we hope the ideas and solutions that circulate in this summit will alleviate stress in the production pipeline and provide great new training

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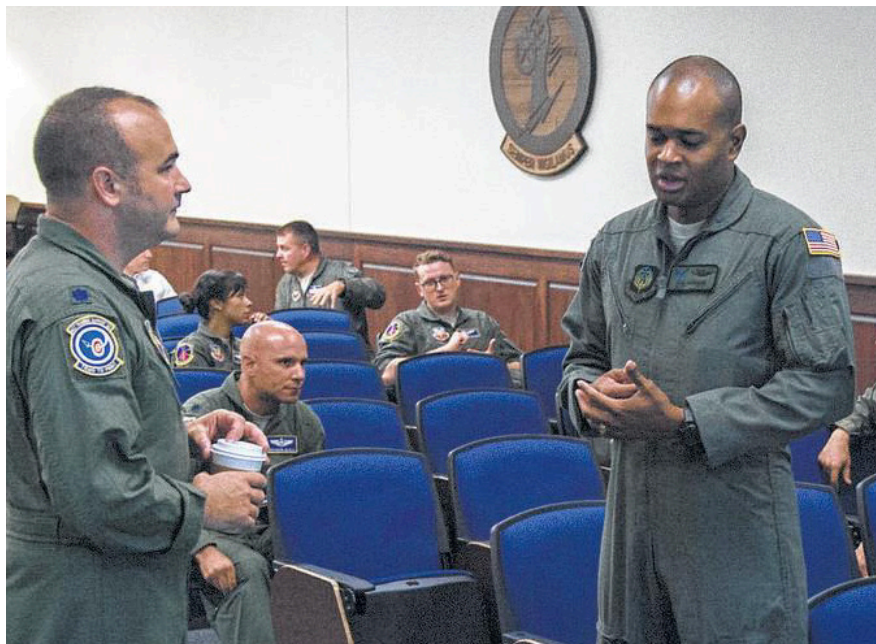
Lt. Col. Jason Green, chief of graduate MQ-9 training at AETC and lead organizer of the summit

capabilities to instructors.”

Presentations included experts from the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and AETC’s Pilot Training Next, who all shared their best practices and recommendations in application to the RPA enterprise.

Lt. Col. Robert Vicars, PTN initiative director, shared at the summit how the future in training is virtual and augmented reality — a big focus at PTN. Undergraduate and graduate RPA Training officials are also looking at how to incorporate virtual reality, augmented reality, interactive multimedia and high-fidelity part task trainers as supplementary tools into their curriculum.

“We need a ‘family’ of ground-based training systems



TECH. SGT. AVE YOUNG

Participants gather inside the Danielson auditorium for day two of the Air Education and Training Command Remotely Piloted Aircraft training enhancement summit July 11 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The 3-day summit hosted by AETC was led by four different program managers representing graduate and undergraduate RPA training systems and training programs.

to give instructors more training options,” Green said.

Discussions at the summit revolved around technology and how it can increase production of RPA pilots and sensor operators.

AETC announced efforts to double the RPA ranks with the start of the first 24-person class at the 558th FTS in 2016. The larger class size was part of ongoing initiatives announced by Air Force officials in 2015 to increase the number of career RPA pilots across the Air

Force.

Members of the 558 FTS have enacted several of those initiatives to bolster the RPA ranks, from taking on new simulators to bringing in more instructors.

Additionally, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico’s MQ-9 Formal Training Unit, the largest in the Air Force, is slated to realign under AETC later this year as part of the overall effort to improve RPA training as a whole.

“Things are changing at a

rapid pace,” said Brig. Gen. William Spangenthal, director of AETC’s A3/6 directorate during his presentation at the summit. “But are we changing at a pace to keep up? More importantly, are we providing the training and experiences for our Airmen to be successful in this dynamic, future environment? In the future, we want to be more agile and learner-centered.”

The summit concluded with stakeholders coming together and taking items for action.

New online ID card renewal process slashes wait time

The new online process replaces scheduling an appointment through the Real Time Automated Personnel Identification System

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

An ID card renewal process for military dependents and retirees that originated three years ago at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, is gaining traction in the Air Force and is already up and running at Joint Base San Antonio.

The new online process, which replaces scheduling an appointment through the Real Time Automated Personnel Identification System, also known as RAPIDS, slashes the time dependents and retirees have to wait before they receive their renewal ID cards.

“The online ID card process for renewals is the only online option at the moment, but we will be introducing more online capabilities over the next year in phases.”

1st Lt. Anne Herrmann, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Military Personnel Section chief

“By doing this online process, waiting times for dependent and retiree renewals will go from seven weeks for an appointment to seven business days,” said 1st Lt. Anne Herrmann, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Military Personnel Section chief.

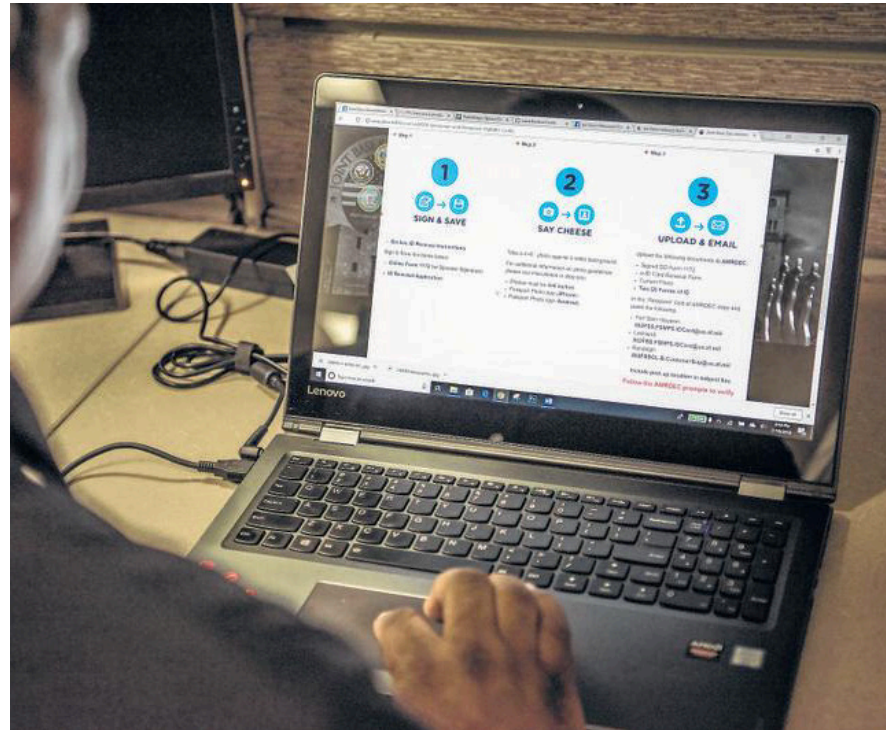
Long waiting periods for ID card appointments have been the norm in recent months because of Air Force-wide Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System computer outages, higher demand during permanent-change-of-station season and an overall greater number of customers during the summer months, Herrmann said. DEERS is the system used to process ID cards for dependents, retirees and active-duty members.

“We have been grappling with DEERS issues for most of April-June,” she said. “This has created a problem since a lot of the appointments that were made were unable to be completed during that time. The system has been functioning well for the last few weeks, but we are still experiencing a high volume of customers at this time and there is almost a seven-week wait for appointments.”

However, the new online process for dependent and retiree renewals should help the situation, Herrmann said, freeing up other appointments for active-duty members, civilian employees and contractors seeking to renew their common access cards and those who are receiving ID cards for the first time.

Patrick AFB’s online ID card process provided a blueprint for JBSA, said Fran Santiago, JBSA-Lackland MPS ID Card Section lead.

“We had many complaints about the amount of time it takes to make an appointment for an ID card, so to try to expedite the process, we looked at ways to innovate and came up with the online ID card process, based on Patrick Air Force Base’s success,” she



JET FABARA

An Air Force veteran uses the new online ID card renewal process for dependents and retirees July 19 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

said. “They did an initiative to try to reduce the amount of wait time and we piggy-backed on them, asking for information and getting pointers from them.”

Dependents and retirees can renew their ID cards online by going to the JBSA website, www.jbsa.mil, clicking on the “ID Cards Online” link on the right side of the home page and completing the three steps on the page titled “Dependent and Retiree ID Card Renewal Online.” All documents and photos are uploaded online and sent to the MPS through the website.

“We made a web page for it so it would be more convenient for our customers,” said Airman 1st Class Dillan Barker, JBSA-Lackland MPS customer

support technician. “With the new feature, they can easily go to the site and then we’ll get a notification in our in-box to create the ID card. It’s 100 percent more efficient.”

To better serve their customers, JBSA’s military and personnel sections have already expanded their hours; they are now open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and will be open the first Saturday in August for walk-in customers, with updates posted on the JBSA Facebook page, the 502nd Force Support Squadron website and JBSA Twitter accounts. In addition, each location sets aside a block of time each week for new civilian employees.

Another innovation on the horizon is the use of kiosks at

MPS locations that will enable customers to sign in online without being in the facility for all services, such as outboard assignments, passports, re-enlistments, ID cards, separations, retirements and customer service, Herrmann said.

“This kiosk will enable customers to see the current wait time for that section,” she said. “It will send them a text notification when they are next in line.”

In addition, more online options may be available in the future, Herrmann said.

“The online ID card process for renewals is the only online option at the moment, but we will be introducing more online capabilities over the next year in phases,” she said.

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“If we’re going to compete, deter and win on the international stage, we must think of every domain as coequal and interdependent,” Holmes said. “This codependence and coequality may be even more important in competition, and the transfer of 24th Air Force is a step on that path that will offer additional options for our warfighters and national leaders.”

The transfer will optimize multi-domain integration of

cyber capabilities and effects in support of Air Force core missions. The new construct will improve the Air Force’s ability to organize, train, and equip cyber forces in presentation to and support of Air Force component commanders and combatant commanders.

As part of the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Chris Weggeman also relinquished command of 24th Air Force to Maj. Gen. Robert Skinner.

During his tenure, Weggeman oversaw the achievement of full operational capability of all Air Force

Cyber Mission Force teams more than four months early, completing a major milestone for U.S. Cyber Command.

For his leadership, Raymond presented Weggeman the Distinguished Service Medal, after which Weggeman credited his success to his Airmen.

“To the Airmen of Air Forces Cyber ... thank you,” Weggeman said. “You’ve shattered my every expectation and I am so inspired and proud of who you are and what you have accomplished. You are a globally recognized, battle-tempered and proven

warfighter, maneuver and effects force. You were charged to compete, deter and win, in, through and from cyberspace, and you did.”

Weggeman is departing for ACC to become the special assistant to the commander. Skinner hails from AFSPC, where he was the deputy commander.

“Our task is to dominate the cyber domain, with trained and ready forces, and deter and defeat our enemies in any multi-domain operation,” Skinner said. “Much like our predecessors, we will continue to push the envelope with

smart, risk-taking, bold and innovative leaders at all levels continually increasing our warfighter readiness and lethality. That is the only way to ensure the success of our National Defense Strategy. I’m excited to join your team, as we provide the world’s greatest combat cyber power to fight the adversary across all domains.”

Since its Aug. 18, 2009, activation, 24th Air Force has delivered full-spectrum, global cyberspace capabilities and effects to the Air Force, joint force and nation. It is the only Numbered Air Force dedicated to cyberspace operations.