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Staff Sgt. Pedro Rodriguez, 902nd Security Forces Squadron entry controller, checks in Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief trucks Aug. 31 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

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Crime and punishment at JBSA

By Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General and Office of Staff Judge Advocate, Army Support Activity

During the months of August and September, Air Force and Army commanders at Joint Base San Antonio administered a number of nonjudicial punishment 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 offender's record.

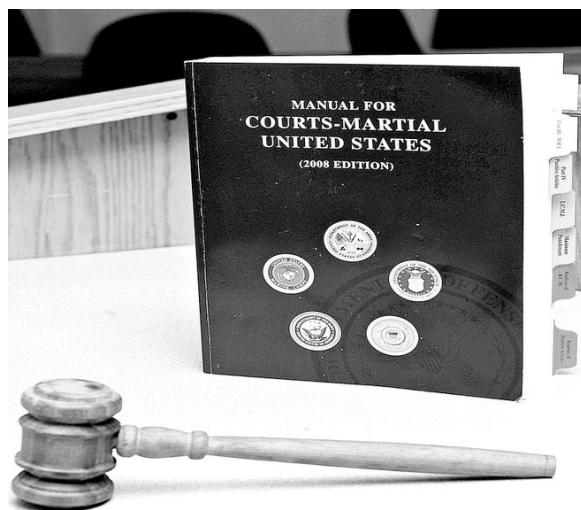
A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

The following are some of the nonjudicial punishment actions that closed out during August and September 2017.

False Official Statement x 2: An airman first class altered a memo for record from a PTL and lied to his supervisor regarding the scores received on a fitness assessment. The member received a reduction to E-2 (E-1 suspended), forfeiture of \$799 pay per month for two months (suspended), and a reprimand.

Assault and Battery, Indecent Language: An airman basic in basic military training struck another trainee on the face using his fists and used racial slurs. The member received forfeited \$370 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Absent Without Leave: An



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airman first class in technical training went to Las Vegas without approved leave. The member received a reduction to E-2, forfeits \$896 pay per month for two months (one month suspended), extra duty for 15 days, restriction to base for 30 days and a reprimand.

Maltreatment: A technical sergeant attempted to kiss a direct subordinate. The member forfeited \$1,898 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

Dereliction of Duty: An airman basic in technical training allowed a member of the opposite sex into her dorm room with the door shut. The member received forfeitures of \$345 pay, restriction to base for 14 days and a reprimand.

Underage Drinking: An airman first class in technical training consumed alcohol while under the age of 21. The member received forfeitures of

\$942 pay per month for two months (suspended), restriction to base for 14 days and a reprimand.

Use of a Controlled Substance: An airman first class in technical training tested positive for D-amphetamine. The member received forfeiture of \$209 pay, extra duty for 14 days, restriction to base for 14 days and a reprimand.

Larceny/Failure to Go to Appointed Place of duty/Dereliction of Duty: An Army specialist was found guilty of two specifications stealing property of the Army and Air Force Exchange Services, one specification of dereliction of duty and one specification of failure to go, without authority, at the time prescribed to her appointed place of duty. The specialist was reduced to the rank of private first class and given forfeiture of \$467 pay, extra duty for 14 days, as well

as restriction to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility and place of worship for 14 days.

Disrespect to a Noncommissioned Officer/Dereliction of Duty: An Army private first class was found guilty of two specifications of disrespect to a noncommissioned officer and one specification of dereliction of duty. The private first class was reduced to the rank of private and given forfeiture of \$799 pay for two months, suspended, extra duty for 45 days, restriction to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility and place of worship for 45 days and an oral reprimand.

Drunk on Duty/Failure to Go to Appointed Place of Duty: An Army sergeant was found guilty of one specification of being drunk on duty and six specifications of failure to go, without authority, at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty. The sergeant was reduced to the rank of specialist and given forfeiture of \$1,267 pay for two months, suspended, extra duty for 45 days, and restriction to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility and place of worship for 45 days, suspended.

False Official Statement/Failure to Go to Appointed Place of Duty: An Army private first class was found guilty of two specifications of making false official statements and two specifications of failure to go, without authority, at the time prescribed to her appointed place of duty. The private first class was reduced to the rank of private and given forfeiture of \$418 pay, and extra duty for 14 days, suspended.

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On Honor Flight, monuments come to life

By Master Sgt.
Christopher G. Dion
502ND AIR BASE WING
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Across our great country, there stand numerous monuments erected to the memory of men and women who served and often died for our country.

Growing up in New England, I remember that every town had a monument dedicated to members of the community who served in a particular war or conflict. I often reflected upon the statue atop the monument of a warrior dressed in the uniform of that time and imagined who they were and what their individual story was.

Imagine with me for a moment standing in front of some of the most famous military statues and monuments in our country. Imagine the figure atop coming to life or the name on the wall taking form.

Standing before you now is a Marine who fought at the battle of Peleliu or an Army Soldier who thwarted the Nazi push in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Maybe he is one of the "Frozen Chosin" or one of the last gunners to ever fight as a member of a bomber crew in the Asian Theater.

Picture the warrior being a nurse from China Beach or a survivor of the Tet Offensive or a prisoner of war from any war. What would you ask them? What stories would you hear? Who would they be and where would they come from? What happened to them after the war?

At 4 a.m. Sept. 8, that image became a reality for me as I reported for duty to serve as a guardian for an Honor Flight San Antonio mission.

At the airport, I was introduced to 40 separate volumes of real American history. Each one offered me a different perspective on what it was like to live through the various battles and operations I had learned of in school, as well as many that were known only to them,

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In addition to stories of war, they also shared stories of love. They shared stories of high school sweethearts they married and remained to faithful through years of absence and celebrated 65 years till death did they part. There were stories of GIs restored to health by nurses who never gave up on them and the GI who in return persisted in his pursuit of love till the nurse said yes to him in front of family and friends.

With each passing hour and each story told, the statues of my youth became more real and alive. As we visited service memorials to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, I gained a new respect and appreciation for the service I and other members of my own family had committed to for more than 20 years.

While at the World War II Memorial, the pillars took on the personality of men like Private 1st Class John Valls of Laredo, who served under Gen. George S. Patton and liberated



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Staff Sgt. Reuben "George" Harvey, a B-29 gunner during the Korean War, is interviewed by Shelly Mills from the Channel 4 News "San Antonio Living" show while at the U.S. Navy Memorial. Mills is producing a one-hour special on the Honor Flight program to air on Veterans Day.

Buchenwald Prison.

At the Korean monument, the bronze sculptures spoke to me as I listened to Maj. Jim Creswell tell stories that led him to be awarded the Korean Medal of Honor with five stars.

In listening to the stories of Lt. Eleanor Bjoring, I could truly feel the emotion depicted at the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

Finally, at the Tomb of the Unknowns, I stood in silent reverence as I saw the emotion and memories come flooding silently back to these 40 veterans and heard from Staff Sgt. Reuben "George" Harvey, who had been a gunner on a B-29 doing night time bombing runs over the Korean Peninsula, and how it had taken him years to truly gain an appreciation for his own service due to the climate of a war-weary country who had lost its respect for those who served, making those who sacrificed hide their service.

As the mission came to an end Sept. 9 with the Honor

Flight returning to the San Antonio International Airport, I watched as these heroes finally received the welcome home that had been denied them for so long.

It reinforced my own feeling that in these men and women lie the true embodiment of service and that it is they who deserve, more than I, the handshakes and thanks I receive every day from a citizenry that once again has regained its appreciation for those that, in the words of Col. Nathan R. Jessup from the movie "A Few Good Men," provide the very blanket of freedom we rest under each night.

If you value the warmth of that blanket and wish to repay a little bit of gratitude owed to these living monuments of American history, then I challenge you to volunteer. Contact Honor Flight San Antonio and be a part of the welcome home team. Go on to their website (<http://honorflightsanantonio.org/>) and apply to be a guardian and experience for yourself

this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share the lives of these living storybooks.

However, do not stop there. Go down to Floresville and visit the Frank M. Tejeda Texas State Veterans Home or the VA Hospital in San Antonio or Kerrville.

Drive down to your local VFW and just listen. You will hear stories you will find nowhere else that may soon be lost to time if no one will listen.

We all enjoy telling our own stories, as is evident by the popularity of social media. Consider, though, that if we want others to listen to us, we must listen to others as well, and who better to hear from than those who have lived the lives depicted by and memorialized by statues in our nation's parks?

Provide for them that sense of appreciation that has been denied them for so long. I challenge you to be the ticker-tape parade at the end of the Honor Flight for just one living American statue.

Base access ID cards available to Gold Star family members

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The family members of Airmen who have died in action have access to Joint Base San Antonio locations as part of an Air Force initiative that began this year.

The Gold Star Base Access ID program was launched May 1 at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, and implemented Air Force-wide starting May 15.

“We understand the sacrifices these families made and want to make sure they’re still part of our family,” said Criselda Smith, JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center community



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Nikki Kelly (left), a Gold Star family member, and Kathleen Moree, chief of the Airman & Family Readiness Center, talk with Criselda Smith, community readiness consultant at the A&FRC office, on Aug. 4 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

readiness consultant. “We want them to come into our Air Force communities.”

The ID card program

allows Gold Star family members — parents, siblings and adult chil-

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It's 'National Night Out' across JBSA Oct. 3

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio will be teeming with activities the evening of Oct. 3 as the installation celebrates the partnership between law enforcement and the community during National Night Out.

Events are planned 6-8 p.m. at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Resident Center, 2739 Dickman Road; 6-8 p.m. at JBSA-Lackland's Balfour Beatty Housing Office/Community Center, 2254 Brian McElroy Drive; and 5-8 p.m. on the North Park median adjacent to the Parr Club at JBSA-Randolph.

"National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live," said Tech. Sgt. Jacob See, 802nd Security Forces Squadron unit security manager. "It is a sponsored event by the National Association of Town Watch that occurs in every city, town and village in the United States and is meant to support neighborhood crime and drug prevention."

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's National Night Out will start with a motorcade that visits Watkins Terrace Community Center, Harris Heights Community Center and Fort Sam Houston Resident Center, site of the



SENIOR AIRMAN KRISTAL WRIGHT

Military Working Dog Sonja attacks Senior Airman Travis Counts, 802nd Security Forces Squadron MWD handler, as her handler, Staff Sgt. Paul Olmos, 802nd SFS, watches on as part of a demonstration during National Night Out Oct. 6, 2015, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

event.

Demonstrations by first responders and vehicle and equipment displays from the armed services, 502nd SFS and San Antonio and Bexar County law enforcement agencies are planned. The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Exchange, commissary and other entities will take part in the event with information booths. Lincoln Military Housing will provide food and drinks.

"National Night Out

strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and sends a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back," said Police Lt. Steven Dews, 502nd SFS crime prevention manager.

Activities planned at JBSA-Lackland include a hands-on 802nd SFS vehicle and weapons display, an MWD demonstration and fingerprinting for child ID kits. Food and drinks will be

provided at no cost.

"There will also be various tables and vendors set up with information about some of the many family support agencies we have on JBSA-Lackland such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, fire department and family advocacy," See said. "The San Antonio Police Explorers will also be in attendance for any young adults who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement."

At JBSA-Randolph, National

Night Out will feature a guest speaker, San Antonio Police Department Assistant Chief Anthony Trevino.

Activities will include taser, MWD and baton demonstrations by 902nd SFS members, a dunking booth provided by Randolph Family Housing, a bouncy castle provided by JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs and a martial-arts display by Kung Jung Mul Sul of Schertz. Food and refreshments will include hamburgers, hot dogs and snow cones.

Organizations such as Green Dot, wing safety, the Air Force Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program, the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate program, JBSA-Randolph Fire Emergency Services, 902nd SFS and the Universal City Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics team will be represented at information booths.

Staff Sgt. Heath Conde, 902nd SFS NCO in charge of police services, said National Night Out gives law enforcement officers an opportunity to interact with the communities they serve in a positive way as well as display their capabilities.

"It also allows other organizations to spread awareness about major topics that are important every day in our Air Force," he said. "Among these topics are sexual assault and domestic violence."

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dren of active-duty Airmen whose death occurred as a result of combat or terrorism since 9/11 — to receive a Defense Biometric Identification System card for installation access.

Gold Star DBIDS cardholders are able to enter Air Force installations unescorted to visit

the gravesites of loved ones, attend events and activities, and receive immediate and long-term support at Airmen & Family Readiness Centers, Smith said.

The Gold Star ID card has a one-year expiration from date of issue, which may be renewed indefinitely. It allows 24/7 access with no escort or sponsor required, but it does not allow access above Force Protection Condition Bravo or access to

exchanges, commissaries and recreational facilities.

Gold Star family members from the past two years received a letter about the ID card that was signed by the Air Force installation commander closest to where they reside, but Gold Star family members previous to the past two years may self-identify to receive the card by contacting their local Air Force Families Forever program representative.

Gold Star families will work with security forces to be vetted prior to receiving their ID cards.

The ID card allows access to the base closest to them, but Gold Star family members may also enter other Air Force installations by registering their card through pass and registration at the visitor control center at each base prior to entry.

JBSA M&FRCs and security forces will work with visitor

control centers to take care of Gold Star family members who apply for their DBIDS cards, Smith said.

"Our goal is to take care of these families," she said. "We want them to know the Air Force cares."

For more information, call the Military & Family Readiness Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 221-2705; JBSA-Lackland, 671-3722; or JBSA-Randolph, 652-5321.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

Cole principal spearheads drive to help schoolchildren affected by storm

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Children in a South Texas community affected by Hurricane Harvey are receiving school supplies thanks to the generosity of teachers, students and families in the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District.

A shipment of school supplies collected at the Cole Middle/High School campus, located at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, was delivered Sept. 9 by Cole Principal Dr. Isabell Clayton to Ingleside, a town of nearly 9,400 residents near the Texas Gulf Coast.

Ingleside, located 17 miles north of Corpus Christi, was one of several communities on the Texas coast hit hard by Hurricane Harvey on Aug. 25. The Category 4 storm caused extensive property damage with 130-mph winds, heavy rainfall and flooding.

Clayton and Lori Fuller, instructional design coach at Cole, unloaded the donated school supplies at the Ingleside Independent School District administration building. Helping to unload the supplies were two Ingleside school district employees, including Dr. Jill Blankenship, an elementary school principal, and her two sons.

The school supplies will be distributed among students from all five of the Ingleside district's campuses, from elementary to high school. Ingleside ISD serves nearly 2,200 students.

When Hurricane Harvey struck, Clayton said she called Blankenship, a friend of hers, and brought up the idea of organizing a school supply drive at Cole to benefit the students in Ingleside.

"I called her and said, 'I'm sorry about what happened. We want to help. We know that the kids might need school supplies so how about we do a school supply drive,'" Clayton said. "She was very excited and said yes."

After talking to Blankenship, Clayton immediately put out information about the supply drive to Cole teachers, who started to bring items to school.

About a week later, Clayton reached out to the public and parents, posting information about the drive on the Fort Sam Houston ISD website and Facebook page and including it in an email to parents about the open house at Cole on Sept. 5. During the open house, a table to collect school supplies was set up by the Cole High School Student Council.

Clayton said she estimates that members of the Cole community donated school supplies worth several hundred dollars to the students in Ingleside, filling up the Suburban she drove. The donated supplies included notebooks, folders, markers, pencils, pens, index cards, construction paper, crayons, art and math supplies, backpacks and decorations for bulletin boards.

Additional donations included \$400 worth of gift cards for H-E-B and Walmart, which will be given to families of



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From left: Lori Fuller, Robert G. Cole's instructional design coach; and Dr. Isabell Clayton, Robert G. Cole Middle and High School principal, deliver supplies and \$400 in gift cards to Dr. Jill Blankenship, principal of Blaschke Sheldon Elementary in the Ingleside Independent School District.

schoolchildren.

Blankenship said she is thankful for the outpouring of support from Clayton and members of the Cole school community.

"I am very humbled, blessed and grateful for their generosity," Blankenship said. "That goes along with Dr. Clayton's character. She goes above and beyond. She's definitely an angel for sure."

Blankenship said Hurricane Harvey caused \$8 million in damage to Ingleside school facilities. The campus Blankenship is principal of, Blaschke-Sheldon Elementary School, had flood damage in the main part of the building, floor damage and damage to the outside of the school.

Ingleside has been repairing and cleaning up its school

campuses damaged by the storm. The district planned to resume classes Sept. 21.

Because of the school donations provided by teachers, students and parents at Cole, Blankenship said parents in Ingleside will not have to worry about spending money on new supplies.

"That's one less thing for parents trying to get their lives together to worry about," she said.

The donated school supplies will also benefit displaced students from surrounding communities who are enrolling at Ingleside schools. Schools in Port Aransas, Aransas Pass and Rockport sustained major damage from the storm and will not be able to hold classes for the time being.

"We expect an influx of

students and we will welcome those kids with open arms," Blankenship said. "They deserve a safe place to go to school. Ingleside and the surrounding towns have taken a major hit, and we want to make our district helpful and supportive and serve as a resource for the community."

Clayton said schoolchildren at Cole can relate to what the students in Ingleside are going through.

"Our military families know what it's like to experience change, transition and sometimes tragedy, and so they were very generous at what they gave," she said. "They did a great job. It just tells me that I know that they are going to help out when needed and that they are a compassionate, caring community."

Army South unveils Hall of Honor, inducts recipients

By Maj. Jamelle A. Garner
U.S. ARMY SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Thanks to the behind-the-scenes effort of Army South historian Dr. Isaac Hampton, the Army South Hall of Honor became a reality with a flag-ship ceremony Sept. 14 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The selection process for the first inductees involved a 10-person panel, made up of a cross section of the command, to include Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Olvera, and, if needed as a tie-breaker, Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn, AR-SOUTH commanding general. The committee then reviewed the biographical packets of nine different candidates.

In order to select these candidates, Hampton researched the past 70 years of Army South history, poring over the contributions of the hero-selects to determine the packets for final review by the committee.

The committee voted to induct Lt. Gen. Edward Brooks, Maj. Gen. George Mabry Jr., the Alamo Scouts (officially named the Sixth Army Special Recon-



MAJ. JAMELLE GARNER

Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn (left) and the family members of inductees Gen. Walter Kruger and Capt. Hal Kopp (Alamo Scouts) along with retired Col. Ralph Puckett cut the cake at the inaugural Hall of Honor ceremony Sept. 14 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

naissance Unit), Gen. Walter Krueger and Col. Ralph Puckett.

"Nothing is more important than honoring those who went before us in peace and in war," Chinn said.

During the ceremony, the inductees were hailed as creating the legacy that makes the U.S. the global superpower it is today. Family members of two of the inductees were present and agreed with Chinn as they spoke in fond re-

membrance of their loved ones.

The great-grandson to Krueger, Grayson Kirtland, spoke of how his great-grandfather would always write him a letter and send him a present every year for his birthday. He said Krueger expressed his desire for him to "do well in school and grow up into a strong courageous man."

"To him, it was the officers and especially the enlisted men who deserved all the credit for the 6th Army's success," Kirtland said. "His love of the enlisted man came naturally as he was a private when he joined the Army and climbed the ranks to four-star general."

Jeannie Kopp Heffern, daughter of Alamo Scouts member Capt. Howell S. Kopp, spoke with the assistance of her husband about her father. The Alamo Scouts were elite six- to seven-man teams who performed 110 known missions behind enemy lines without having a single man killed or captured including the liberation of two prisoner camps.

Prior to his last mission, Kopp penned a letter to his family. Kopp

(along with 16 of his men) boarded the U.S.S. Sea Wolf, a submarine directed to run silent. Refusing to break radio silence, they were mistaken as a Japanese submarine and assumed destroyed by friendly fire in a tragic accident, recognized by the U.S. government.

Puckett, now retired, concluded the ceremony, accepting his induction into the Hall of Honor by making it very clear that his successes laid entirely on the shoulders of the Soldiers who served with him.

"The real credit should go to the NCOs and officers that led the way," Puckett said. "I want to give credit to the 8th Army Ranger Company, service troops and the Escuela de Lanceros. I was proud to be a member of the Lancero team, where the word impossible does not exist."

"Soldiering is an affair of the heart. It's that spirit and fundamental commitment to volunteer that makes our inductees the best in the world then and continue to be the best in the world today," Chinn said.

JBSA mental health providers serve members

By David DeKunder
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Active duty members who are feeling depressed and thinking about suicide have a group of mental health providers at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston they can turn to for help.

The Intensive Outpatient Behavioral Health Program, affiliated with the Brooke Army Medical Center Department of Behavioral Health, provides services for active duty personnel who have mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, and suicidal ideation, which is thoughts about committing suicide.

Capt. Richard Schobitz, chief of the Intensive Outpatient Behavioral Health Program and a licensed clinical psychologist, said the program is centered on providing coping strategies for service members who are struggling with mental

health problems and on preventing suicide.

“Our patients are those who need a higher level of care than traditional outpatient therapy,” Schobitz said. “We work with that by coming up with a good plan with the patient that focuses on safety and employing coping skills that are learned as part of the treatment.”

Program psychologists and clinical social workers work with their patients in coming up with a six-step plan that includes activities they can do to take their mind off their problems, a list of people, agencies and mental health professionals they can contact during a crisis, and people and social settings that can provide a distraction from their problems.

Schobitz said thoughts of suicide among active duty members can be triggered by several things, including a traumatic experience in combat, childhood abuse, marital or family problems, depression

or a substance-abuse problem.

“Thoughts of suicide become more prevalent when someone’s behavioral health symptoms are so overwhelming that they begin to feel hopeless,” he said.

Schobitz said someone who is isolated from their family and friends may be at risk for developing suicidal thoughts. He said the key is to break out of isolation by having someone to talk to, such as a commander, chaplain, spouse, family member or friend, getting involved in an activity they enjoy and surrounding themselves with friends and family.

Resources for suicide prevention that active duty and JBSA members can utilize include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), a 24-hour hotline and BAMC clinics and programs at <http://www.bamc.amedd.army.mil/departments/behavioral/spsd/>

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Capt. Richard Schobitz, chief of the Intensive Outpatient Behavioral Health Program and a licensed clinical psychologist with the U.S. Public Health Service, talks to a Soldier in his office.

USAISR enlisted Soldiers counted among elite team of researchers

By Dr. Steven Galvan
USAISR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Defense’s top researchers, scientists and clinicians gathered for the 25th annual Military Health System Research Symposium Aug. 26-30 in Kissimmee, Fla., to showcase the latest advancements in combat casualty care.

During the four-day meeting, two poster sessions were held where 1,247 posters were presented by the primary investigator or a team member to explain and summarize the research and generate discussion.

Two presenters stood out in

a sea of military commissioned officers and civilian researchers — the only Army enlisted Soldiers to present posters at the conference — both from the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, a subordinate unit of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

Sgt. Amber Woodson and Spc. Melody Sandoval, both USAISR medical laboratory technicians, said they were honored to present the research their task areas are conducting.

“It’s good that the doctors in my task area have confidence in me to present,” said Wood-

son, who works in the Damage Control Resuscitation, Multiple Organ Support Technology task area. “We have a great team and we’re conducting great research for our wounded warriors. I’m proud to be presenting it.”

Sandoval, who will be promoted to sergeant in September, works in the ocular trauma task area and echoed Woodson’s comment.

“This is beyond what I expected to be doing when I joined the Army,” Sandoval said. “It’s exhausting, rewarding and challenging and I’m grateful to be working in a team that listens to my ideas and suggestions and incorpo-



DR. STEVEN GALVAN

Spc. Melody Sandoval and Sgt. Amber Woodson from the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, were the only two enlisted Soldiers to present posters at the Military Health System Research Symposium in Kissimmee, Fla., Aug. 27-30.

rates them into the research.”

USAISR Sgt. Maj. William “Dave” Poist was pleased, but not surprised at his Soldiers’ poise at the symposium.

“It’s gratifying to see our enlisted Soldiers presenting at this level,” he said. “Our Soldiers are walking posters because they do this type of stuff every day. I’m amazed at

knowledge and technical expertise. They make me and the entire institute very proud.”

“It makes me so proud to see the development of our young Soldiers,” said Col. (Dr.) Shawn Nessen, USAISR commander. “I would like to thank those who take the time to mentor and teach our future leaders.”

DOD's senior NCO leads BOSS Strong competitors in grueling workout

By Robert Dozier
IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Defense's senior non-commissioned officer led Soldiers competing in the first BOSS Strong Championship on a demanding one-hour physical training session Sept. 12, which would bring many to their knees.

Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, used heavy lifting, pushing and pulling exercises, which he believes most resemble the actual demands on Soldiers in the battlefield.

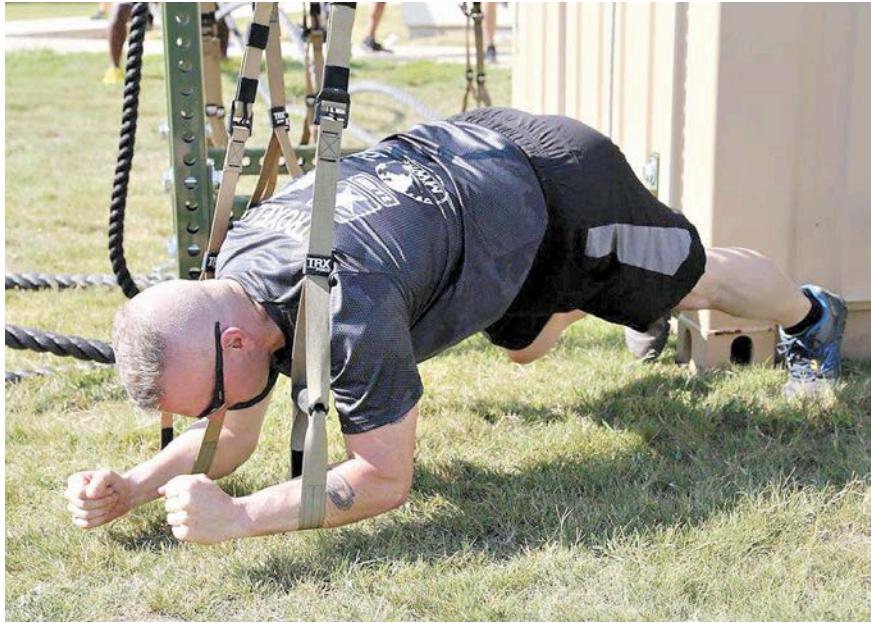
"This style of training will mimic what we do in combat," Troxell said. "They'll be tired, carrying heavy loads, they're running out of gas in a hurry and they have to overcome all that strain, all that pain, all of that stress, to reach the objective to fight and win."

Several stations were set up for the Soldiers, and each squad rotated through lifting, strength, planking, pushing and pulling activities designed to test even the most fit.

"Troxell is one-of-a-kind. His PT session broke me — for the better," said Spc. Alexis Kwamin, from Fort Meade, Md. "I feel better about my team. Every day I am surprised how much stronger our team is, and getting better."

Troxell is no stranger to the Army force and has been spreading his message of fitness all during his 35-year career.

"He has been at our post before, so I knew he was a go-getter," said Spc. Brandon Lee-Tobin, stationed at Fort Meade, Md. "I expected [the course] to be nothing less than difficult, and so we were going to give him a run for his money. I knew I would give 100 percent at all times. I definitely wasn't going to fall out in front of the



COURTESY PHOTO

Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, demonstrates his own planking style during a demanding one-hour physical training session Sept. 12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Sgt. Maj. — he is the boss of bosses. He has been showing himself as leadership and getting out there as well. All across the Army, we're taking these skills and going to push it out to our units back home."

The SEAC was at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to attend the BOSS Strong Conference.

"I came to San Antonio to talk the leadership at the conference. The Command Sergeants Major, our civilian leadership at MWR and our BOSS representatives," Troxell said. "I needed to communicate what I do as the SEAC, the strategy we have at the national military level, in terms of defending the homeland, the expectations we have for them as a Soldier and a leader, and what they can expect in terms of operational

tempo now and in the future."

BOSS refers to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, an Army program designed to increase exposure to educational, social, recreational, and artistic activities by unaccompanied military members at Army garrisons around the world. BOSS leadership is embedded within the U.S. Army Installation Management Command's G9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation — and is the driver behind the Championship event.

"This [competition] is a class-A effort with world-class coaches, equipment and I just applaud the IMCOM G9, the MWR folks — everybody involved, for putting this together," Troxell said. "The level of fitness and motivation of the Soldiers in the competition is

huge, and I think we don't do enough in the military to continue to make and keep us Army strong and prepared for the fights we have to fight to defend the homeland."

Five teams of Soldiers from USAC Italy, Camp Humphreys, Fort Lee, Fort Meade and Fort Bliss are competing in the first BOSS Strong Championship, and will introduce the future Soldier functional fitness concept of how to train today for the fight tomorrow. Soldier teams competed at their garrisons, and the best were selected to represent each of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command's directorates for the 16-day competition.

"I had no expectations, but (Troxell) said we were going after PT like we were going out to war," said Lance Cpl. Au-

turn Schlecht, one of three Marines from Fort Meade, Md. participating in the competition. "Expect nothing — experience everything, that's my motto. As an avid gym-goer, it wasn't the first time I've seen this equipment, but it was the order of the workout that set it apart. Our team created a strategy to work together on the exercise: one mission at a time."

The entire BOSS Strong Championship is being recorded and will be broadcast on various military networks including the U.S. Department of Defense News website. The series will follow the teams as they progress through the competition, and introduce the Army to functional fitness concepts.

"I've been in the Army for 35 years; I've got three years left," Troxell said. "I will retire at the most senior enlisted position in the entire Department of Defense and will have given everything I could have given."

The SEAC didn't want to leave Fort Sam Houston without some final thoughts, to inspire the BOSS Soldiers.

"I don't expect anything back from the Army. I owe the Army everything — for making me what I am. I'm going to walk away knowing that I had the great privilege to serve around great men and women, like these BOSS representatives.

"My message to them: [remember] the fight we are in now is not going to go away. So physically, mentally and emotionally, we've got to be prepared for the worst day of our life, which could happen tomorrow, and it could happen in an instant. Be ready at all times."

The competition is sponsored by Cerasport Rice-based Electrolyte Drink, Trigger Point Performance Therapy, Global Promotional Sales and Breezer Mobile Cooling.

FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

Pediatric flu vaccines

Date/Time: Sept. 23, 8 a.m. to noon
Location: Brooke Army Medical Center Medical Mall
This event provides influenza vaccines for pediatric beneficiaries 6 months and older.

Call for JBSA Community Service Projects

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LACKLAND

502nd LRS supports MASS mission

By Mary Nell Sanchaez

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When Hurricane Harvey slammed into Texas last month, it dumped plenty of rainwater, causing floodwaters and millions of dollars in damage and devastation.

The hurricane left quite a bit of standing, polluted water where the number of insects that can transmit diseases pose a potential health risk to the residents of eastern Texas. Those diseases include malaria, West Nile virus, Zika and various types of encephalitis.

The Air Force Reserve's 910th Airlift Wing, a special team based out of Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, was recently deployed to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Kelly Field to conduct nightly aerial spray missions in eastern Texas with the help of the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"When we arrived here, there was an entire entourage here to meet us," said Lt. Col. Bart Elsea, 910th AW commander. The 502nd LRS rolled out the red carpet for his team to ensure they had everything they needed for the assignment. "It's made a difficult situation a heck of a lot easier."

More than 90 Reserve Citizen Airmen, equipment, materials and three specially modified Air Force Reserve C-130 Hercules aircraft made the trip to Texas after receiving the call from the federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas Department of State Health.

The 502nd LRS was ready to provide the support needed.

"When a mission like this comes around, you already know what these guys are expecting, what they would need and kind of get an idea of what's happening," said Ray Perez, 502nd LRS chief contracting officer's representative. "It's very gratifying to be able to help a team like this."

The 502nd LRS director of operations, Tom Robinson, wants to make sure their guests have nothing to worry about but the task at hand.

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Lt. Col. Bart Elsea, 910th Airlift Wing commander

"I know they got a building. I know they got a space to store their product," Robinson said. "If they know all the stuff is taken care of and we do that, (the 910th AW) can focus on conducting the missions they're supposed to be focusing on."

The 910th AW Aerial Spray missions use only Environmental Protection Agency-registered materials. Aerial Spray is a highly controlled application of the required material using a specially designed Modular Aerial Spray System.

A small amount of insecticide, approximately 1 to 2 tablespoons per acre, is dispersed by the aircraft, which is equipped with special nozzles that kill adult mosquitoes on contact.

The overall goal of this particular mission is to spray 6 million acres of land with the three aircraft being used.

These MASS missions are normally conducted at dusk and nighttime hours using night-vision technology when pest insects are most active. The 910th AW is using a material called naled, which is EPA-approved.

The 910th AW's aerial spray capability has been used in several disasters. They include more than 2.8 million acres in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, as well as Hurricane Gustav in 2008.

The aerial spraying is not harmful to people, pets or livestock, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services website. The insecticide will not harm lakes or rivers used for drinking water or recreation because it breaks down quickly.



MASTER SGT. BOB BARKO, JR.

A specially modified Air Force Reserve C-130 Hercules tactical cargo aircraft, assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing, based at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, disperses an EPA-approved insecticide over an area at Joint Base Charleston Naval Weapons Station, S.C. in 2013. The 910th AW is using a specially designed Modular Aerial Spray System over Texas areas hit by Hurricane Harvey.

This aerial spraying mission is expected to continue through September, but it may be extended if needed.

While the 910th AW temporarily calls the 502nd LRS home, Elsea says his team has never had the facilities or the cooperation to set up their operation

like they have with the 502nd LRS.

"It's been second to none," Elsea adds.

The 910th AW is the home of the Department of Defense's only large area, fixed-wing Aerial Spray Flight and Aerial Spray Maintenance Flight.

LACKLAND BRIEFS

Adoption, foster care seminar

Date/Time: Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 1249
Participants will review the adoption and foster care process and more. For more information, call 210-671-3723.

33rd Annual Chiefs Gathering

Date/Time: Oct. 14, 5-8:30 p.m.
Location: Blue Bonnet Palace, 17630 Lookout Road, Selma
The Randolph Chiefs Group announces the 33rd Annual Chiefs Gathering, open to all Chiefs, Chiefs-select – active duty, retired, Guard or Reserve or sister service (E-9 equivalent) – who reside in San Antonio or the surrounding area, along with his or her spouse or special friend for an evening of dancing and socializing. Dress is casual. To RSVP, call 210-565-3793.

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Project building of accessibility ramps, etc. For more information, call 210-221-2418 or email usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil.

Air Force ambassadors needed

Two articulate, self-confident Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members with outgoing personalities are needed to serve as military ambassadors at community events to represent the Air Force within Joint Base San Antonio in 2018. All E-4 to E-7 Air Force members assigned to JBSA, 21 and older are eligible to apply. Nomination packages were distributed to public affairs offices across JBSA. Nomination deadline is Oct. 5. For details, call 210-221-0546 or 210-221-0220.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the MilSeq Project, a clinical study funded by the Air Force to explore how genomic sequencing can be used in medicine. The study is open to healthy, active-duty Air Force members and military health care providers. Volunteers will take a baseline survey to gauge opinions on genomic sequencing and see if they would want to participate in a study. To participate, visit <http://is.gd/milseq> or call 210-292-7556.

Children's story time

Date/Time: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Location: JBSA-Lackland Library
Story time includes books, songs, rhymes and movement activities that help reinforce a life-long love of learning. A parent or caregiver must remain in the library during story time. For details, call 210-671-2678.

91st Cyberspace Operations Squadron celebrates 100 years

From 24th Air Force
Public Affairs

The 91st Cyberspace Operations Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland spent the week of Aug. 21-26 celebrating its 100th anniversary with a week of festivities designed to both honor its heritage and its cyber Airmen who accomplish the mission daily.

The 91st COS, now located at JBSA-Lackland, originally began Aug. 20, 1917, as the 91st Aero Squadron at Kelly Field, Texas, predating the establishment of the U.S. Air Force by a full 30 years. The 91st COS was one of five aero squadrons initially sent to France during World War I, where members racked up 21 aerial kills and included four Aerial Aces among their ranks. The unit went on to fly thousands of reconnaissance sorties in both World War II and the Korean War.



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Tech. Sgt. Blake Butzer (right) shows a group of family members through the 91st Cyberspace Operations Squadron spaces during an open house on Aug. 25 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The 91st COS transitioned to the cyber domain in 2007 and currently operates under the 67th Cyberspace Wing, 24th Air Force, where it is tasked by U.S.

Cyber Command to deliver combat power and fire in support of combatant commander and joint warfighter objectives. "Our people are what make

our mission possible and it is an honor and a privilege to serve with them," said Lt. Col. Christopher Robinson, 91st COS commander. "We stand on the

shoulders of giants who served before us and we strive to continue the legacy of warfighting excellence our organization is known for."

The week of activities kicked off with a cake-cutting ceremony Aug. 21 marking the unit's official anniversary.

Squadron members also laid a wreath on the grave site of the squadron's founder, Col. John Reynolds, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Members of Reynolds' family, including his grandson, great-grandson and great-great-grandson, were in attendance.

The 91st COS opened its doors Aug. 25 for an open house where alumni and families were afforded a rare glimpse of daily life in the squadron. A formal military dinner planned to culminate the week was postponed because of inclement weather.

The U.S. Air Force turned 70 years old Sept. 18.

Security Hill Airmen take JBSA softball championship title with victory over AFPC

By Lori A. Bultman

25TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Hitmen of 25th Air Force and the Cryptologic and Cyber Systems Division came out swinging Aug. 17 to beat the Air Force Personnel Center in the Joint Base San Antonio Softball Championship.

The fiercest battle of the season, leading up to the championship win, was the third-round game at JBSA-Lackland, according to Jose Vela Jr., one of the team's coaches.

"We are down 9-8 versus the 737th Training Group, with two outs and down to our last bat, two strikes and Ed Leyba hits a line drive, home run to tie the game," Vela said. "The next batter, Chad Brewer, walks, and I substitute with a pinch runner, Wardell Newell.

I remember telling Wardell to run and score. Do not stop, no matter what he hears, since we had Michael Thomas, a good hitter, up for us next."

On that play, Michael hit the ball to right center, a line drive, and it bounces in front of the right fielder, Vela said. "He throws the ball to the short stop on the relay to get in position to throw it home.... Wardell is rounding third base and the third base coach tells him to stop," but Vela was yelling, "No, keep going, don't stop!"

"The next thing you know, the throw comes in high and Wardell slides under the tag, and we win the game 10-9," Vela said.

"This was the defining moment of this team and the season," he said. "We won our games handedly."



LORI A. BULTMAN

Maj. Gen. Mary O'Brien (center, left), 25th Air Force commander, holds the Joint Base San Antonio Softball Championship trophy with members of the Hitmen softball team, (from left), Sidney Fleming, unit deployment manager, 25th AF, holding the 2017 JBSA championship trophy; Tech. Sgt. Michael Thomas, Commander's Action Group, 25th AF; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Furedi, client system supervisor, 625th Operations Center; Jason McCash, unit deployment manager, 25th AF; and Tech. Sgt. Wardell Newell III, executive assistant to the chief of staff, 25th AF.

RANDOLPH

Randolph defenders provide 'flawless' protection for FEMA

By Robert Goetz

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers continue to be hauled away from the south ramp of Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, members of the 902nd Security Forces Squadron are nearing the end of the important role they played in Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

Ensuring the secure passage of FEMA trucks has been a 24/7 operation for the 902nd SFS in addition to its 24/7 duties as guardians of JBSA-Randolph, and it's been a job well done, said the squadron's leader.

"Our defenders set up site security at a moment's notice for the FEMA staging area on the south ramp and provided flawless force protection without hindering flying operations," said Lt. Col. Brandon Edge, 902nd SFS commander. "Setting up and securing the FEMA staging area at the south ramp was critical to ensure those affected by Hurricane Harvey were provided relief. Our defenders took ownership of these extra duties and have maintained a positive attitude throughout the entire process."

The process actually began before Harvey's destructive landfall on the Texas Gulf Coast the night of Aug. 25 – when the hurricane was still churning in the gulf. The squadron quickly sprang into action.

"Once we got our instructions, we started prepping sandbags for the buildings at



SENIOR AIRMAN STORMY D. ARCHER
Staff Sgt. Pedro Rodriguez, 902nd Security Forces Squadron entry controller, checks in a Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief truck Aug. 31 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

JBSA-Randolph that are most prone to flooding," said 1st Lt. Nathan Spradley, 902nd SFS operations officer. "We stood up our unit control center during the storm and started reporting to the emergency operations center and the crisis action team. We had patrols doing damage assessments and reporting them to

the EOC and the CAT."

Despite high winds, JBSA-Randolph escaped Harvey's wrath with minimal damage, Spradley said. A few small trees and a large oak tree in Airmen's Heritage Park were toppled and signs, a fence near the Main Gate and some roofs and buildings sustained damage.

"We got really lucky on this one," he said.

JBSA's involvement in relief efforts began with the establishment of the FEMA Incident Support Base at the JBSA-Seguin Auxiliary Air Field, which filled with FEMA trailers loaded with supplies, and continued when JBSA-Randolph became an ISB.

"When the Seguin airfield reached capacity with 1,000 trailers, the additional trailers were sent here," Spradley said. "We pulled in 14 augmentees from the 558th Flying Training Squadron to backfill us on the gates, and we placed our guys on the south ramp for security of the trailers and at traffic control points and the commercial vehicle inspection area near the South Gate to vet drivers from FEMA and the Defense Logistics Agency."

The JBSA-Randolph ISB accommodated more than 1,400 trailers, but that number has dropped as FEMA contends with the ravages of Hurricane Irma in Florida, Spradley said.

Dealing with traffic flow issues has been one of the greatest challenges facing the 902nd SFS since the South Gate was closed to privately owned vehicles to facilitate the passage of FEMA vehicles, Spradley said.

"From a logistical standpoint, the way JBSA-Randolph is configured makes it difficult to manage traffic even if you close one gate," he said.

However, the squadron has risen to its challenges, Spradley said.

"These guys have done a

JBSA-RANDOLPH VCC CHANGES HOURS IT'S OPEN ON SATURDAYS

Starting Oct. 1, the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Visitor Control Center will have new hours of operation for Saturdays.

The new hours will be from 7 a.m. to noon. If you or your guest needs access to the installation, a pass can be issued at the main gate.

As usual, when the VCC is closed, a sponsor will be required in person. An email (.mil) sponsorship is not authorized once the VCC is closed. The VCC hours Monday through Friday will remain the same (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and we will remain closed on Sundays and holidays.

JBSA-Randolph Visitor Control Center hours:

Monday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m. to noon (changed hours)

Sunday: Closed

Holidays: Closed

fantastic job," he said.

"They're still out there getting the job done with a great attitude."

Edge also commended squadron members.

"Our Airmen never skipped a beat and never complained despite working long hours and dealing with the constant change adjusting to this new security challenge," he said. "It amazes me every day to see what our men and women accomplish and I am humbled to have the opportunity to lead them."

Haven for Hope provides many leadership lessons

By Randy Martin

12TH FLYING TRAINING WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 12th Flying Training Wing's leaders spent four hours at a homeless shelter Sept. 7 as part of a commanders' off-site. Haven for Hope provides a place of hope and new beginnings for more than 2,100 people at a 22-acre campus near downtown San Antonio.

"We are developing people," said Col. Joel Carey, 12th FTW commander during an ori-

entation with Haven for Hope's president and chief executive officer. "We are here to help, to learn and to have a good time."

There were 35 officers, senior noncommissioned officers and civilians with several spouses on hand from the wing staff, its three flying groups and the maintenance directorate. Many traveled from the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and from Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, to attend the two-day professional development session at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

"Col. Carey wanted to expose his leadership team to a unique perspective on leadership in challenging circumstances and to learn leadership from Haven for Hope's staff," said Lt. Col. Jason Bianchi, 435th Fighter Training Squadron's A Flight commander and the project officer for the off-site. "We wanted to learn leadership from Haven for Hope's staff and see it in action while serving the community."

"You have to have a leader and our campus emerged out of Bill Greehey's heart," said Kenneth Wilson, Haven for Hope's



RANDY MARTIN

Lt. Col. Matthew Russell, 559th Flying Training Squadron commander, listens to a homeless man he met during a volunteer opportunity Sept. 7 at Haven for Hope near downtown San Antonio.

president and chief executive officer.

Greehey, an accomplished businessman, and the San Antonio City Council sought solutions for Bexar County's homelessness beginning in 2006. Haven for Hope opened in 2010 and offers its members, as residents are called, one-stop social services.

Haven for Hope has a reputation worldwide for its unique approach to homelessness. It has more than 100 partners and provides more than 300 different social services to

a diverse community.

The 12th FTW leaders toured a safe outdoor sleeping area for guests who need shelter and basic services. They saw a transformation campus with facilities for food services, child care, dormitories, family living areas, a kennel and gym among others.

After the tour, Wilson organized two teams for a specially designed volunteer activity. One team played bingo and the other handed out ice cream and other treats in the courtyard.

We want you to talk to these people and hear them as human beings, said Wilson.

A Haven for Hope member told one of the 12th FTW visitors about an estranged relationship with a daughter, a path in life that had detoured and a new opportunity for a job and spiritual growth.

What you did will carry these people for a long time, Wilson said.

Before the off-site ended, 10 Haven For Hope leaders shared a stage and their personal stories with leadership advice.

"It was amazing experience, very moving, and incredibly insightful," Bianchi said.

"We saw leadership from a completely unique perspective. We were impressed by the compassion of the staff for their clients. We were personally moved by our one-on-one interaction with the homeless and we felt inspired by the leadership insights from the personal experiences of Haven for Hope's staff."

For more information about Haven For Hope, visit havenforhope.org.

RANDOLPH BRIEFS

Newcomer's Orientation

Date/Time: Sept. 25; 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 693

Mandatory in-processing for all newly assigned JBSA-Randolph military and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. To register, call 210-652-3036.

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Schobitz said service members who need to seek immediate help can go to the Multi-Disciplinary Behavioral Health Services Clinic at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, located at 4178 Petroleum Drive, Building 3528R, near the RV Park.

The clinic is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To reach the Multi-Disciplinary Behavioral Health Services Clinic, call 210-539-9589/9567.

Other outpatient BAMC system clinics at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston that provide services to active duty personnel are the Campus Behavioral Health Services Clinic, which serves students at the Medical Educational and Training Campus, located inside the Capt. Jennifer M. Moreno Primary Care Clinic, 3100 Schofield Road, Building 1179, and the San Antonio Military Medical Center Multi-Disciplinary Behavioral Health Clinic, 3551 Roger Brooke Drive, Building 3600R (trailer 16).

Children and family members of active duty

personnel can seek help at the BAMC Child and Family Behavioral Health Services Clinic, located near the pediatrics unit at SAMMC, at 3551 Roger Brooke Drive.

In addition, SAMMC provides 24-hour psychiatric care and can treat patients admitted in the hospital's emergency room who could be suicidal.

For people who know of a friend or someone who is contemplating suicide, the best thing to do is to stay in touch with that person and help them to get support from their commander, a chaplain or at one of the BAMC mental health clinics, Schobitz said.

"Listen and take them seriously," he said.

Col. Steve Lewis, chief of the BAMC Department of Behavioral Health, said help is available 24 hours a day for service members who are dealing with mental health issues whether it's by calling the National Suicide Prevention hotline or at the SAMMC emergency room.

Lewis said military personnel, their family members and dependents can also access mental health care through the TRICARE network, with

a listing of providers at <http://www.tricare.mil>.

Military retirees and family members can seek mental health care through TRICARE without getting a referral from their primary care provider, said Lewis.

Lewis said service members and unit leaders should keep an eye on their unit members to make sure they are OK and to be there for them when they need help.

"We are always encouraging leaders to be engaged with their Soldiers, service members and (the service member's) family members to be alert for if they have a recent failed event in their life, whether it's a relationship, professionally or a significant loss of a family member," Lewis said. "Constant vigilance and engagement with others is critical to at least identify those people who may need help."

For more information on the Intensive Outpatient Behavioral Health Program, call 210-808-2585. The program is located at the Capt. Jennifer M. Moreno Primary Care Clinic, 3100 Schofield Road, Building 1179, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.