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Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta (left), 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, passes the guidon to Col. Thomas Miner, incoming 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group commander, July 21 at JBSA-Randolph.

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Win battle with yourself, begin growing

By Col. Rachel Hight

60th Surgical Operations Squadron commander
Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

How many of us feel we have untapped potential inside us? That we could be better?

Maybe we want to be better Airmen, more physically fit or improve on a personal level. We may want to strive to be kinder, less prone to anger, more forgiving or more generous.

Many of us want more from our lives and we don't know where to find that missing link to greatness.

Sometimes, we stumble onto a key that can unlock the door for us. If we're lucky, we find ourselves caught in a situation where we truly see no way out. Then we are forced to look deep inside. We are confronted with our own vulnerability and see we actually harbor the potential within us to create the life of our dreams.

That point of self-revelation is when we first have a choice to begin to fight the battle with ourselves; that first moment when we realize we could be better.

Then, we have a choice to make. "What am I going to do about it?"

Many times we reach those self-discovery moments in our darkest hours, during our biggest failures, our largest disappointments or our deepest regrets.

On a daily level, every time we do not bring our best game to the table or do

not take the high road, we are presented with opportunities for a self-check.

The challenge in a frenzied world is to slow down long enough to ask ourselves, "Why didn't I do my best? Why am I not succeeding? Why did I fail?"

In essence, we need to pause long enough to discover, "what's holding me back?"

When searching for answers, we need to employ our utmost integrity. It takes real moral courage to examine ourselves, measure of our shortcomings and own our responsibility in the outcome of any situation.

It is only through genuine self-examination after full acknowledgement of our motives, our desires and fears and our strengths and weaknesses, we can reach the decision to grow.

Admitting failure and recognizing our part in it is crucial to learning and growing.

A lot of people are uncomfortable admitting failure, because the connotation is failing means you are a loser.

Nothing could be further from the truth. People who fail are people who are growing, living and learning. Failing does not mean the game is over. In fact, it is just the beginning of the real journey.

After answering that first vital question – "Did I succeed or fail? – you ask yourself, "Do I like it here? Where do I want to be instead? How do I get there? Am I willing to do

what it takes to change?"

The answers have to be real. If you ask yourself these questions and then lie to yourself in the answers, not only will you not grow, the internal lack of integrity will keep you off-balance. It will be harder for you to keep from failing. You will be in your own way .

To get started fighting the battle against ourselves, we need to acknowledge there is at least one battle to fight each time any of the millions of daily and hourly "skirmishes" come up. There is no blitzkrieg single victory for us. We must first decide to be honest with ourselves and own our failure. Name it. Admit it. Own it. Hiding from failure only makes it harder to beat it. Only from a place of truth can we begin to seek our path for growth.

After establishing a solid foothold, we can program ourselves for learning, growth and success.

There are many resources available and mentors to help us really take off once we win that first battle within. We identify internal goals. We set a vision for ourselves. We imagine our contribution to the world. We rigorously examine each day and moment where we sense we were not "the best" we could have been. We acknowledge and forgive that failure, then look for tools to help us grow and succeed.

And we thank our lucky stars that we are alive and able to map out our own destiny.

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Dorm of the Quarter winner revealed



Chief Master Sgt. Troy Palmer (left), 12th Flying Training Wing command chief, coins Airman Alisa Gebert, Air Force Personnel Center, on being the Dorm of the Quarter award recipient July 15 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The First Sergeants Council's mission is to support and assist Air Force members through all facets of their career, both professional and personal.

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Miner takes command of 502nd SFLSG



Photo by Joel Martinez

Col. Thomas Miner, incoming 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group commander, addresses the audience during the 502nd SFLSG change of command ceremony July 21 at JBSA-Randolph.

By David DeKunder

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Col. Thomas Miner Jr. took command of the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group during a ceremony July 21 in front of the Taj Mahal, building 100, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Among members of the 502nd SFLSG, Airmen, family members and local dignitaries were in attendance, Miner accepted the unit's guidon from Brig. Gen. Robert LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander.

Miner assumed command of the 502nd SFLSG from Col. Michael Gimbrone, who was the unit's commander for two years. Gimbrone is leaving JBSA to become director of force protection at the United States Air Forces Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

For the last two years, Miner was the 633rd Security Forces Squadron commander at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., overseeing law enforcement, security, maritime patrol, anti-terrorism and force protection duties at the base. He has served for 17 years in the Air Force at various levels as a security forces officer, including at the major command level. Miner is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy.

In his remarks, Miner said he looked forward to taking command of the 502nd SFLSG and praised the leadership provided by Gimbrone in preparing the unit for its mission.

"It's an incredible honor to be here to take command of the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group," Miner said. "Col. Gimbrone, it is very apparent you led and nurtured an exceptional group of men and women. Through your leadership, they skillfully executed their mission with the highest level of proficiency and professionalism. The group is well-prepared for its mission, and for that I thank you very much."

He also thanked military members, friends and family members who have supported him during his Air Force career, including his parents, in-laws and wife, Candi; and two young sons, Logan and Lawson.

Miner directed his closing comments to the members of the unit he will command.

"I would like to express to the men and women of the 502nd Security Forces and Logistics Support Group that my family and I are truly honored and thrilled to be the newest members of your family of Joint Base San Antonio's team," he said. "We look forward to serving you."

Before relinquishing command to Miner, Gimbrone thanked the members of the 502nd SFLSG, LaBrutta and the JBSA community for supporting him and his wife, Jennifer, during his two-year tenure as 502nd SFLSG commander.

See 502ND SFLSG P13

Congratulations

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO ANNOUNCES TECHNICAL SERGEANT SELECTEES



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marissa Garner

Technical sergeant selectees from Joint Base San Antonio gathered at JBSA-Lackland (above) and JBSA-Randolph (below) for a group photo July 21. There were 319 staff sergeants across JBSA selected out of 33,569 in the Air Force who were eligible, with a total of 7,501 selected for promotion for a selection rate of 22.35 percent.



Photo by Joel Martinez

Safety officials urge members to follow motorcycle regulations

By David DeKunder

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

A Joint Base San Antonio safety official says service members who ride motorcycles need to follow military regulations and state traffic laws to keep themselves and others safe on the road.

Marvin Joyce, 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office occupational health and safety specialist at JBSA-Randolph, said active-duty service members need to adhere to Air Force Instruction 91-207 that require motorcycle riders to take a basic riding course and wear personal protective equipment.

The instruction, which is posted on the Air Force Portal, requires an active-duty service member take the Basic Rider Course and wear Personal Protective Equipment while operating a motorcycle, whether they are on or off-duty. PPE includes a helmet, a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, gloves, trousers, eye protection and footwear.

Even though Texas law does not require a rider to use a helmet, Joyce said service members must wear one while operating a bike, whether on or off-duty, to comply with the instruction.

“Even if you are an experienced rider, you still have to follow the rules,” Joyce said. “The rules are there for a reason. It’s there to make sure no one gets injured.”

Joyce said wearing a helmet and PPE gear are the

only things that can protect a motorcycle rider in an accident, because a motorcycle lacks the protection of an enclosed vehicle.

In a report done by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2015, motorcycle riders were 26 more times likely to die in an accident than those in a vehicle. Wearing a helmet has been found 37 percent effective in preventing motorcycle deaths and 67 percent effective in protecting riders from brain injuries, according to the NHTSA.

A helmet with a face shield can help protect riders from flying debris, including rocks, bugs and rain.

Joyce said wearing a helmet with a face shield protected him during a bike ride last year.

“I was riding and a truck kicked up a rock, came over the windshield and hit my face shield,” Joyce said. “The rock cracked my face shield, but it protected my face.”

Wearing shorts, short-sleeved shirts and open-toed footwear, including flip flops, leave the skin of a rider unprotected in an accident, Joyce said. PPE clothing can protect the body, skin and feet of riders in an accident, including road rash.

Other safety procedures Joyce said motorcycle riders should follow, which are listed in an article by Discovery News, include:

- Leaving enough space. Motorcycle riders should leave enough space between them and the vehicle in front of them, just in case they need to step on

the brakes at a moment’s notice.

“You want to make sure you give yourself enough time to stop if there’s an emergency,” Joyce said.

If a rider is unable to brake and stop in time to hit a vehicle, they should look at going onto the side of the road, or the shoulder, to avoid an accident.

Before riding on a motorcycle, riders should practice emergency braking and stopping in a safe setting, such as a parking lot, so they know how much space they will need to brake and stop completely.

- Avoiding distractions. Riders need to stay focused on the road and their surroundings. Avoid using cell phones, iPods, headphones and setting the GPS while operating a motorcycle.

According to Discovery News, the reaction time of a motorcycle rider who is distracted is lessened by several seconds, putting them at a higher risk of being involved in an accident.

- Looking twice. More than 40 percent of all accidents involving a motorcycle and a vehicle occur when the vehicle is attempting to make a left-hand turn. These type of crashes occur when the motorcycle is going through an intersection, trying to pass a vehicle, or trying to overtake a vehicle.

Riders should always look twice, ride defensively and operate a motorcycle safely and responsibly around vehicles.

See MOTORCYCLE SAFETY P11

Joint Base San Antonio courts-martial, crime, punishment

From Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General

The Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General completed two Air Force courts-martial in the month of June. The results of a court-martial are not final until the clemency and/or appeals process is completed.

All courts-martial are open to the public and upcoming courts-martial can be viewed at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate Generals website: <http://www.afjag.af.mil/docket/index.asp>.

Tech. Sgt. Carroll, 91st Network Warfare Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, was tried by a general court-martial consisting of officer members from May 31 to June 4 at JBSA-Lackland. Carroll was found guilty of one specification of committing indecent conduct, in violation of Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The members sentenced Carroll to reduction to E-4, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, nine months confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

Airman Basic Willoughby, 343rd Training Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, was tried by a special court-martial consisting of a military judge June 7 at JBSA-Lackland. Willoughby pled and was found guilty of one specification of wrongful use of cocaine in violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ. The military judge sentenced Willoughby to forfeiture of \$750 pay and 30 days confinement.

During June 2016, Joint Base San Antonio commanders administered eight nonjudicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the UCMJ.

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

A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified. Administrative discharge may also be an option for commanders after the conclusion of an Article 15, depending on the circumstances.

The following are some of the nonjudicial punishment actions that closed out in June. Decisions regarding discharge are not included.

Wrongful use of a controlled substance: A senior airman wrongfully used marijuana. The member received a reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeitures of \$783 pay for two months and a reprimand.

Failure to go, willful dereliction of duty: An airman basic in technical training, without authority, failed to remain in the local area and missed accountability. The member received a forfeiture of \$783 pay for one month, 20 days restriction to base, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Willful dereliction of duty, false official statement: An airman basic in technical training changed his answer on a test and lied about changing it. The member received a suspended forfeiture of \$783 pay for one month, 14 days restriction to base, 14 days

extra duty and a reprimand.

Willful dereliction of duty, two counts: An airman first class in technical training consumed alcohol while under the age of 21. Additionally, the member left the area without an approved AETC Form 29B. The member received a reduction to Airman, suspended forfeiture of \$878 pay per month for one month and a reprimand.

Abusive sexual contact, two counts: an airman first class, without authority, made sexual contact with another airman multiple times without that airman's consent. The member received a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

Wrongful use of a controlled substance: An airman in technical training used marijuana. The member received a reduction to airman basic, forfeitures of \$783 pay for two months, 30 days restriction to base, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Abusive sexual contact, three counts, indecent exposure: An airman basic in Basic Military Training made sexual contact with three other trainees without their consent and also exposed himself in an indecent manner. The member received forfeitures of \$783 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

AWOL: failure to go, willful dereliction of duty: An airman basic in technical training left the local area without an approved AETC Form 29B and missed accountability. The member received suspended forfeitures of \$724 pay for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.



Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

August

Aquatics

Swim lessons Available

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center offers swim lessons for children 3 years and older. Each session has eight 40-minute lessons Tuesday through Friday. Classes begin every two weeks, students are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis until classes are full. Registration takes place every two weeks on Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Skylark Aquatics Center. Limited adult classes are available early evenings during weekdays. Cost for each session is \$65 per session. Active duty family members E-1 through E-4, pay \$35 per session. For more information, call 671-3780.

Youth swim team sign-up ongoing

Youth, 3-17 years can learn competitive swimming three days a week at the JBSA-Skylark Aquatics Center and participate in local swim meets. Practices are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6-7 p.m. Participants must be able to pass a swim test before being placed on the team. The monthly fee is \$65 per member. For more information, call 671-3780.

Auto Hobby

Drivers prepare for summer travel

Let the technicians at JBSA-Lackland Auto Hobby keep vehicles in top-notch condition for end of summer road trips. The full service department provides many vehicle maintenance services including tune-ups, battery tests, oil changes, CV axles, struts, clutch and state inspections. The self-service side gives do-it-yourselfers a place to work on a vehicle and access to tools that may not be in a home garage. Auto Hobby technicians can give a vehicle an air conditioning system check for \$45 plus the cost of refrigerant, 13A only. For more information, call 671-3549.

Bowling

Summer bowling offered to youth

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center invites youth to summer bowling through Aug. 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children, 5-18 years, bowl Monday, Wednesday or Friday for \$1 per game. Shoes are regular price. For more information, call 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. 15-19 and Aug. 22-26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowlers are appreciated

Take advantage of the savings at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center Aug. 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bowlers

can bowl for \$1 games with \$1 shoe rental. For more information, call 671-1234.

Fall leagues begin

Get ready for the fall league seasons and sign up for a weekly league at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center. Leagues include Monday Night Mixed, Tuesday Morning Ladies, Tuesday Night Mixed, Wednesday Morning Mixed, Wednesday Night Intramural, Thursday Day Mixed, Friday Night Mixed and Saturday Afternoon Mixed. For more information, call 671-1234.

Weekly lunch includes bowling

All JBSA Bowling Centers host a weekly No Tap Lunch Tournament. Stop by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy lunch and bowl. Cost is \$12 and includes a burger, fries and drink, as well as three games of bowling in the nine-pin no tap tournament. \$5 from every entry goes towards the prize fund. The highest score from the previous week is paid the following Monday. For more information, call 671-1234.

Reflective Belt Special

Anyone in uniform wearing a reflective belt receives free rental shoes when they bowl Saturdays in August, noon to 3 p.m., at JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Family fun is at the Parr Club

Join the JBSA-Randolph Parr club for Family Night Aug. 4, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy an evening of family fun, a buffet, music, Family dance games, a hula hoop contest, musical chairs and more. The buffet includes chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, fries, chicken tenders, corn, mixed fruit and desserts. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$16.95 for nonmembers and free for children 12 years and younger. For more information, call 652-4864.

Sky Lounge hosts live entertainment

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

Summer karaoke contest continues

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Summer Karaoke Contest runs until Aug. 19. At least 15-25 contestants are needed per week and sign up is 6-6:55 p.m. Select a song

from a variety of 1,000 top tracks of different genres. The first contestant begins at 7 p.m. and is rated on a scale of 1-10 by a panel of three judges. Participants are scored Wednesday nights and can compete weekly to increase their score. Contestants with the top 10 scores compete Aug. 19 for first, second and third place prizes. The first place prize is a 45-inch smart TV. Second place wins a tablet and third place wins a champagne brunch for two at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club. For more information, call 652-3056.

Bingo events held at the Club

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts Birthday Bingo Aug. 9. Birthday members get one free machine, cake, champagne and lots of fun. This event is for Randolph Club members only. ID and club card are required.

Come to the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for Back to School Kiddie Bingo Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. Children have the chance to win back to school supplies. This is a free event for the children of JBSA-Randolph club members. A complimentary buffet of chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, string beans, cookies and milk is available for children up to 12 years. Gil's Pub menu available for all others. For more information, call 652-3056.

Participate in \$5K Mini Bingo Extravaganza Aug. 29 at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club and enjoy a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and early bird bingo at 6 p.m. For more information, call 652-3056.

Meals are prepared to go

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers adult and child portions of meals to go. Staff is staged outside of the main entrance in the drive-through driveway to greet customers, take orders and provide meals. Pick up is 4-5:30 p.m., while supplies lasts. The Aug. 17 menu includes baked chicken and penne noodles with Alfredo sauce topped with Parmesan cheese and served with zucchini squash and garlic bread. Cost is \$9.95 for nonmembers, \$7.95 for members and nonmembers' children and \$5.95 for members' children. For more information, call 658-7445.

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 birthdays are honored Aug. 24, and the buffet includes salad, two vegetables, two starches, two entrées, soup and birthday cake. Cost is \$11.95 members without a birthday in Aug., \$5.95 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$13.95 for nonmembers and \$7.95 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 years and younger eat for free. For more information, call 652-4864.

Chef offers dinner specials

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club chef creates a special evening dining experience Aug. 5 in the Mesquite Dining Room, 5-8 p.m., with satisfying menus for all. Cost is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 nonmembers, unless otherwise stated. Enjoy blackened prime rib, rosemary red potatoes, asparagus spears with red peppers, salad and dessert. The Aug. 12 menu includes Texas T-bone topped with onion rings, seasoned steak fries, grilled corn on the cob, salad and dessert. Aug. 26 features a special Surf and Turf menu with lobster tail, filet mignon, seafood linguine, roasted asparagus spears, salad and dessert; cost is \$23 members and \$27 nonmembers. For information, call 645-7034.

Guests fly in to the Auger

Join the party at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Auger Inn for "old school" camaraderie, free light 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 658-7445.

Customers are appreciated

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Customer Appreciation Night Aug. 23, 5-8 p.m., in the Fiesta Ballroom with entertainment provided by Doggin' Dave Productions. Cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. The menu includes cream of asparagus soup, salad bar, prime rib au jus, baked talapia with mango salsa, Chicken Bordeaux, wild rice, parsley red potatoes, California blend vegetables, rolls, fruit cups and double layered chocolate cake. For information, call 645-7034.

Music is played on the patio

Join the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club on the Nite Club Patio for music provided by The Experience Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 652-3056.

Community Programs

Music lessons available

The JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center offers lessons in piano and guitar. Guitar classes are Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. and Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$15 per student for a one hour session. Students must bring their own instrument. Piano classes are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per student for each 30 minute session. For more information, call 977-2353.

Fitness

Two-Person Team Biathlon encourages teamwork

Participate in the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Two-Person Team Biathlon Aug. 6, 7:30 a.m. At JBSA-Randolph Eberle Park. The first team member must complete the 10-mile bike route before the second team member starts the 5K run. For more information, call 652-7263.

Triathlon comes with a challenge

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus hosts a triathlon Aug. 9, 7 a.m. Compete as an individual or as a relay team. Cost is \$20

per person and each team is responsible for their own bike. The triathlon consists of a 400-meter swim, 15-mile bike ride and a 5K run. For more information, call 221-4887.

5K Run or Walk offered

Participate in this free event hosted by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Aug. 13, 7 a.m. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders. For more information, call 221-1234.

King of the Hill Dodgeball Tournament

The JBSA-Lackland Fitness Center hosts the King of the Hill Dodgeball Tournament at the Stapleton Park basketball court on Security Hill Aug. 19, 7 a.m. The deadline to sign up for this free event is Aug. 18 at noon. For more information, call 977-2353.



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Zumba Fest comes to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Join JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the two-hour non-stop fitness party with energizing music Aug. 27, 9 to 11 a.m. This is a free event and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 221-1234.

Golf

Compete in Warrior golf scramble

Come out to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Aug. 5, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Golfers are invited to play in the monthly Warrior Four-Person Scramble. Cost is \$25 for members and \$36 for nonmembers. Fee includes 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner and gift certificates for the winners of longest drive and closest to the pin, and for first,

second and third place winners of the scramble. For more information, call 222-9386.

Wednesday night scrambles held

Come to the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Golf Course Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., and play nine holes of golf scrambles. Teams paired by blind draw. Entry fee is \$20 which includes green fee and cart. Prizes are awarded to the winners and closest to the pin. Sign up at the Pro Shop. For more information, call 671-3466.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Fiesta brings a cultural experience

The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel and the JBSA-Randolph ITT offers discount tickets for Fiesta Noche Del Rio performed at the Arneson River Theater on the San Antonio River, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., through Aug. 13. Local artists perform the music, songs and dance of Mexico, Spain, Argentina and Texas. Cost is \$13.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children 6-14 years. Youth 6 years and under are free. For more information, call the JBSA-Lackland ITT at 671-3059 or the JBSA-Randolph ITT at 652-5142.



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The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has Dallas Cowboy package deals. This one trip includes Cowboys versus Texans on Sept. 1. Three overnight group bus trips include, Sept. 11, Cowboys versus Giants, Oct. 30 Cowboys versus Eagles and Nov. 24 Cowboys versus Redskins. These bus trips include 400-level seats, a tailgate party with buffet and beverages and snacks on the trip to and from the game. Two-night packages available for every home game. For more information, call 671-3059.

ITT - summer fun headquarters

JBSA-Information, Tickets and Travel is the summer fun headquarters. Discounted tickets to K-1 Speed, Splashtown, Sea World, Fiesta Texas, ZDTs, Schlitterbaun, San Antonio Zoo and much more in and around San Antonio are available. ITT has many discount attractions in the Arlington and Dallas area include the Fort Worth Zoo, Speed Zone, Medieval Times, Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor. ITT has discounts in California and Florida plus a wide array of things to do across the nation. Always check with ITT before making vacation plans to save money on attractions and accommodations no matter which direction patrons choose to go. For more information, call the JBSA-Lackland ITT at 671-3059, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 808-1378 or the JBSA-Randolph ITT at 652-5142.

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Exotic Western Caribbean Group Cruises available

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel helps set sail to the beautiful waters of the Western Caribbean. Travel from Galveston, Texas to Cozumel, Belize and Mahogany Bay Isa Roatan Nov. 12-19. Rates start at \$488 per person for an inside cabin, \$488 for ocean view and \$768 for a cabin with a balcony. Gratuities are not included. A \$250 per person deposit and a \$10 service fee is due at booking with final payment due by Aug. 26.

If the cold winter winds get travelers down, plan a winter trip from Galveston to Falmouth, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel Jan. 28 to Feb. 4, 2017. Rates start at \$504 for an inside cabin, \$604 for an ocean view and \$784 for a cabin with a balcony. All prices are per person. A \$250 per person deposit and a \$10 service fee is due at booking with final payment due Nov. 11. For more information, call 671-7111.

Arts and Crafts

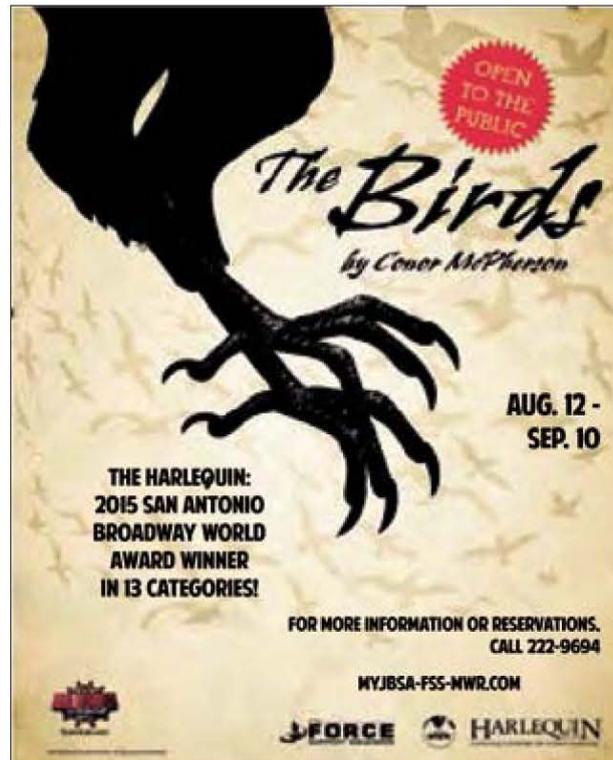
Framing

The JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall has expert framers on staff to help with custom framing orders. In addition the Custom Frame shop will match any off-base price on a comparable custom framing job with no sales tax. For more information, call 652-5142.

Library

Story time is at the library

Story time is hosted at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Thursdays, 10 a.m.; the JBSA-Lackland Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; and the



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

Military & Family Readiness

Leadership is listening

The Armed Forces Action Plan is a tool to manage change and improve the well-being of the military community. This powerful process gives service members, retirees, reservist, Department of Defense civilians, survivors, teens, and their family members an opportunity to identify critical issues concerning the readiness, moral, welfare or quality of life in the JBSA military community. Ideas, suggestions and concerns are presented to senior leadership for action and resolution. AFAP also gives commanders a gauge to validate concerns and measure satisfaction; results in legislation, policies, programs, and services that strengthen readiness and retention. To submit an idea, issue, or suggestion, fill out a comment form at <http://go.usa.gov/x3WwA> or email usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil. All issues for the 2016 AFAP conference must be received no later than Sept. 2. For more information about AFAP, call 221-2705.

Considering becoming a foster parent

JBSA-Lackland hosts an Adoption and Foster Care workshop Aug. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Lackland Fellowship Room in the Freedom Chapel. The workshop

reviews adoption and foster care processes, requirements, types of benefits, agencies involved and resources. This workshop is facilitated by Texas Adoption Resource Exchange. Additional speakers include Military Personnel, Legal Office, Military & Family Readiness Center and more. For more information, call 671-3722.

Military knowledge helps spouses and employees

Military spouses and civilian employees new to the military community and workforce learn about chain of command, ranking structure, acronyms and terms, traditions, customs and more with the Military Family Team Building-Military Knowledge workshops. Aug. 4 and 18, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 221-2705.

Service members transition from boots to business

The Small Business Administration is offering a two-day entrepreneurial workshop, Aug. 30-31, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Participants review steps for evaluating business concepts, foundational knowledge on developing business plans and information on Small Business Administration resources to help access start-up capital and additional technical assistance. Boots to Business is open to all services members and their spouses. Registration is required, for more information, call 652-5321.

Ombudsman training for Navy families

Ombudsman is a unit family readiness program for Navy service members and their families. Basic training is required for all Command Ombudsman. The two-day workshop is slated for Aug. 15-16, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is due by Aug. 10 to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 221-2418.

Key Spouses receive refresher course

Key Spouses that have already attended the Initial Key Spouse Training from a previous location must attend a one-hour Key Spouse Refresher course, Aug. 9, 9-10 a.m., at JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 652-5321.

Military spouses learn about employment resources

Military spouses review various resources available to them that assist with gaining federal employment Aug. 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Spouse Employment Symposium. Representatives from Civilian Personnel, AAFES, DeCA, FCC, Volunteer Services and other community partners on site, to discuss spousal preference, services offered, and resume' review. This workshop is held at JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center. For more information, call 671-3722.

Exceptional families gain insight on EFMP

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Exceptional Family Member Program holds an explanatory workshop Aug. 11, 1-3 p.m. Patrons explore how three pillars of the program, Medical, Human Resource, and Family Support, work and what each pillar offers to Exceptional Family Member sponsors and families. For more information, call 221-2705.

Patrons begin to think about retirement

Service members planning for retirement or in the last enlistment before retirement are encouraged to attend the Four to Go workshop, Aug. 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. Meet with experts on various topics such as financial issues surrounding retirement, Medicare for retirees, information for veterans, the disability rating process, survivors benefit plan and employment issues. For more information, call 671-3722.

Outdoor Recreation

Flea Market

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston hosts a flea market Aug. 6, 7:30 a.m. to noon, at MacArthur Parade Field. All Department of Defense ID card holders living on and off post are invited to sell personally owned items. For more information, call 221-5224.

Concealed handgun licence class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center provides concealed handgun license classes Aug. 6 and 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. To register for a class, visit <https://www.chlregistration.com>. For more information, call 363-2332.

Hunters' safety class offered

A hunter's education class is offered Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. hosted by the JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center. Cost is \$15 per student, cash or check only. This course is open to Department of Defense ID card holders 9 years and older. Students under 17 years must be supervised at all times during the class. The class requires a minimum of 10 students. For more information or to register, call 827-9091.

Archery takes on another dimension

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a three-dimensional archery competition Aug. 27-28, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is 8-10 a.m. and the course must be completed by 1 p.m. The fun shoot is \$15, the competition shoot is \$20 and children 12 years and younger participate for \$5. For more information, call 295-7529.

Make the most out of Summer

JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation has a menagerie or sporting and camping goods including travel trailers that can sleep five to eight people, speed boats, fishing boats and pontoon boats for parties, barbecues and group gatherings. Outdoor Recreation has popcorn machines, chocolate fountains, champagne fountains and margarita mixers. Add more fun with bouncy castles and sumo wrestling suits. For more information, call 925-5532.

Sunset cruises offered at the lake

Come 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 as the lake is toured and the sunset falls over the hillside. 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 830-226-5357.

Youth and Children

Missoula Theater comes to JBSA

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs auditions for the annual Missoula theater production are Aug. 1, 9 a.m., for youth 6-18 years at Arnold Hall Community Center. Performance of the play Aug. 5, 3 p.m., at the Bob Hope Theater. JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs holds auditions Aug. 8, 9:30 a.m. at Dodd Chapel. Performance of the play Aug. 12. For more information, call JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs at 671-2388 or the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs at 221-3381.

Specialty camps offered for summer

Youth 11 years and older are invited to participate in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs specialty camps in building 2515. Space is limited and cost is \$15 per person, per weekly camp. Mad Science camp is Aug. 7, 10, 11 and 12, 4-5 p.m.; Game2U camp is Aug. 15, 17, 18 and 19, 4-5 p.m.; Participants must register Wednesday before the camp begins. For more information, call 221-3630.

Flag football and cheerleading registration ongoing

Register youth for flag football or cheerleading through Aug. 14 with JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs. Cost for each sport is \$50 per child. Registration is held at Parent Central, building 2530, on Funston Road or at the Youth Center, building 1630. Shot records and a health assessment are required at the time of registration. For more information, call 221-5513.

Youth participate for free

Celebrate recreation and summer fun and participate in the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs for free Aug. 15-20. Youth Programs has a lot of activities, programs, camps and classes to enjoy over the summer and during the school year. For more information, call 652-3298.

Teens are Live in Texas

Registration for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Teen Camp, Live in Texas, ends Aug. 19. Field trips include activities such as tubing, Stars basketball game, state parks adventures and trips to the movies. Painting with a Twist, Culinary Arts and Dance camps are also offered. Cost is \$130 per week and includes breakfast, lunch, snack and the weekly field trip. For more information, call 221-3502.

Summer camp is upgraded

Register youth, in 6th to 7th grade, for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs Ultimate Summer Camps. Camps run through August and the Middle School Teen Center provides educational and recreational programs with week trips during the summer. Parents are required to register Middle School youth at Parent Central. For more information, call 221-4871.

Youth celebrate with Back to School Bash

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs invites youth, ages 9-18 years, to a free Back to School Bash Aug. 19, 3-5 p.m. Members and nonmembers have fun playing games, navigating obstacles and celebrating the end of another hot

summer. This event is sponsored by Gunn Automotive Group, Air Force Federal Credit Union, Security Services Federal Credit Union and Sprint. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 671-2388.

Sports registration begins

Register youth for JBSA-Randolph Youth Sports through Aug. 19. Flag Football is for youth 5-14 years; cost is \$50 per child. Volleyball is for youth 9-19 years; cost is \$50. Cheerleading is for youth 5 years and older; cost is \$45. Lil' Renegades soccer is for youth 3-4 years; cost is \$35; this is a six-week introductory sport. Physicals and shot records are required at the time of registration. For more information, call 652-3298.

Basketball is played until midnight

Youth 11 years and older are invited to participate in Midnight Madness Aug. 20, 7 p.m. to midnight, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, building 1630. Participation is free and youth in grades 6-8 play until approximately 9 p.m. Youth in grades 9-12 play until midnight. Healthy snacks are served during games. For more information call, 221-3502

Parents are offered a break

The JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs can give parents a much-needed break through the Give Parents a Break or Parents' Night Out program Aug. 27, 1-5 p.m. Children, 5 years, and in kindergarten, to 12 years are provided snacks and entertained with activities and games. Cost is \$25 per child with a multiple-child discount or free with GPAB referral. Late pickup is subject to \$5 for the first five minutes, then \$3 for every minute after that. For more information, call 671-2388.

Youth register for before and after school programs

Registration for before and after school care is accepted until all spaces are full at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Registration paperwork and priority definitions are available at <https://www.myjbsa-fss-mwr.com>. A copy of current shot records and leave and earnings statement are required to register. Children 5 years and older must be enrolled in kindergarten and register at the Youth Center, building 8420. Children 4 years and enrolled in Lackland Independent School District pre-kindergarten must register at the Lackland Child Development Center, building 8210. For more information, call 671-2388.

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JBSA Stage 1 water restrictions

The 10-day average of the Bexar County index Bexar (J-17), Comal Springs and San Marcos Springs are dropping due to lack of rain. According to an analysis performed by the Edwards Aquifer Director of Aquifer Modeling, Stage 1 water restrictions may be scheduled to be implemented as soon as the first week of August. The 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron urges the Joint Base San Antonio community to stay diligent and carefully follow upcoming water restrictions, according to the JBSA Water Use Critical Period Management Plan, which is available at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-130809-013.pdf>.

'Kids in Motion' obstacle course event

The 359th Medical Group will host a kids' obstacle course, "Kids in Motion," 7 a.m. Aug. 27 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Heritage Park. The course is designed to educate youth on living a healthy lifestyle through fitness and nutrition.

JBSA-Randolph units and squadrons are needed to sponsor individual obstacles. Sponsorship will include supplies, creating and manning the obstacle.

To volunteer or for more information, call the JBSA-Randolph Human Performance Resource Center at 652-3641.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY from P5

"It really comes down to motorcycle rider awareness," Joyce said. "Even if the biker is not at fault, he is going to come out at the worst end of it."

- Educate your passengers. Motorcycle drivers should go over with their passenger on what they should do and not do when they are riding a motorcycle to make it a safer ride for both of them.

Joyce said passengers should not talk except when it's an emergency so as to not distract the rider operating the motorcycle. Passengers should also wear protective clothing and gear, including a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, gloves, trousers, eye protection and footwear.

When riding on a bike, Joyce said passengers should stay in line with the motorcycle operator and lean forward. Any shifting of the passenger's weight could affect the handling and control of a motorcycle.

- Watch the weather. Before going out on a ride, check the weather forecast. Any rain, snow or ice on the road are not ideal conditions for riding a motorcycle.

Riding a motorcycle in the rain is riskier than a vehicle because a motorcycle has only two wheels, giving it half the traction of a vehicle. Also, without windshield wipers, a motorcycle rider's visibility is limited in bad weather.

After a rain storm, riders should wait for the road surface to clear off before getting on a motorcycle. Always be cautious, go slow and leave plenty of space to stop on the road riding after a rain event. If the weather starts getting worse, a rider should stop and wait it out.

Before obtaining a motorcycle license in Texas, riders must take a motorcycle safety course approved by the Texas

Department of Public Safety.

Active-duty service members can satisfy the state requirement for getting a license by taking the Basic Rider Course at JBSA-Lackland Medina Annex. The course teaches the basics of motorcycle riding, including traffic safety laws, learning the controls of a motorcycle, proper motorcycle maintenance, how to avoid unsafe situations on the road and responding to emergency situations.

"Taking a motorcycle safety course prepares you to hit the road safely and with more confidence," Joyce said.

Once an individual or service member has completed a motorcycle safety course, they must go to a Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office to show a certificate of course completion to obtain their motorcycle license.

There are also advanced rider courses JBSA members can take to hone and improve their riding skills.

Service members and Department of Defense CAC cardholders can register free of charge to take the basic rider and advanced courses at <https://jbsaleader.shippathway.gosignmeup.com>.

Motorcycle riders at all JBSA locations must attend an annual safety briefing to stay current on local safety conditions and procedures. Also, each JBSA unit with riders has a motorcycle safety representative they can go to for mentoring and safety advice.

Service members who are new to a JBSA location meet with their unit commander or motorcycle representative to find out what safety responsibilities they must adhere to when they are on a bike.

AETC team strives to build innovation culture

By Senior Airman Chip Pons

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

“Empowered Airmen, supportive leadership, and honest feedback cultivates innovation.” – *Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, Air Education and Training Command commander, 2016 Strategic Plan.*

Forging innovative Airmen to power the world’s greatest Air Force, a familiar phrase to Air Education and Training Command Airmen, speaks to the importance of innovation and continuous process improvement.

An innovative culture is exactly what the members of the Innovation and Transformation office at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph endeavor to develop.

“While the ITO works to build AETC’s CPI capability and celebrates all improvement results, our ultimate goal is to build a culture of innovation across the command,” said Sean Harrington, AETC’s Innovation and Transformation Office acting chief. “That is why we exist and what we are trying to accomplish.”

As the minds of this division have come together to standardize execution of Air Force and AETC continuous process innovation guidance, members of the various wings will have an opportunity to utilize their skills and knowledge to help further these developments across AETC.



Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, Air Education and Training Command commander, speaks to personnel during the 2016 AETC Wing Process Manager Workshop July 19 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Photo by Joel Martinez

The ITO works hand-in-hand with wing process managers to make this a reality. WPMs serve as the wing-level expert on CPI and work with trained facilitators to improve processes and increase process improvement knowledge and capability.

“We have seen impressive improvements and in-

novations across AETC,” said Maj. Travis Nelson, AETC master process officer. “With the strong support of wing leaders, WPMs are able to apply a structured problem solving approach to wing-level issues and expand the use of root cause analysis by individual Airmen at all levels.”

In 2016, Roberson publicized his strategic plan citing innovation as a top priority. According to his plan, innovation is the way Airmen continuously learn and improve how to recruit, train and educate.

“Innovation is one of the most important areas in our Air Force right now,” Roberson said. “There is only one constant in our every day – change. One of my four priorities is innovation and it has been a priority of mine since day one. As leaders, we should be thinking how we can make things better every day.”

“We have done great things to improve our practices and the overall state of our command,” he continued. “The wing commanders have all been challenged to support this by encouraging an environment for change. But we need to keep doing more.”

In support of Roberson’s vision, members of the ITO hosted a workshop with WPMs to develop a standardized and executable plan to improve the CPI and innovation culture across AETC.

CES’ behind-the-scenes summer work takes center stage

By Jeremy Gerlach

JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

A pipe bursts, flooding the street with water. Roads crack from San Antonio’s heat and wear and tear from traffic. Birds interfere with aircraft’s flights. Air conditioning systems falter during summer’s high temperatures. The 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron addresses these types problems, sometimes solving them before they become an issue.

“Some of 502nd CES’s finest work goes entirely unnoticed, which is all according to plan,” said Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander.

This summer, the 502nd CES has “busted hump” to counter four sewer and water main breaks, repaired storm-damaged facilities at Canyon Lake and reduced the dangers of bird strikes to training aircraft while also completing several scheduled renovations on time.

Most Airmen might not have noticed the difference – because each one of these projects has nipped potential engineering and service problems in the bud.

“Our civil engineering pros are providing outstanding support across JBSA-Lackland,” LaBrutta said in an email. “Aside from working in extreme summertime temperatures, our ‘Black Knights’ are making facility and infrastructure repairs that maintain uninterrupted service for all of our 266 mission partners.”

The commander went on to praise the unit’s “stellar work,” which has included multiple projects, such as

repairing three water main breaks.

They fixed a 10-inch line servicing Wilford Hall, a 12-inch line servicing permanent party dormitories and a 10-inch line at Truemper and Kenly, the “busiest intersection” at JBSA-Lackland.

“Our teams worked through the night and into the weekend of July 15 to prevent severe water loss to the installation,” LaBrutta said. “502nd CES ended up isolating all the main breaks and made permanent repairs to the Truemper and Kenly intersection on July 17.”

In addition, they countered a separate 15-inch sewer main break at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston near the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The 502nd CES utility and heavy equipment teams excavated the area, found the break and continue to make repairs.

Another project they tackled was the repairing and repaving of Sultan Road at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

“Fencing was also installed alongside the road to provide anti-terrorism and force protection to facilities there. Additionally, it will ensure a safe route for the 63rd Regional Support Command Reserve Unit,” LaBrutta explained.

A third project that was completed was the renovation of the plumbing; heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; and painting for a series of 37th Training Group



dormitories at JBSA-Lackland.

“These upgrades will improve the quality of life for our technical training students,” LaBrutta said.

There was also work done at JBSA-Randolph. Crews installed a bird radar and repaired failed asphalt, which will improve drainage issues. Teams also cleared unwanted vegetation from ditch lines on site.

“Bird-related collisions have been a concern for the flightline this summer, so removing plant and water obstacles that attract birds reduces the risk of these accidents,” LaBrutta explained.

The 502nd CES crews even journeyed to Canyon Lake, a recreational location for Department of Defense employees and their dependents, to repairing storm-damaged facilities and roads after a series of summer floods.

The engineers LaBrutta noted, finished these repairs in time for Independence Day.

“As you can see, our civil engineering professionals are hard at work providing exceptional support to us and to our mission partners,” LaBrutta added. “They inspire me every day. So, as you travel across JBSA, if your busy schedule allows, take a moment to stop, give them a pat on the back, shake their hands and express thanks for their hard work and dedication. Despite all the challenges, they continue to build strong.”

'Bundles' of information give expectant parents head start

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The Air Force Aid Society exemplifies the wingman concept, supporting Airmen and their families by providing them with emergency financial aid, education programs and community programs that improve their quality of life.

One of those community programs specifically assists expectant parents as well as parents with young children.

Bundles for Babies is a four-hour informational session that brings together multiple agencies for expectant parents, said Kelli Franklin, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center community readiness consultant. The next session is set for 8:30 a.m. Aug. 5 at the M&FRC, building 693.

"It's a great opportunity for active-duty members and their spouses to get all the information they need in one place," she said. "There's always something new out there."

Bundles for Babies features presentations by representatives of TRICARE, the health care program for uniformed service members and their families; the New Parent Support Program, which helps expectant parents and parents of newborn and young children under the age of three learn and improve parenting skills; Baby Café, a network of drop-in centers that support breast-

feeding mothers; and the Women, Infants and Children special supplemental nutrition program.

The session also includes a presentation on finances by a M&FRC community readiness consultant and dental and medical briefings by 359th Medical Group representatives.

Parents can find the financial presentation eye-opening, Franklin said, because the average cost of rearing a child exceeds \$300,000.

"We try to help our parents understand how much it will cost to raise a child," she said. "It's very interesting when people see that big number."

Parents see how expensive child-rearing can be when they play Bundles for Babies' own version of "The Price of Right" television game show. They are asked to guess the price of items required for babies as well as big-picture items such as housing, health care, education, clothing and transportation.

"Most of the time they underestimate the cost of those items," Franklin said. "It's interesting to watch them play."

The Family Advocacy Office's New Parent Support Program will focus on the NPSF's services, which include home visitations, classes that help expectant and new parents and other resources. The presentation will also feature a discussion of child car seat safety, another component of the NPSF.

NPSF nurse Audrey Thompson will offer advice on parenting issues such as "purple crying," Franklin said.

That's the period of time when babies, typically three to five months old, cry more often than at any other time.

"The program helps give parents a head start," she said.

A variety of parents typically attend Bundles for Babies sessions, Franklin said.

"Some are first-time parents, some have had two or more children and others may have gone several years since their last child," she said. "They have a good time and are able to build a system of support by meeting other parents."

In addition to the "bundles" of information they receive at Bundles for Babies, Air Force attendees will receive a \$50 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift card and an AFAS tote bag.

The event is open to members of all armed services and their spouses.

"It's totally worth the information," she said. "We will also try to give everybody something – whether it's pacifiers, rattles, blankets or toys."

Bundles for Babies helps make military members and their spouses better parents, enabling them to focus on the mission, Franklin said.

The event can also serve as an introduction to the M&FRC's services and classes and to other Air Force resources.

"We're here to help them," Franklin said. "We want people to feel comfortable coming to us."

For more information, call 652-5321.

502ND SFLSG from P3

"Moving on to another assignment is never easy for anyone," Gimbrone said. "We all realize, however, that as military members it goes with the uniform. But it doesn't change the fact that we have to leave a community that we have grown to love and people we come to rely on for friendship and counsel. Thank you for your support and friendship."

LaBrutta said Gimbrone provided steady leadership during a period of transition and reorganization for the 502nd SFLSG, which was formerly the 902nd Mission

Support Group, changing its mission from serving JB-SA-Randolph to providing security forces, logistics and trainer development for all of JB-SA.

"When you take a look at what this body of work is under Mike Gimbrone's leadership, it is truly impressive," LaBrutta said. "The impacts they have had across Joint Base San Antonio are absolutely marvelous."

Speaking directly to Gimbrone, LaBrutta said: "You have made a mark here. You've led from the front. You

brought it all every single day. I've got to say I'm so proud to know you and to have led with you. You have done a marvelous job."

The 502nd SFLSG consists of five squadrons and 1,700 members, including security forces, logistics readiness and trainer development. The unit supports more than 145,000 personnel at 11 JB-SA locations, the largest joint base in the Department of Defense, and provides full-size mockup trainers for organizations across the DOD and worldwide for enhanced combat readiness.