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*A U.S. Air Force Airman from Pacific Air Forces Command competes in a dismounted operation competition during Air Force Defender Challenge Sept. 11 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.*

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# When it comes to inclement weather preparedness, better safe than sorry

By Lori Yerdon

U.S. ARMY COMBAT READINESS CENTER

While the nation observes National Preparedness Month each September, officials from the National Weather Service recommend individuals plan year-round for inclement weather.

The NWS reports that hundreds of people die and thousands receive injuries each year because of the weather.

Douglas Hilderbrand, NWS meteorologist and Weather-Ready Nation lead, cautions that disasters can strike at any time; and while National Preparedness Month serves to shine a spotlight on preparedness, people should have a 365-day-a-year mindset.

"Many preparedness actions take seconds and don't cost anything," Hilderbrand explained. "For example, take some time identifying your safe place for the leading threats in your area. During the holiday season, think about gift ideas like an emergency kit, a National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration weather radio, or fire/carbon monoxide alarms."

For some severe weather, there is time to plan. Such was the case with Hurricane Lane, which affected service members and their families in Hawaii, and Tropical Storm Soulik, which impacted those stationed in South Korea.

Other weather phenomena, including pop-p storms, heavy rain and tornadoes, leave less time to react, but there still are prevention measures people can



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take.

"Some weather events like thunderstorms can develop quickly," Hilderbrand said. "The best action is to prepare well before an event or outing and make decisions that reduce your risks."

"If you and your family want to enjoy a day on the water, and there is a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon, alter your plans so that you could get back to shore quickly, or even focus your time earlier in the day and head to shore sooner than originally planned."

Hilderbrand also says not to let inconvenience be an excuse for putting yourself and loved ones in danger.

Weather forecasting technology continually improves and, according to Hilderbrand, advances in supercomputing, newly deployed weather satellites and upgrades in radar have pushed weather

forecasting to be more accurate, which in turn provides better-advanced notice.

"Forecasts are becoming incredibly accurate, often giving multiple days of advanced lead time to a specific hazard," Hilderbrand said. "Hurricane Harvey's rainfall totals over 50 inches were historic, but what also was historic was the prediction that over 50 inches of rainfall would occur."

"Even with all of the advances in technology, however, the weather forecaster is still essential in the accuracy, timeliness and communication of lifesaving weather warnings. Meteorology is still part science, part art."

In today's high-tech world where virtually everyone connects to the internet, Hilderbrand recommends individuals rely on trusted sources for weather information.

"Weather.gov, a NOAA weather radio, commercial weather provider, TV and social media are all excellent venues to stay in the know during adverse weather," he said. "However, take extra precautions when relying on social media, in its timeliness, reputation and reliability of specific accounts."

Weather affects everyone stationed around the world, on and off duty and no matter the season. Consequently, Hilderbrand says every person has the responsibility of weather preparedness.

"Check on those with disabilities, young children and others who may be more vulnerable to the impacts of weather," he said. "Serve as an example to others, and even engage your social media network. Everyone has a responsibility for themselves, their family, neighbors and community."

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# September is National Preparedness Month

By Brig. Gen. Laura Lenderman  
502ND AIR BASE WING

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, which serves as a reminder to plan and be prepared for emergencies.

This year's theme is "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How." This theme reminds us that we must take the necessary steps now to be prepared not just today, but throughout the year.

As you're fully aware, our daily local and national news broadcasts highlight emergencies and/or disaster that occur across our nation and around the world. Whether it's a natural or man-made disaster, or a technological phenomenon, these major events threaten the safety of our personnel and jeopardize our ability to accomplish the mission.

National Preparedness Month is a time to prepare ourselves and those around us for the hazards which may affect our community.

Accordingly, the Air Force's "Be Ready," the Army's "Ready Army," and the Navy's "Ready Navy" awareness campaigns were established to ensure



COURTESY PHOTO

Brig. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman (center), 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, signs the 2018 National Preparedness Month proclamation at the 502nd ABW conference room. The general is joined by (from left) Matthew Lucido, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Firefighter; John Patrick, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston CE Structure Superintendent; Randy Simeon, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Firefighter; Tech. Sgt. Tyler Brock, 502d SFS Flight Chief; Officer Patrick Villarreal, 502d SFS; William Vernon, 502d SFS Flight Chief; and Staff Sgt. Rhon Dawkins, 902d CES Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team Leader.

our military and civilian members have the knowledge they require to enhance their resilience, to equip their readiness and to increase our security by being

prepared to respond and recover from any emergency situation that occurs in Joint Base San Antonio.

Our end goal is to foster a culture of

preparedness across our installation. Therefore, I encourage every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman, Coastguardsman and Department of Defense civilian to learn about the potential hazards that could occur in the Joint Base San Antonio area; to develop emergency response plans in our units and at home; and to join in local efforts to become a partner in our overall preparedness.

Moreover, I encourage every commander, staff agency lead, supervisor and unit emergency management representative to promote our awareness campaigns by including emergency preparedness information in your staff meetings, commander's call and other venues this month.

Our installation's Office of Emergency Management has a variety of information and products available to support your efforts. I urge you to make use of those items and the talents of our emergency management professionals by calling the 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Readiness and Emergency Management Flight at JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-2222.

## 'Make a Difference Day' service projects save JBSA thousands of dollars; now accepting applications

By Kali Seydo  
JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON MILITARY  
& FAMILY READINESS CENTER

In a single day last year, Joint Base San Antonio benefited from approximately \$22,000 worth of volunteer service during the 2017 Make a Difference Day. Volunteers cleaned headstones as part of a historic preservation project at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and gardened at the JBSA-Lackland Fisher House.

Last year, leadership and staff of the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center had a goal of creating an appropriate space for parents

with infants seeking family support and readiness services.

"We wanted to make the best use of limited resources, and Make a Difference Day provided the perfect opportunity," said Frances Anderson, supervisory community readiness consultant. "With a small investment in furniture, some no-cost materials from U-Fix-It and the help of a great crew of volunteers, we transformed an unused office into a beautiful space for parents with infants. I'd estimate we saved at least 50 to 60 percent on what we would have paid a contractor. We had fun and are proud to offer an enhanced customer experience

for parents with infants who need our services."

Make a Difference Day is the nation's largest single day of volunteerism. Millions of people come together with the common goal of investing in their personal community to help improve their own lives and the lives of others.

JBSA mission partners, units, agencies and organizations have the opportunity to save money and improve its members' work lives by hosting a community service project for the 2018 event.

Participating organizations gain free support from volunteers, exposure and awareness of its service or

mission, and build a stronger connected community by providing a platform to network, learn new skills, enhance resumes, collect volunteer hours and discover possible careers.

Projects can be skilled or unskilled, and organizations can describe the type of help that is needed. "Be creative and think outside the box," said Sally Gonzalez, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness volunteer coordinator. "If a unit is deploying, volunteers can create care packages. Projects may include anything from manual labor like landscaping to clerical work like entering data into spreadsheets. All ideas are welcomed."

With busy work weeks, volunteers can offer an extra hand to help complete projects or goals that always seem to move to the back of the priority list.

All JBSA entities are

welcomed to submit projects. "We hope to have at least 12 service projects: four at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, four at JBSA-Lackland and four at JBSA-Randolph," Gonzalez said.

To host a community service project, brainstorm what tasks could be completed to benefit your organization and the JBSA community. Download the JBSA Organization Application form from <http://www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Military-Family-Readiness/Volunteer-Resources> and submit it to [usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil) by Sept. 28. There is no cost to host a service project.

Volunteers may view and select a service project beginning Oct. 5. JBSA is participating in Make a Difference Day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 27. Service projects are not required to last the entire eight hours. For more information or guidance, call 210-221-2705.

# Feedback Fridays

By Brig. Gen.  
Laura Lenderman  
502ND AIR BASE WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Feedback Fridays is a weekly forum that aims to connect the 502nd Air Base Wing with members of the Joint Base San Antonio community. Questions are collected during commander's calls, town hall meetings, and throughout the week. Numerous organizations work in tandem to answer the questions and provide the community with vital information.

If you have a question that you'd like to have answered, please send an email to RandolphPublicAffairs@us.af.mil using the subject line "Feedback Fridays." Questions will be further researched and published as information becomes available.

## Personnel Issues

**Q.** When will DoD civilians be allowed to shop in the Base Commissary and the Base Exchange?

**A.** Thank you very much for your question. The good news is that a request to change the policy and extend limited shopping privileges to DoD civilians is currently under review by the DoD. As soon as we hear that a decision is made, we'll be sure to disseminate the information to all DoD employees.

**Q.** Is there an approved locality pay for San Antonio or is it just a rumor?

**A.** Thank you for asking this question as most of our JBSA workforce are civilians and we want to keep our team informed on upcoming pay changes.

As you may be aware, some locations receive locality pay based on the cost of living of that location. Locality pay is a percentage increase over normal base pay for our civilian force and is based on Office of Personnel Management proposals using



economic cost of living indices.

In December 2017, OPM proposed locality pay for the San Antonio region. This proposal is awaiting a decision by the president, at which time, governing regulations will be issued. Unfortunately, we do not have a timeline on when that decision might be made. However, we will update the JBSA website as more information becomes available.

For more information, visit <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/07/09/2018-14542/general-schedule-locality-pay-areas>.

**Q.** Why don't non-appropriated fund employees qualify for the Fitness Program that

appropriated fund employees are allowed to participate in?

**A.** This is a great question. Currently, the Air Force does not have the authority to offer additional fitness program policies or entitlements to NAF employees. NAF employee health benefits, policies and entitlements are negotiated under the DoD Health Benefits program. However, the DoD does allow scheduling flexibilities to accommodate off-duty physical fitness and

healthy well-being for NAF employees. If you are interested in scheduling flexibilities, please work with your supervisor to see if the mission can support your request.

**Q.** I was told in a formal meeting that if I keep bringing up suggestions to make things better I would or could be placed on a list. Is this the norm?

**A.** Thank you very much for bringing this to light. It is certainly not the norm to discourage individuals from offering ways to improve the unit. In fact, we absolutely rely on individual innovative ideas to help us be more efficient and effective. I recommend contacting your supervisor and/or unit leadership to ensure they are aware of this issue. In addition, our Inspector General team is incredible, and is always available to support you. Please reach out to the 502 ABW IG office at (210) 808-1081 if you have any further questions or concerns.

## Installation & Facilities

**Q.** Are there any talks of allowing Law Enforcement

Officers Safety Act concealed carry for defenders currently assigned to JBSA?

**A.** Thank you for your question! I am carefully considering this matter as your wing commander. Our Security Forces Group has developed options which could allow limited LEOSA arming in JBSA. Due to the unique construct of JBSA and its vast amount of mission partners and sister service residents, this is not a simple issue to resolve and not one that should be decided by only one command. While I am confident there will be guidance provided regarding this topic in the not too distant future, it is important for our team to address this issue with our sister service commanders to ensure their opinions and concerns are weighed into the decision. Please note, the current discussion surrounds qualified law enforcement officer provisions and has not been expanded to Texas License to Carry authorities for non-law enforcement affiliated individuals yet.

**Q.** What can we do about our roach infestation in our

building? They have been falling from the ceiling. Work order has been submitted quite some time ago.

**A.** Our Pest Management and Entomology Shop makes these types of calls related to public health and safety a top priority. They target a one to three day time window to treat for infestations. Please call in to the Civil Engineer Help Line (210) 671-5555 for immediate assistance. When you call, please ensure that the help line understands it is a building occupant health issue, so it is classified as an emergency work order.

**Q.** Are plans in the works to widen the road at the Binz Engleman Road from the bridge to Garden View/Schofield Road?

**A.** Currently, there are no plans to widen the road over the next five years. However, our Transportation Asset Management Team and Traffic Safety Working Group will add this road for reassessment. If determined that road expansion is needed for safety and increased traffic flow, our Civil Engineer Group will program for this expansion and explore potential public and private partnerships to expedite this project.

## Miscellaneous

**Q.** When will the new T-X be announced?

**A.** Great question! We anticipate the new T-X contract award to be announced no later than Sept. 30, 2018. For those who are unfamiliar, the T-X program has been established to enable the USAF to buy a new two-seat jet trainer for fast-jet training to replace the Northrop T-38 Talon stationed at JBSA-Randolph and several other Undergraduate Pilot Training bases across the country. The average age of the T-38 fleet is over 50 years, and approximately 350 T-X aircraft are expected to be ordered to replace the aging T-38 aircraft across our Air Force.



# FORT SAM HOUSTON

## JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Town Hall Sept. 13 addresses lead paint in housing areas

By Steve Elliott

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Residents at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston learned about the steps the military is taking to address the issue of lead exposure hazards at housing units across the nation at a town hall meeting Sept. 13 at the Military & Family Readiness Center.

Leaders conducted the town hall out of an abundance of caution and as a result from a collective discussion between the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Joint Base San Antonio, Army Support Activity and Lincoln Military Housing.

"We decided to take immediate actions to inform our community and maintain their confidence, particularly after the recent Reuters special report article titled 'Children poisoned by lead on a U.S. Army bases as hazards ignored,'" said Col. Sam Fiol, Commander of the 502nd Force Support Group and Executive Agent of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. "The safety of our service members and their families is paramount, and we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment on our installation."

Ed Roberson, deputy director of the 802d Civil Engineer Squadron, informed the attendees of sources of lead exposure, facilities where lead is most commonly found, and explained mitigation efforts, he informed attendees that "it's essential for residents to report to the Housing Office any instances of peeling, chipping, or flaking paint" and provided a sample picture. He added that "risks to buildings are mitigated through proper maintenance."

The town hall showcased a subject matter expert panel of 10 individuals representing JBSA, Army Support Activity, and Lincoln Military Housing leadership, child and youth services,

and the medical community (pediatrics, maternal/fetal health, veterinary services and occupational health) who provided information and participated in a question and answer session.

"If service members feel their children have been exposed to lead-based paint, they should contact their primary care manager or the Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center laboratories for testing, and no appointment is necessary to conduct this testing," said Dr. (Col.) Rebecca Blackwell, 559th Medical Group commander.

Lead in houses is not a new matter. There are an estimated 24 million homes in the U.S. built before 1978 that contain elevated levels of lead. The health and safety concerns posed by exposure to lead are felt across the United States, and the Army is not immune, according to a fact sheet released by the U.S. Army Office of the Chief of Public Affairs.

While there is no master list of locations known to contain lead-based paint, many homes and facilities built prior to 1978 likely contain surfaces painted with lead-based paint, CE officials said.

The lead-based paint is not hazardous if it is contained under other coats of paint. However, if it is peeling, cracking, stripped or otherwise disturbed, it can be hazardous if ingested. Service members who see peeling paint in a pre-1978 house should report it immediately to their housing office.

Leaders from the Army Support Activity and Lincoln Military Housing were present to answer questions, address issues, and consult with residents on specific requests after the town hall.

Lincoln Military Housing fully discloses to residents when they sign for their homes whether lead paint might be present and provides guidelines and

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instructions entitled "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home," authored by the Environmental Protection Agency.

If a resident suspects their home contains lead-based paint, what can they do to avoid contamination? The Environmental Protection Agency recommends the following steps to protect family members from lead hazards:

- ▶ Notify housing of peeling or chipping paint as soon as possible.
- ▶ Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.
- ▶ Keep painted surfaces clean and free of dust. Clean floors, window frames, window sills and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner. (Remember: never mix ammonia and bleach products together because they can form a dangerous gas.) Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- ▶ Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling.
- ▶ Consult our health care provider

about testing our children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test.

- ▶ Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often and keep play areas clean.
- ▶ Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium and vitamin C. Children with good diets absorb less lead.
- ▶ Remove shoes or wipe soil off shoes before entering our house.

Again, residents concerned about potential levels of lead in their blood may get tested at the BAMC or Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center labs without a referral or appointment.

Army officials said they will continue to inform and educate service members and their families about the concerns and health impacts of lead, resources available and methods to report potential risks.

"We are committed to providing the highest quality of care to our service members, their families and all those entrusted to our care," Fiol added.

## 470TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE SOLDIERS MENTOR LOCAL STUDENTS



MONICA YAOS

*Students in Theresa Mayfield's second-grade class salute Soldiers from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, who volunteered during their lunch break Sept. 4 to mentor young minds at Bowden Academy, an San Antonio Independent School District campus. The Soldiers, led by Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Lee Yoneyama, offered students advice on the importance of staying in school and learning good study habits now to help them in the future. The school has been the adopted campus of the brigade since 2006, when it was Bowden Elementary School. The Soldiers also volunteer as mentors in the Lunch Buddy Program, speak to the students during career days and participate in fitness initiatives and other events.*

# Hospital Corpsman Basic students, instructor become first responders

By Petty Officer 2nd Class Shayla Hamilton

NAVY MEDICINE TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Two Navy Medicine Training Support Center, or NMTSC, Hospital Corpsman Basic, or HCB, program students put their training into action, acting as the first responders to assist a patient at the Veterans Affairs Emergency Room Aug. 27.

Seaman Nicholas Earls, from Jackson, Tenn., and Seaman Enea Preci, from Brooklyn, N.Y., were in their final days of training at the Medical Education and Training Campus, or METC, during which time students are sent out to get real-life clinical experience at different medical units in San Antonio. They had just completed their clinical shift off-base at the Veterans Affairs hospital in San Antonio and were waiting for their ride,

when they noticed a patient beginning to convulse, eventually falling down and hitting his head, which started bleeding. The students quickly jumped to action, yelling, “Man down!” grabbing the attention of one of their instructors nearby.

“I didn’t know what to think,” Preci said. “I saw him grab his chest and yell out in pain. I got closer, thinking he was possibly having a heart attack, then he collapsed. I heard a loud thud, got closer and noticed the blood pooling around the head area. My first thought was to get C-spine, then I noticed that Earls had already done that. So, I stepped out of the way when I saw HMI [Hospital Corpsman 1st Class], then a nurse came out and I

assisted with keeping the patient stabilized.”

Preci said the training he received at the METC definitely prepared him for what he experienced. One of his instructors arrived on-scene and began rapid-response efforts alongside the students.

“It all happened so fast,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Aaron, an instructor with the Hospital Corpsman Basic program at the METC. “We had the guy back into the ER in under five minutes. He was back-boarded, onto a gurney, back inside with doctors treating him in that short amount of time. I washed up and came back out and I could still see the looks on their [Preci’s and Earls’] faces. They looked scared. I know they were

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PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS SHAYLA HAMILTON

Seaman Nicholas Earls (left), Seaman 1st Class Michael Aaron (center), an instructor with the Hospital Corpsman Basic (HCB) program, and Seaman Enea Preci (right), stand for a photo at the Medical Education and Training Campus. The three Sailors acted as first responders, assisting a patient who collapsed at the Veterans Affairs Emergency Room Aug. 27.

# BAMC earns The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval

By Lori Newman

BAMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brooke Army Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. This accreditation is a reflection of the organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

The Joint Commission accredited BAMC under two standards: the hospital standard and the behavioral health standard. Additionally, BAMC attained its first certification for Primary Care Medical Home by The Joint Commission. The three-year accreditation and certification award recognizes BAMC's dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's standards for health care quality and safety.

"The survey team was unanimous and profuse in their compliments on the teamwork, skill, compassion, professionalism and passion to learn exhibited by all of our staff members," said BAMC Commanding General Brig. Gen. George Appenzeller.

BAMC facilities underwent the rigorous unannounced on-site survey in June 2018. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated the hospital and the outlying clinics for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

The Joint Commission's hospital standards address important functions relating to the care of patients and the management of hospitals. The standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.

"The Department of Defense requires all military treatment facilities to maintain a civilian accreditation," said Air Force Col. Nicola Choate, deputy to the commander for quality and safety.

"Accreditation is a periodic external evaluation by recognized experts that provides impartial evidence of



JASON W. EDWARDS

*Sgt. Anthony Dimaio, noncommissioned officer in charge of Neuro Surgical Intensive Care unit, prepares to clean a pair of surgical scissors with a point of use kit Sept. 12 at Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.*

the quality of care, treatment or services delivered to the individuals we serve."

The Primary Care Medical Home certification focuses on care coordination, access to care and how effectively a primary care clinician and the interdisciplinary team work in partnership with the patient and family.

"We did exceptionally well," said Lori Barteau, chief of the Department of Quality Services. "We earned a three-year accreditation and certification and we had very few findings."

The majority of the findings were of a low limited risk and not related to patient care. The surveyors also acknowledged the organization for many "best practices," which they observed during the five-day survey.

The survey team encouraged BAMC leadership to submit five programs to The Joint Commission Leading Practice Library. The Leading Practice Library provides a resource for organizations to leverage BAMC's recognized efforts for consideration and adoption to their own services.

"One of those identified best practices was the point-of-use processing of reusable instruments," Barteau said. "Infection prevention and control practices are one of the most common findings globally for The Joint Commission."

The survey team also praised the Residential Treatment Facility staff for their integrated approach to treatment, which includes patient education, individual and group psychotherapy, recreational and occupational therapy and functional restoration.

Barteau credited the entire staff for their compassion and dedication.

"The entire staff worked very hard to put programs into place, to sustain those programs and to ensure that not only did they meet The Joint Commission standards, they exceeded them," Barteau said.

"I am very proud of what our entire team has accomplished over the past months to prepare for this survey. The outstanding results exemplify the care, compassion, and dedication of the BAMC family to all of those we serve," Appenzeller said.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

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wondering if they did the right thing or if they did enough."

Aaron said the students were 20 minutes from being picked up when the incident occurred. The patient had recently been released and stepped out to smoke a cigarette. He was a civilian, about 80 years old.

"I definitely think it's important to help people, even those you don't know," Preci said. "Had we not been there, he probably could've died."

"I've gone through so much extra training during my 12

years that has improved my skills, but this training definitely gives them that solid foundation," Aaron said. "This foundation will allow them to go out and be able to treat patients and have the knowledge to execute all of that stuff during their follow-on training as well. I think that the curriculum we have here is bettering the hospital corpsman that we have going out to the fleet."

Aaron gave Preci and Earl advice for heading out into the fleet.

"You are going to run into these types of situations in the real world," Aaron said. "It's important to apply the basic

stuff. It is really just the simple things; chest compressions, checking their pulse, making sure that they're breathing; all basic things being taught in this training. Once you're comfortable, these things will become second nature in the heat of the moment. I've had the experience and the practice doing this. Muscle memory comes with everything you do in the military."

Earls and Preci received letters of commendation from Lt. Cmdr. Ruben Lopez, HCB Department Chair, for their efforts.

"Your quick action and execution of the primary

assessment exemplifies the training you received at the Hospital Corpsman Basic program at the Medical Education and Training Campus," Lopez said. "The hospital corpsman mantle has a long and storied history. Your actions embody the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment. You answered the call of 'Corpsman up!' and cemented the rightful place the military has here in Military City, USA."

Earls and Preci graduated from the HCB program at the METC, Aug. 30. Earls was the honor graduate for Class 160 and is eligible for the

Accelerated Advancement Program (AAP), which allows "A" school students who graduate in the top percentile of their class, eligibility for automatic advancement at their first duty station. Preci held the student leadership position of Athletic Petty Officer, assisting the command fitness leaders in conducting all phases of command physical training and setting the physical fitness standard for his class.

Both students earned distinction by achieving academic excellence on the METC Dean's List. Earls is heading to Camp Lejeune, and Preci is awaiting orders.



# PACAF wins Air Force Defender Challenge

By David DeKunder

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After three days of grueling competition in austere environments, Pacific Air Forces bested 13 other U.S. and international security forces teams to capture the Air Force Defender Challenge Championships, held Sept. 10-13 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

The PACAF team totaled the most combined points in several events, which included realistic weapons scenarios, simulated dismounted operations and combat endurance.

"The competition tested the very same skills Defenders may need to employ on any day at any air base in any area of responsibility," said Brig. Gen. Andrea Tullos, Air Force Director of Security Forces. "They were placed under stress and needed to shoot, move and communicate with their fire team. They were required to maneuver as a team and come upon diverse scenarios requiring them to observe, orient, decide and act."

Tullos presented the trophy to the winning team at an awards ceremony Sept. 13. Addressing the crowd of competitors, cadre, support staff and distinguished guests, the general said, "We will continue to challenge you and surprise you in future Defender Challenge competitions."

Airman 1st Class Curtis Covington, a member of the PACAF team, said the experience was amazing despite being difficult and challenging.

"There were some hiccups but it was just the things you have happen in these kind of scenarios," he said. "You have to be used to adapting; just keep pushing through, not letting it get to you or getting discouraged."

Defender Challenge included



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*The Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) members who participated in the Air Force Defender Challenge 2018. The PACAF team totaled the most combined points in several events, which included realistic weapons scenarios, simulated dismounted operations and combat endurance.*

14 four-person security forces teams from 12 Air Force major commands, a team from the United Kingdom Royal Air Force and a team from the German Air Force.

Defender Challenge traces its origins to 37 years ago when Headquarters Air Force Office of Security Police first held an international defender's competition. Defender Challenge returned this year following a 14-year hiatus. The RAF team had held the trophy since winning the last Defender Challenge in 2004.

Prior to the competition, Tullos noted the scenarios would determine the most lethal and most ready team, while increasing the competitive spirit and competency of all participants. The event reinforced Defender ethos and tapped into the

competitive nature within security forces and among all ground combat forces, she said.

PACAF won the Defender Challenge title by taking first in the weapons competition and placing second in the dismounted operations challenge. Air Combat Command finished second and Air Force Materiel Command placed third.

By winning the weapons competition, PACAF displayed the highest marksmanship skills of all teams in that category and received the Coleman Cup, named after Brig. Gen. Richard Coleman, former U.S. Air Force Security Forces Center director of security forces and commander from 1997 to 2000. The team from ACC took second in the weapons competition followed by Air Force Space Command

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Air Mobility Command won the Sadler Cup. The award is presented to the top team in the dismounted operations challenge. PACAF and the Air National Guard finished second and third respectively in that challenge.

In the combat endurance relay event, the German Air Force came out on top followed by ACC in second and AMC in third.

The Top Shot Award, presented to the top three

security forces members for mastering marksmanship skills. Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez of the Air Force District of Washington placed first; Senior Airman David Hightower of Air Education and Training Command finished second; and Covington took third.

Lance Cpl. Adam Butler of the RAF team won the Outstanding Defender Award for demonstrating exceptional leadership throughout the competition.

# LACKLAND

## Alamo Wing hosts young patient as 'Pilot for a Day'

By Tech. Sgt.  
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433RD AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 433rd Airlift Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland hosted 8-year-old Giovanni Gallegos, who is battling high-risk leukemia, as the Pilot for a Day Sept. 8.

The Alamo Wing, in partnership with the Children's Hospital of San Antonio, sponsors the Pilot for the Day program. The program's goal is to provide children, who have serious or chronic medical conditions, and their families the opportunity to be a guest of the Air Force Reserve Citizen Airmen for the day.

"After all he has been through, I feel really blessed to have my Gio chosen to be Pilot

for a Day," said his mother, Jessica Gallegos.

What touched her emotions was the line of Reserve Citizen Airmen and Civil Air Patrol cadets assembled in two lines, saluting Giovanni as he walked up to the front cargo deck a C-5M Super Galaxy.

"I felt like crying," she said. "It looked so nice and I thought it was like they were recognizing him for everything he has been through.

"Last year he had a heart attack and had multiple strokes before they discovered the leukemia," she said. "That was due to how aggressive his leukemia was. His cardiologist told me that he has never seen a child with so much heart damage do so good."

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Lt. Col. Doug Brown (right), 68th Airlift Squadron pilot, gives a "thumbs up" with 8-year-old Giovanni Gallego, who is battling high-risk leukemia, during Pilot for a Day Sept. 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

## Twenty-fifth Air Force: 70 years in the fight



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In the late 1950s and early 1960s, U.S. Air Force Security Service support to national-level customers expanded rapidly. As a result, USAFSS ground units operated in out of the way places around the globe, to include: Samsun and Trabzon, Turkey; Zweibrücken and Wiesbaden in Germany; Royal Air Force Kirknewton in Scotland; and Peshawar, Pakistan.

(Editor's note: This is part two of a four-part series on the 25th Air Force's contributions to the nation.)

### From 25th Air Force Public Affairs and History Office

America's air campaign continued after Vietnam and U.S. Air Force Security Service, or USAFSS, continued providing mission data for air operations, as well as ground capabilities.

In early 1953, USAFSS personnel, flying aboard modified Fifth Air Force C-47 Skytrains in the Far East, conducted experimental airborne operations under Project Blue Sky. Beginning in 1958, they flew in RB-50s with C-130A Hercules, and in 1962, crews first flew missions aboard the Strategic Air Command's RC-135 Stratolifter.

"USAFSS personnel pioneered modern airborne ISR operations," said Gabe Marshall, staff historian, Twenty-Fifth Air Force Office of History and Research. "Beginning in the late 1940s through today, our Airmen, officers and civilians have played key roles in the development and deployment of the U.S. Air Force's most important airborne intelligence collection platforms."

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## ALAMO WING

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the Alamo Wing to give back to the community and a wonderful opportunity to host the Pilot for the Day program,” said Col. Thomas “TK” Smith Jr., 433rd AW commander.

The program strives to give children a special day as an honorary pilot and a break from the challenges they face. The children are selected for the program by the Children’s Hospital.

The day began with Gallegos being “sworn in” as an honorary second lieutenant by Smith, who then gave Gallegos and his family a mission brief before continuing the tour.

His next stop was at the C-5 Formal Training Unit to learn how to fly a C-5M Super Galaxy simulator. Lt. Col. Doug Brown, 68th Airlift Squadron pilot, taught Gallegos about flying the \$36 million simulator and presented him with a squadron shirt, coins and patches.

“It was fun, it was like a video game,” Giovanni said.

Gallegos “landed” at JBSA-Lackland after his simulated flight which included the skylines of San Francisco, California, Honolulu, Hawaii and San

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Antonio. Gallegos then visited the base’s Fire Station No. 2 to meet the firefighters and learn about their station and how they use their firefighting equipment.

His day ended with lunch at the Live Oak Inn, where Gallegos and his family were able to eat in a military dining facility with the commander, vice commander and command chief before receiving a plaque and photo of his “swearing in” ceremony.

Programs like this are an important bridge between Reserve Citizen Airmen and Military City U.S.A., according to Smith. “Especially here in the Reserves, we have Citizen Airmen, so we are the community. It really makes us feel special about what we do,” he said.



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By the mid-1960s, USAFSS installed AN/FLR-9 antennas, or “elephant cages,” in strategic locations around the globe. By the end of the decade, seven antennas were in operation.

Ground operations in Vietnam expanded by the mid-1960s and beginning in 1966, USAFSS personnel began flying airborne radio direction finding missions over Southeast Asia aboard the EC-47.

“Vietnam saw USAFSS heavily involved on the ground and in the air,” Marshall said. “Our presence in the theater pre-dated the deployment of American combat forces by several years. Our contributions, particularly in the areas of airborne radio direction finding and airborne reconnaissance, made a difference in saving the lives of Americans and our South Vietnamese allies.”

As operations expanded and technology improved, the growth of USAFSS reached a peak strength of over 29,000 Airmen at more than 120 locations around the globe in 1969.

USAFSS activated the 6990 Security Squadron at Kadena AB, Okinawa,

Japan, on July 15, 1967, to provide crews to the RC-135 mission there.

On Sept. 12, 1967, just two days after the first aircraft arrived at the 6990 SS, an RC-135 flew its first operational COMBAT APPLE mission as the air war in Vietnam intensified. By November, daily scheduled COMBAT APPLE missions exceeded 18 hours.

In other air operations, USAFSS developed an Airborne Radio Direction Finding capability to support Vietnam combat operations. Collaborating with the Air Force and Tactical Air Command, USAFSS developed the C-47 HAWKEYE Airborne Direction Finding platform in 1964.

The program provided crucial intelligence information to U.S. and friendly tactical commanders throughout Southeast Asia until the program ended in 1974.

“USAFSS excelled in the air, on the ground, tactically and strategically during the Vietnam war,” Marshall said.

The growth of USAFSS continued into the 1970s, as it became thoroughly involved in electronic warfare.

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*Read more about Twenty-Fifth Air Force's move to the digital age in part three of this four-part series on ISR's contributions to the Air Force in the last 70 years.*

# New Reid Health Services Center provides one-stop service

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Iinuma  
59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 59th Medical Wing celebrated the opening of the new Reid Health Services Center facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 13 on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The new two-story clinic includes 19 departments such as medical processing, a pharmacy, clinical labs and radiology. Personnel from the 559th Medical Group will serve approximately 86,000 patients per year.

"It incorporates functions of four buildings into one," said Col. Rebecca Blackwell, 559th MDG commander. "This improves the opportunity for teamwork by simplifying communication and increasing patient centeredness with a one-stop service."

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the new clinic was sited in a vacant lot adjacent to the existing clinic and located on the south edge of the new Basic Military Training Complex, allowing



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Members from the 559th Medical Group leadership, along with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and civilian personnel, cut the ribbon for the new Reid Health Services Center Sept. 13 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

easy pedestrian access by the trainees.

Upon completion of the construction, the clinic staff transitioned into the new facility over two weekends, avoiding disruption to the medical services.

In addition to supporting basic and technical training

members, the 559th MDG delivers primary and operational healthcare services to more than 130 units on JBSA-Lackland, including students from around the world studying at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center and the Inter-American Air Forces

Academy.

"We are honored to rededicate the new Reid Health Services Center to our Master Sgt. David B. Reid as it now bears the original bronze plaque from the 1994 dedication," Blackwell said.

Originally built in 1967, the Reid Health Services Center

was dedicated in 1994 to Reid, who served as a First Sergeant for the 20th Medical Group at Hahn Air Force Base, South Carolina. He lost his life in a C-130 crash in 1985 while en route to Honduras where he and his team were going to care for troops at a temporary location.

## 'Tex' Hill Composite Squadron CAP cadets visit Alamo Wing

By Staff Sgt. Lauren M. Snyder  
433RD AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Twenty-nine members of the Civil Air Patrol visited the 433rd Airlift Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland on Sept. 8.

The "Tex" Hill Composite Squadron CAP cadets and senior members from San Marcos received an Alamo Wing welcome and question-and-answer session from Col. David A. Scott, 433rd AW vice commander, before touring a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft.

The tour group watched as the C-5M knelt, the nose visor was raised and front cargo ramp was lowered before they embarked on the aircraft.

"We had a great visit," said retired Col. Rich Ferguson, lifelong CAP member and previous commander of the 433rd AW's 68th Airlift Squadron at JBSA-Lackland. "Col. Scott gave a

briefing on the 433rd and his career and members of the 68th were there to answer questions, too; both cadets and senior members benefited from that information. The main reasons for our visit was to have some exposure to the Air Force and the especially the reserves component."

The tour also provided an opportunity to highlight the impact of the Reserve Citizen Airmen on the global mobility mission.

"We also got a good view of the Air Force's mission around the world and the largest aircraft in their inventory while being escorted through the cockpit and entire aircraft," Ferguson said. "The entire experience was very appreciated and well done."

The CAP is a congressionally chartered, federally supported nonprofit organization that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the Air Force and



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part of the total force military. Their mission provides search and rescue,

aerospace education and a cadet program.

Master Sgt. Michael Lopez, 68th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, directs a vehicle off a C-5M Super Galaxy, flown by Air Force Reserve Citizen Airmen with the 433rd Airlift Wing from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, after landing at Ceiba, Puerto Rico, on Oct. 1 in support of hurricane relief efforts. Twenty-nine members of the Civil Air Patrol visited the 433rd Airlift Wing at JBSA-Lackland recently.

# RANDOLPH

## JBSA volunteers, organizations benefit from online registration

By Robert Goetz  
502ND AIR BASE WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Organizations throughout Joint Base San Antonio rely heavily on a dedicated group of individuals who contribute hundreds of thousands of hours of their own time annually to the installation's varied missions and at numerous events.

It's conservatively estimated that nearly 10,000 of these volunteers — who represent a cross section of the JBSA community — donated more than 327,000 hours to the installation last year.

Yet only a fraction of these military members, their dependents and civilian employees are registered in a system that helps them manage their volunteer service record and allows organizations at JBSA to advertise their volunteer openings.

The 502nd Air Base Wing is reaching out to current and prospective volunteers at JBSA to register in the Volunteer Management Information System, an online tool that provides a real-time snapshot of volunteer opportunities.

"The Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS, is a job bank for volunteer opportunities," said Sally Gonzalez, JBSA volunteer coordinator and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston community readiness consultant. "It's also a

mechanism to track volunteer service. My goal is to get the word out that this is the system to use if you're a volunteer or an organization seeking volunteers."

In addition to creating a centralized location for the community to see what opportunities are available and helping volunteers track their hours and manage their volunteer service record, trainings and certificates, VMIS spotlights the extent of volunteers' service, said Elizabeth Treon, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness chief.

"It helps show the command how valuable volunteer support is for our community," she said.

For volunteers and prospective volunteers to be part of VMIS, it is necessary to go to the Army OneSource website, [www.mymilitaryonesource.com](http://www.mymilitaryonesource.com), and click on "Register" at the top right corner of the main page, then follow the registration process.

Individuals who are already registered can access VMIS by clicking on "Volunteering" in the Family Programs and Services dropdown menu on the left side of the main page. A way to quickly access volunteer opportunities is to click on "Volunteer Tools" on the right side of the main page.

"VMIS is hosted on an Army website, but all military branches can use the system,"

Gonzalez said.

Although individuals seeking to become volunteers register in VMIS on the Army OneSource website, JBSA organizations and private organizations publicizing volunteer opportunities have a different process to follow, Gonzalez said.

"Organizations have to register through the Military & Family Readiness Center at any of the three main locations, but that can be done by email or by phone," she said. "Once they are registered they can advertise their volunteer positions in the system directly."

Short- and long-term volunteer opportunities are available at organizations such as hospitals and clinics, museums, libraries, chapels, youth programs, legal assistance offices, housing offices, ID card sections and tax offices throughout JBSA, Gonzalez said.

Volunteers are also needed at a variety of events during the year. Just a few of the upcoming events are the Rambler 120 adventure race Oct. 13 at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake; Make A Difference Day, which is scheduled Oct. 27 at JBSA locations; and the Basura Bash, a Salado Creek cleanup effort in February at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Another advantage of registration in VMIS is that it gives volunteers such as military spouses a record of work experience to help them secure employment and military members a record of community service that can enhance promotion opportunities.

Gonzalez said her office's responsibility is to promote volunteerism and recognize outstanding volunteers on the installation.

"We use the VMIS system to



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*A volunteer assists in landscaping at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Registration in the Volunteer Management Information System benefits volunteers and organizations seeking volunteers at Joint Base San Antonio.*

show proof of that volunteerism and, on a quarterly basis, organizations can nominate their volunteers to be recognized," she said. "We also award the President's Volunteer Service Award, which is based on hours served. On a yearly basis, during National Volunteer Appreciation Week in April, we host an awards ceremony for outstanding volunteers who served during the previous year."

JBSA community members can learn more about volunteering by attending a class at the JBSA-Fort Sam

Houston M&FRC that is offered twice a month, Gonzalez said. The next class is from 1-3 p.m. Sept. 18.

"Topics covered in Volunteering 101 are the regulations governing volunteering on a military installation, rights and responsibilities of a volunteer organization and volunteers, how to search and apply or volunteer opportunities, how to track volunteer time and how to access volunteer records," she said.

For more information, call 210-221-2705 or 210-221-2418.



# Sept. 27: How JBSA-Randolph received its name 90 years ago

By Robert Goetz

502ND AIR BASE WING

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Sept. 27 marks an important date in Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's history.

On that date 90 years ago, the U.S. War Department approved an Army Air Corps selection committee's recommended name for a base set for construction on farmland adjacent to the community of Schertz.

The installation was named Randolph Field, ensuring that the memory of Capt. William Randolph would be preserved for generations.

Randolph, an Austin native who entered military service in 1916, was initially named to that selection committee, but tragedy struck on Friday evening, Feb. 17, 1928. While taking off from Gorman Field, Texas, the 34-year-old captain was killed when the AT-4

aircraft he was piloting crashed in a cotton field.

Randolph was serving as adjutant of the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, at the time of the accident. He had started his Army career as a member of the Second Texas Infantry, but was commissioned as a first lieutenant of infantry less than a year later after completing officer training at Leon Springs, Texas. He entered pilot training in 1918 and was commissioned as a captain in the Army Air Service about two years later.

The accident that resulted in Randolph's death occurred on a routine cross-country training flight, according to a document compiled by the 3510th Flying Training Wing Office of Information Services at Randolph Air Force Base. The 3510th Flying Training Wing was a predecessor of the 12th Flying Training Wing.



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Capt. William Randolph

Lt. James B. Burwell, the investigating officer who witnessed the accident, said in his official report that Randolph "took off into a strong wind, climbed slowly to gain speed and then started a steep right-hand, down-wind bank with nose up, gaining altitude. The nose fell, airplane continued to bank over past vertical, whipped upside

down, striking the ground nearly head-on from an altitude of about 300 feet, going directly into the wind. The tail flopped over, leaving airplane flat on ground, headed in the wind."

Burwell, 43rd School Squadron engineering officer, had gone to Gorman to assist Randolph when the captain notified him that he was having difficulty in starting the engine. Burwell inspected the aircraft and found the engine in good condition with the exception of the booster magneto, which he replaced.

Following the accident, Burwell concluded the aircraft experienced no mechanical trouble. He said the accident "was directly due to making a nose-high down-wind turn with a full auxiliary tank, losing flying speed and nosing down too near the ground to recover."

Burwell also cited a high

wind, about 35 miles an hour, and "very bumpy and gusty air" as contributing factors.

After Randolph's death, the selection committee felt it was appropriate to name the new base in honor of Randolph, according to Air Education and Training Command History Office documents.

"Tour of Historic Randolph," a publication of the 12th Flying Training Wing History Office, recounted that Randolph's widow, Cornelia, escorted by Brig. Gen. Frank Lahm, first commander of the Air Corps Training Center, raised the first flag over Randolph Field when it was dedicated June 20, 1930.

The program concluded with the "spectacular sight" of 233 airplanes from Brooks and Kelly Fields, Fort Crockett and Fort Sill passing overhead in what was described as "the largest assembly of aircraft in the world."