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(From left) Outgoing Brooke Army Medical Center commander Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong and incoming BAMC commander Col. Kyle Campbell render salutes during the playing of the national anthem at a change of command and responsibility at Joint-Base San Antonio Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field Jan. 24.

BAMC welcomes new commander, command sergeant major

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

After leading Brooke Army Medical Center through the biggest changes in its history, Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong relinquished command to Col. Kyle Campbell Jan. 24 in a ceremony on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

BAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall Huffman also passed his duties on to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Mark K. Pumphrey during the event at MacArthur Parade Field.

Maj. Gen. Richard W. Thomas, commanding general of Western Regional Medical Command and the ceremony's host, praised Wong and Huff-

man for their continued support for Army medicine and their dedication and devotion in keeping patient care their top priority.

"With nearly 30 years of service to the nation, Ted Wong has made patient care his top priority," said Thomas, who

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Department of Defense expands combat roles for women

By Claudette Roulo
American Forces Press Service

Following a unanimous recommendation by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta announced Jan. 24 the end of the direct ground combat exclusion rule for female service members.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the Joint Chiefs chairman, joined Panetta at a Pentagon news conference in

announcing the policy change.

The secretary also announced that the service branches will continue to move forward with a plan to eliminate all unnecessary gender-based barriers to service.

The change is intended to ensure that the best qualified and most capable service members, regardless of gender, are available to carry out the mission, Panetta said.

"If members of our

military can meet the qualifications for a job, then they should have the right to serve, regardless of creed, color, gender or sexual orientation," he said.

In a statement released following the announcement, President Barack Obama praised the decision.

"This milestone reflects the courageous and patriotic service of women through more

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GOV. PERRY VISITS WOUNDED WARRIORS



Texas Gov. Rick Perry, shakes hands with Cpl. Nathan Knutson at San Antonio Military Medical Center, as his parents Karen and Dennis Knutson look on Jan. 24. Perry visited with several inpatient wounded warriors and their families and also presented a Combat Infantry Badge to Cpl. Storm Aguiar during his visit to the medical center.

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Air Force officials aim to eliminate sexual assault

By Claudette Roulo
American Forces Press Service

Following a nine-month investigation into sexual misconduct at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, the Air Force has implemented a comprehensive program aimed at eliminating sexual assault, senior Air Force leaders told Congress Jan. 23.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, spoke before the House Armed Services Committee about the Air Force's recently completed internal investigation.

Describing the crimes as "stunning," Welsh said there could be no excuses. "There's no justifiable explanation, and there is no way we can allow this to happen again," he said.

"The Air Force goal for sexual assault is not simply to lower the number. The goal is zero," Welsh added.

"It's the only acceptable objective. The impact on every victim, their family, their friends [and] the other people in their unit is heart-wrenching, and attacking this cancer is a full-time job, and we are giving it our full attention."

The effort included an

Air Force-wide health and welfare inspection, held in December, the results of which are publicly available, Welsh said.

Also last month, Welsh used his monthly "Letter to Airmen" to reinforce "that obscene, vulgar or disrespectful images, songs or so-called 'traditions' are not part of our heritage and will not be accepted as part of our culture."

In addition, a Recruiting Education and Training Oversight Council will be established, Rice said, to review and advise any current or future actions undertaken to eliminate sexual assault.

The council also will provide advice on strategic issues affecting airman safety and the maintenance of good order and discipline in basic military training, he added.

More than 7,700 interviews were conducted as part of the investigation, Rice said. When contact information was available, anyone who graduated from basic military training within the past 10 years was inter-



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viewed, he added.

"Although we have conducted a 10-year look back, the vast majority of the allegations are of alleged misconduct that occurred over the past three years," Rice said.

Allegations ranged from sexual assault to inappropriate contact with former students, Rice said. Each victim or alleged victim was offered "the full range of available victim support services," he added.

Of the 855 personnel assigned as military training instructors during this three-year period, 32 – less than 4 percent – have been disciplined or are now under investigation, Rice said.

"I believe it is important to underscore that the vast majority of our instructors served with

distinction in a very demanding duty assignment," Rice said.

"That said, it is completely unacceptable to us that so many of our instructors have committed crimes or violated our policies, and we clearly failed in our responsibility to maintain good order and discipline among too many of our instructors in basic military training."

Maintaining good order and discipline is one of the most important and fundamental responsibilities of command, Rice said, one that "cannot be delegated."

With that in mind, Air Force officials are focusing their efforts on helping commanders meet this "fundamental responsibility," he said.

"The Air Force has recommitted itself to en-

suring that every airman is treated with respect," Welsh said. "It's not a one-time fix. It has to be a way of life."

With "no room for misunderstanding," Welsh said, every Air Force supervisor and commander must be actively engaged in this effort. "If they don't get actively engaged, I consider them part of the problem," he added.

While it is still early, Rice said, it appears that the Air Force's efforts are making an impact. There have been no reports of sexual misconduct in basic military training in the past seven months, he noted.

"We know this is not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning of a journey that can never end," Rice said.

"The American people trust us with their greatest treasure: their sons and daughters," Welsh said. "They expect us to lead them with honor, to value each of them, and to treat them as if they were our own. We do not have a greater responsibility than that."

"I will never stop attacking this problem. The United States Air Force leadership team will never quit working to eliminate this horrible crime from the ranks of our Air Force," he said.

Two generals, three colonels nominated for promotion locally

Two local Air Force brigadier generals and three colonels have been nominated for promotion to the next rank, according to an official announcement made Jan. 23.

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, and Brig. Gen. Scott A. Vander Hamm, Director of Plans, Programs, Re-

quirements and Assessments, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at JBSA-Randolph have been nominated by the President to the U.S. Senate for appointment to the

grade of major general.

Selected for nomination to brigadier general are Col. Patrick J. Doherty, Director of Assignments at Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, JBSA-Randolph;

Col. James E. McClain, Vice Commander, 59th Medical Wing, JBSA-Lackland; and Col. Richard M. Murphy, Special Assistant to the Commander, Headquarters AETC.

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JBSA Annual Awards Ceremony

The Joint Base San Antonio awards ceremony takes place at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel, 101 Bowie St., from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 8. Guest speaker is San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro. For more information, call 671-8130.

Large Troop Formations in METC Campus Area

Motorists on Garden Avenue in the Medical Education and Training Campus area can expect large troop movements during meal times. Motorists are advised to expect delays and avoid the area, if possible, as troop formations head to the new DFAC for meals. In the near future, the Schofield Road access control point will be moving back near the railroad tracks and will open up other routes around the METC campus.

Spouse's Club scholarships

Applications for the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area College Scholarship are being accepted. The Spouses' Club will award scholarship funds for the 2013-2014 academic year to select students with military affiliation to assist them with college expenses. Graduating high school students, dependent undergraduate students continuing their education and spouses who are current members of the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area as of Dec. 1, 2012, are eligible to apply. Applications need to be postmarked no later than Feb. 28. For more information, go to the "Scholarship" area on the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area website at <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Spouse's Club Welfare Funds

Applications for the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area welfare funds are being accepted. Any non-profit organization that supports the welfare of the Armed Forces and their families located at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis is eligible to apply. All information necessary can be found at <http://www.scfsh.com/> under the "Welfare" button on the left of the page. The application form is available for download and contact information is provided. Applications

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Army South commander, Colombian army leaders reinforce strong bonds

By Robert R. Ramon
U.S. Army Public Affairs

U.S. Army South's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim, traveled to Bogota, Colombia, Jan. 21 through 25 to meet with the U.S. Ambassador, P. Michael McKinley, and take part in discussions with key leaders in the Colombian army and visit various military installations.

After meeting with McKinley, Rudesheim spent the majority of his trip building relationships with key Colombian army leaders.

These included Gen. Sergio Mantilla, Colombian army commander; Maj. Gen. Javier E. Rey, Colombian army director of operations; Maj. Gen. Juan Carlos Salazar, Colombian

army director of logistics; Brig. Gen. Jorge A. Salgado, Colombian army director of plans; and Brig. Gen. Mauricio R. Zulauga, Colombian army commander of Center of Technical Intelligence.

Rudesheim and the Colombian army leaders discussed a range of important topics aimed at establishing a framework for supporting capacity-building for improved citizen security in the Western Hemisphere.

"The Colombians have shouldered heavy burdens when it comes to narcoterrorism and transnational organized crime within the region," Rudesheim said.

"Personally meeting with them allows us the opportunity to discuss ways in which we can increase our security



Photo by Robert R. Ramon

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (right), U.S. Army South commanding general, visits with Brig. Gen. Jorge E. Suarez, Colombian army director of training and doctrine, in Bogota, Colombia Jan. 24.

cooperation, as well as contribute to regional stability and constructive relations."

During 2012, Army South and the Colombian army displayed

their commitment to building and sustaining enduring partnerships during several interactions, including the annual Army bilateral staff talks in Bogota in

March, an aviation and maintenance rotary wing subject matter expert exchange in April and a visit to the Army

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Army North puts Nevada National Guard chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear team through paces

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

As part of an Army North technical proficiency exercise, a small team of specialized Nevada National Guard Soldiers and Airmen assisted Las Vegas police and firefighters in investigating a simulated chemical or biological incident at the Las Vegas Reserve Center Jan. 24.

The 92nd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, made up of 22 Army and Air

National Guard service members, got the call for assistance from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's all-hazards multi-agency operations and response unit, also known as ARMOR. The military team had just returned from assisting with the 2013 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

During the early moments of the exercise, Clark County firefighters and Las Vegas police



Sgt. Anthony Sarmiento and Staff Sgt. Michael Noyes, 92nd Civil Support Team survey team members with the Nevada Army National Guard, enter an incident site Jan. 24 at the Las Vegas Readiness Center to collect samples from a possible chemical or biological attack, as part of a training proficiency exercise conducted by U.S. Army North's Civil Support Training Activity. Spc. Jessica Menendez (background) shadows the two as part of her training.

Photo by
Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

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SAMHS leaders address significance of military medicine in San Antonio



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Hook

Maj. Gen. Byron C. Hepburn, director of the San Antonio Military Health System, addresses an audience of local, regional and national contractors during the Military Medical Contracting Industry Summit Jan. 15 in San Antonio. The event focused on the strategic importance of military medicine in San Antonio, and its impact on the development and growth of health care in the community. Hepburn is also commander of the 59th Medical Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

By Staff Sgt. Corey Hook
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

Senior leaders from the San Antonio Military Health System showcased the multifaceted evolution of military medicine in the region while engaging with local, regional and national contractors attending the Military Medical Contracting Industry Summit in San Antonio Jan. 15 through 17.

The event focused on the strategic importance of military medicine in San Antonio and its impact on the development and growth of health care in the community.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Byron C. Hepburn, director of the SAMHS and Army Maj. Gen. Ted Wong, SAMHS deputy director, who briefed the audience during the summit, stressed the positive rela-

tionship between quality military health care and the medical contracting community.

SAMHS officials said this was the first time San Antonio has had the opportunity to bring all local major military medical units together in this type of forum to explain the diverse military medical missions and to highlight the complexity of SAMHS contracting requirements.

"The summit allows contractors and potential contractors to understand the evolving missions and requirements within SAMHS as well as our other military medical organizations throughout Joint Base San Antonio," said Army Col. Mary Garr, SAMHS chief operating officer.

"It also allows contractors to better understand intricacies within con-

tracting offices throughout Joint Base San Antonio."

The event reflects the strong collaboration between the nation's military and the city's business community. Military medicine contributes almost \$3 billion annually to the local community, according to the 2011 San Antonio Health & Bioscience Economic Impact Statement.

"The San Antonio Military Health Care System mission cannot execute without the support of our contractors," said Hepburn, who also commands the Air Force's 59th Medical Wing at JBSA-Lackland.

"The contractors are proud professionals, many with prior military experience around the nation," Hepburn said. "They are valued members of our team with expertise that

we leverage for research, education and training, and our day to day mission.

"They are key players for the SAMHS mission across the spectrum of our operations," he added.

"Our patient population and the focus of what we are doing is changing, but we are going to ensure we continue to provide quality medical services to as many beneficiaries as we can, while sustaining the readiness and life-saving skills of all of our medical providers in peacetime and when deployed," said Wong, who was then the Brooke Army Medical Center commander.

"We would not be effective as an organization without the support of our civilian community partners," he said.

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spoke on behalf of Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command.

“Our leader in clinical excellence here since June 2011 has been Maj. Gen. Ted Wong. Let me emphasize that the mission here – a Level I Trauma Center – may well be the most complex of all Army medical treatment facilities.

“My thanks go out to you and the BAMC team for the outstanding job you have done caring for the members of the force and their families, to include your superb contributions to Army Medicine,” Thomas added.

After taking command of BAMC and Southern Regional Medical Command in June 2011, Wong led BAMC through a series of tremendous

changes, including opening new clinics and a new 750,000-square-foot Consolidated Tower, renaming the hospital San Antonio Military Medical Center and integrating nearly 2,000 Air Force staff members.

The medical center now serves more than 225,000 beneficiaries throughout the San Antonio region, offering the highest quality care for wounded warriors, service members, family members, retirees and civilians.

Wong reflected on his tenure at BAMC, noting the medical advancements and the technology that continue to be cultivated at the medical center, as well as the positive collaboration that’s resulted from the Air Force integration.

“Today we have an integrated team of Army and Air Force health professionals, creating their

“My time here with BAMC has been amazing and I am truly excited to see the future of Army medicine and military medicine unfold here in San Antonio.”

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong

own history, establishing new precedents, like the San Antonio Military Health System,” Wong said.

“Looking to the future, we are setting the stage for developing the premier military health system, a system focused on promoting health and wellness, delivering effective and efficient healthcare services, ensuring readiness, and maintaining cutting-edge research and health education.

“My time here with BAMC has been amazing and I am truly excited to see the future of Army medicine and military medicine unfold here in San Antonio,” Wong

continued.

“I know even greater accomplishments are in store for you in the future. Jeannie and I leave knowing we’ve been blessed with the opportunity to serve with Brooke Army Medical Center and inspired by the patients and staff who work there.”

Thomas also recognized BAMC’s incoming commander for his 27 years of service to the nation. Campbell brings a positive outlook, perseverance, and attention to detail that will ensure BAMC’s continued success, he said.

A lifetime member of the Dedicated Unhesitat-

ing Service to Our Fighting Forces, also known as the DUSTOFF Association, Campbell brings special experience to this job that could only be gained as a DUSTOFF unit commander, Thomas said.

“Our MEDEVAC components occupy an extraordinary place in the Army Medicine pantheon of heroes,” the general said.

“We cannot translate the number of wounded service men and women that DUSTOFF has carried to safety and medical care directly to a count of saved lives, but the only possible conclusion we can reach is that DUSTOFF saves more lives than any other unit — on or off the battlefield.

“Colonel Campbell brings that level of commitment and compassion to this command — and we are honored to have him here,” Thomas

concluded.

Campbell has served as SRMC’s chief of staff since July 2010.

“I look forward to working with each of you – answering our surgeon general’s call to action by executing our mission of promoting health, providing equality, compassionate, patient-centered care while developing healthcare professionals that optimizes readiness,” Campbell said.

Pumphrey formerly was the command sergeant major for BAMC Troop Command before taking his new position.

Wong will remain at SRMC until March, when he will pass command to Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan, who is commanding general of the U.S. Army Public Health Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Huffman will remain the SRMC command sergeant major.

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Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

The Army chief of staff and the acting secretary of the Army established the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline to give Soldiers and their families a place to share their concerns on the quality of care received. It also provides Army senior leadership with a valuable tool to determine if appropriate resources are devoted to solving medical-related issues in timely and comprehensive fashion. The hotline is 1-800-984-8523, DSN 421-3700 or via email at wfsupport@amedd.army.mil.

Army Benefits Center's Newest Benefits Tool: eRetirement

Retirement is an important milestone in an employee's life. The Army Benefits Center-Civilian offers the new eRetirement web application, located in the Employee Benefits Information System, which allows an employee to easily fill out a retirement application. Army-serviced employees, within one year of retirement, can fill out an application on the ABC-C secure website at <https://www.abc.army.mil> with a Common Access Card and then selecting the EBIS icon or web link. Next, employees enter their Social Security Number and Personal Identification Number. Click on the eRetirement button and complete all the forms listed. Once finished, print each form individually, review closely and sign any applicable forms. Finally, send the application to the ABC-C at 301 Marshall Avenue, Fort Riley, KS, 66442. ABC-C reviews the application closely and sends a letter stating the application has been received. For more information on eRetirement, contact a benefits counselor at 1-877-276-9287 between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cleanup, remediation contract management shifts to MICC

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Officials at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston are undertaking administration and oversight responsibilities for one of the largest contracts in the Mission and Installation Contracting Command following the award of the first task order for environmental remediation Jan. 10.

A contract for environmental cleanup and remediation was awarded by the U.S. Army Contracting Command's contracting center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., as part of the Army's Environmental Remediation Multiple Award contract.

The contract, valued at \$480 million, was awarded to 19 contractors representing both small and large business in November 2012.

Management of the U.S. Army Environmental Command contract now shifts to the MICC's

Environmental Contracting Division at JBASA-FSH, which conducted a post-award conference in December to better prepare the more than 100 in attendance representing contractors.

"The post-award conference was very successful with very positive feedback from everybody," said Veronica Romero, chief of the MICC Environmental Contracting Division.

"It provided a forum to inform and educate contractors about expectations and policies after they've been awarded a contract. Additionally, it provides them a forum for any further questions they have to get answered."

Information briefed during the conference also included special provisions of the contract, how task orders are competed, subcontracting work, ordering, minimum guarantees, contract lengths and debriefs.

Romero said the



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Luis Trinidad briefs contractor representatives as part of the Army's Environmental Remediation Multiple Award contract post-award conference. Trinidad is a contracting officer with the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

conference also included time for conducting one-on-one appointments for individual contractors over two days to discuss topics not covered in the open forum.

"We also provided guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the contracting officer, contracting officer representatives, contractor, ombudsman and small business," Romero said. "It's important that

contractors understand the contracting officer is the only individual who can obligate the government."

Award of the task order for environment remediation at Aberdeen Proving Ground to EA Engineering for \$934,285 was the first of three initial task orders.

Additional tasks will be awarded for Makua Military Reservation, Hawaii and Dugway

Proving Ground, Utah, in the coming weeks.

Work anticipated to be conducted throughout the United States and Puerto Rico as part of the ERMA contract will be accomplished under the Installation Restoration, Military Munitions Response, Base Realignment and Closure, Compliance Cleanup or Operational Range Assessment programs.

The MICC is responsible for providing contracting support across Army commands, installations and activities located throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

In fiscal 2012, the command executed more than 58,000 contract actions worth more than \$6.3 billion across the Army, including more than \$2.6 billion to small businesses.

The command also managed more than 1.2 million Government Purchase Card Program transactions valued at an additional \$1.3 billion.

MTAC TAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR TAX PREPARATION



(From left) 502nd Mission Support Group commander Col. John Lamoureux, Military Tax Assistance Center NCO in charge Sgt. 1st Class Wilson Astacio and 502nd MSG Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Jennifer Hyzer cut the ribbon Jan. 29 officially opening the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Assistance Center Tuesday. The MTAC is open to all eligible service members, retirees and dependents to obtain free assistance with federal and state tax return preparation by appointment only 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and located in the 502nd MSG/SJA Legal Office, 2271 Reynolds Road. Call 295-1040 to schedule an appointment.

Photo by Lori Newman

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South headquarters by Colombian War College students in August.

“Colombia is one of our closest partners in the hemisphere,” said Maj. Michael L. Burgoyne, U.S. Army South Andean Ridge desk officer.

“Our interaction with the Colombian army during this past year exemplifies that our military relations with them are excellent,” Burgoyne added.

“The general had the opportunity to hear their perspective regarding regional security issues of mutual concern.”

This most recent inter-

action between U.S. and Colombian army leaders stands as a testament to the strong bond between the two partners, according to Rudesheim.

“Our military relations with Colombia are excellent and we enjoy a strong partnership enhanced by the positive security cooperation activities between our nations and regional partners,” Rudesheim said.

This past August, the Colombian army also played a key role in Army South’s Fuerzas Aliadas PANAMAX exercise when more than 50 Colombian military personnel travelled to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam

Houston to lead the land component portion of the exercise for the second year in a row.

The PANAMAX exercise brings together sea, air and land forces in a joint and combined

operation focused on defending the Panama Canal from attacks by a violent extremist organi-

zation as well as responding to natural disasters and pandemic outbreaks in various locations.



Photo by Robert R. Ramon

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (left), U.S. Army South commanding general, speaks to students at the Colombian Military Academy in Bogota, Colombia Jan. 24.

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had “rescued” a number of people from an auditorium when a hidden device kicked on. First responders suspected that it may be emitting chemical or biological agents, so the military team was called in to take samples and identify the potential threat.

“Through the technical proficiency exercise, the civil support teams are required to validate every 18 months that they can accomplish their mission,” said Conrad Striegl, a division chief with Civil Support Training Activity, U.S. Army North.

“This is the culmination of months of training for the team and coordination with Las Vegas, Clark County and Nevada law enforcement and emergency agencies.”

Nevada’s WMD-CST is one of 57 such specialized Guard teams around

the nation that provide support of civil authorities in the event of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents.

The teams can deploy rapidly to assist local first responders in determining the precise nature of an incident, provide expert medical and technical advice, and help pave the way for the identification and arrival of follow-on military support.

For the exercise, survey team members Sgt. Anthony Sarmiento and Staff Sgt. Michael Noyes geared up in chemical suits to enter the auditorium and to take samples from a possible nerve agent being emitted from a device under the projector table.

“I love this job,” said Sarmiento, a native of Las Vegas and former military policeman. “It gives me the opportunity to serve full time in the Guard, working for my community.”

Noyes, who moved to Las Vegas from Omaha, Neb., agreed.

“I like this job because it’s what I’m trained to do, and this is the best team in the nation,” Noyes said.

“Civil support teams offer chemical-trained Soldiers the opportunity to work in high-tech environments and to stay up to date on the latest developments in the field.”

Army North’s support and training is crucial in ensuring that his team is prepared, said 92nd CST commander Lt. Col. David Sellen.

“For us, this is really our report card – validating our mission essential task list,” Sellen said. “We walk away knowing we can accomplish the mission when called upon.

“We talk about citizen-Soldiers – this is the epitome of it, working with local first responders to keep our community safe. This is our neighbor-

hood; this is our state.”

The proficiency exercise was an introduction to the unit for Spc. Jessica Menendez, who recently arrived at the 92nd CST from a job as a supply specialist in the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Las Vegas.

“Since I’m trained as a chemical specialist, I’m interested in working in my field,” Menendez said.

“In the National Guard, a normal chemical job is making sure everyone has a protective mask and that it seals properly. This is more hands-on. Not only am I active (duty) now, I’m serving in my hometown.”

The civil support teams can detect nerve, blood, choking, blister and other chemical agents, including volatile organic chemicals; alpha, beta and gamma radiation and individual isotopes; analyze viruses, toxins, bacteria and other biological agents.

To prepare for the training proficiency exercise, trainers from Army North’s CSTA conducted collective lanes training with the unit from Nov. 26 to 30 at Nevada cities Henderson and Pahrump.

“Our goal is to train hard and make it challenging in order to best protect the American people and our way of life,” said Bill Havlic, deputy director, CSTA.

The Soldiers and Airmen of the 92nd CST stay busy. “We are on missions about two weeks of every month,” Sellen said.

Besides responding to incidents, including hoaxes, the team supports many high-profile events

with the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, Professional Bull Riders, the National Finals Rodeo, Miss America, the International Basketball Federation and many others.

For the Army North trainers conducting the exercise, one priority – safety – stood out as they evaluated the civil support team as it conducted its mission to sample and identify the hazard, preserve the crime scene, and advise responders on medical treatment and mitigation.

The unit will receive a detailed report from Army North, evaluating every facet of the mission.

Get Lean in 2013 challenge draws in 91

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Losing weight or getting in shape usually tops the list of New Year's resolutions for most people.

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is trying to help people stick to that resolution by offering the "Get Lean in 2013" program.

Ninety one people decided to take the challenge Jan. 22, attending the initial safety briefing for the 12-week program. Participants were weighed and their body mass index measurement recorded during the briefing.

"We want people to maintain a healthy weight loss regimen – one to two pounds per week," said

Shane Sheffield, one of the JBFC employees running the program.

"We recommend a fat-burn workout on the treadmill, elliptical or recumbent bike," he said.

"Wherever people choose to work out, whether it's here at the Jimmy Brought or somewhere else, we want to make sure they exercise safely."

Along with exercise, proper nutrition is also a factor.

Army Public Health Nursing Director Lt. Col. Victoria Prehn was also on hand to talk to the participants about attending health promotion classes.

Get Lean participants were given the opportunity to sign up for the Group Lifestyle Balance Program, a 12-week program developed by the

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. The goal of the program is to lose weight through healthy eating and increasing physical activity.

The 91 program participants covered a wide range in age and fitness level, but all have a common goal – to start the new year on a healthier note.

Linda Teeter joined the program because her daughter just left to go to college.

"I've been really down in the dumps," she said. "Instead of being sad and depressed while she's gone, I want to turn it into something positive and get healthier."

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Reed said he wants to get leaner and he thought the program would help.

Navy Chief Hospital

Corpsman Kimberly Ortmeyer works at the Navy Medical Training Support Center and joined with her co-workers. They are making it into a departmental competition.

"My goal is just to get fit. If I lose weight that's an added plus," Ortmeyer said.

Another goal for Ortmeyer is to be able to complete the bike, swim and run events in the annual Air Force Rambler 120 Team Challenge, usually held at the JBSA-Canyon Lake recreational area in October.

"I needed a kick-start. Once I get started with something I'm okay," said Alton Knight. "This is the perfect opportunity. My goal is to get to the point where I don't need the program and I can continue on my own."

For more informa-



Photo by Lori Newman

Shane Sheffield helps Linda Teeter with an exercise to help strengthen her core. Teeter is one of 91 participants in the "Get Lean in 2013" program at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

tion about programs at the Jimmy Brought, call 221-1234.

For information about Health Promotion classes, call 295-2326 or

221-1131.

Visit <http://www.fitcitysa.com> for tips on healthy eating, physical activity and events going on around San Antonio.

Secretary of Defense rescinds 'Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule'

By David Vergun
Army News Service

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey signed a memo Jan. 24, paving the way for more women to serve in direct combat roles and in more military occupational specialties that are now open only to males.

The memo rescinds the 1994 DOD "Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule," which states in part: "Service members are eligible to be assigned to all positions for which they are qualified, except that women shall be excluded from assignment to units below the brigade level whose primary mission is to engage in direct com-



Photo by Spc. Kristina L. Gupton

Sgt. Stephanie Tremmel, with the 86th Special Troops Battalion, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, interacts with an Afghan child while visiting the village of Durani. The Army will be expanding the opportunities for women to serve in more combat-related military occupational specialties.

bat on the ground."

The memo does not spell out which military

occupational specialties, known as MOSs, will be open to women. Rather,

it directs the services to provide their implementation strategies to the

DOD by May 2013. Implementation will begin this year and be completed by 2015, Panetta added.

The reason some MOSs in the past were closed was "due to permissible restrictions such as co-location, direct ground combat, privacy and berthing, special operations or long-range reconnaissance," according to the February 2012 DOD "Report to Congress on the Review of Laws, Policies and Regulations Restricting the Service of Female Members in the U.S. Armed Forces."

"This year we will begin to assign women to previously closed occupations using clear standards of performance in all occupational specialties," Dempsey said.

"The burden of proof used to be 'why should

a woman serve in a particular specialty?" he added. "Now, it's 'why shouldn't a woman serve in a particular specialty?'"

As of September, 418 of the Army's 438 MOSs were open to women of all ranks, according to an Oct. 31 Army report "Women in the Army." "Soldiers, both men and women, want fair and meaningful standards" to be developed for accepting women into previously restricted MOSs, said Gen. Robert W. Cone, commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, at a Pentagon media roundtable following the DOD press conference.

"I think that fairness is very important in a values-based organization like our Army," Cone said.

TRADOC has already been studying armies in other countries where women have successfully

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than two centuries of American history and the indispensable role of women in today's military," the president said. The decision opens up about 237,000 positions to women - 184,000 in combat arms professions and 53,000 assignments that were closed based on unit type.

Women are an integral part of DOD's ability to fulfill its mission, Panetta said.

"Over more than a decade of war, they have demonstrated courage, skill and patriotism, and 152 women in uniform have died serving this nation in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said.

The new policy is the culmination of a process

that began last year, a senior defense official told reporters today. More than 14,000 assignments in ground combat units or collocated with ground combat units were opened to women in February.

That extension of women's roles had a positive impact, Panetta said at the news conference.

"Every time I've visited the war zone, met with troops, reviewed military operations, talked to wounded warriors, I have been impressed with the fact that everyone is committed to doing the job," he said. "They fight and die together. The time has come for our policies to recognize that reality."

The change ensured sufficient female mid-grade and senior enlisted and officers were in place

to guarantee successful integration of junior personnel, a senior defense official said.

The secretary has directed the military services to undertake an evaluation of all occupational performance standards to ensure they are up to date and gender-neutral. Specialty schools will be included in the evaluation, a senior defense official said. The results of this evaluation are to be submitted to the defense secretary by May 15, while the entire process is to be completed by Jan. 1, 2016.

"We are all committed to implementing this change without compromising readiness or morale or our warfighting capabilities," Panetta said. "For this change in



Photo by Erin A. Kirk-Cuomo

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta hands Army Lt. Col. Tamatha Patterson a document he signed during a press conference at the Pentagon Jan. 24 to lift the Defense Department's ban on women in combat roles.

policy to succeed, it must be done in a responsible, measured and a coherent way."

Occupations and assignments will open incrementally, but "as

expeditiously as possible," a senior defense official said. "We would fully expect that ... we will open positions throughout the year as we go forward," the official said.

Once the policy is fully implemented, military occupations will be closed to women only by exception, and only if approved by the defense secretary, a senior defense official said.

"I fundamentally believe that our military is more effective when success is based solely on ability, qualifications and on performance," Panetta said.

"In life, as we all know, there are no guarantees of success," he added. "Not everyone is going to be able to be a combat Soldier. But everyone is entitled to a chance. By committing ourselves to that principle, we are renewing our commitment to the American values our service members fight and die to defend."

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been integrated into combat MOSs, countries like Canada and Israel.

The Army will be “looking at knowledge, skills and attributes of Soldiers and get the best match in specialties (now restricted) like infantry, armor, field artillery and engineers,” Cone said, adding that one of the important attributes is physical requirements. “Soldiers don’t want to see (that) degraded.”

Objective assessments and validation studies, many of which have already been completed, will look at each requirement by MOS, he said. Tasks include things like “how much does an infantryman have to lift, how much stuff do they have to carry and for what distance.”

Once the validations are done, scientists will then develop MOS-specific physical fitness tests, Cone continued. Then those tests will in turn be validated with field studies.

Besides physical ability, the Army will look at “traditional impediments,” meaning the attitudes regarding the acceptance of women into previously male-only MOSs, he said. “A lot of this is about leadership and the organizational climate.”

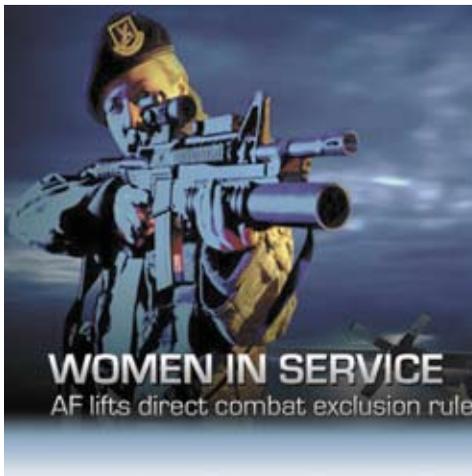
The Army will take “proactive measures to mitigate resistance to women going into these specialties,” Cone concluded. “We want the right environment for women.”

The commander in chief approved the actions of Panetta and Dempsey today, as well as the work that the Army is taking to open up MOSs for women.

President Obama released a statement that reads in part: “By moving to open more military positions, including ground combat units, to women, our armed forces have taken another historic step toward harnessing the talents and skills of all our citizens.

“This milestone reflects the courageous and patriotic service of women through more than two centuries of American history and the indispensable role of women in today’s military.

“Many have made the ultimate sacrifice, including more than 150 women who have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, patriots whose sacrifices show that valor knows no gender.”



Air Force to open remaining combat positions to women

Air Force graphic

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey announced today the rescission the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule for women and that the Department of Defense plans to remove gender-based barriers to service.

“Women have shown great courage and sacrifice on and off the battlefield, contributed in unprecedented ways to the military’s mission and proven their ability to serve in an expanding number of roles,” Panetta said.

“The Department’s goal in rescinding the rule is to ensure that the mission is met with the best-qualified and most capable people, regardless of gender.”

While 99 percent of Air Force positions are currently open to women, Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III said the service will now pursue opening the final 1 percent.

“2013 marks the 20th anniversary of the Department of Defense allowing women to serve as combat pilots,” Welsh said.

“By rescinding the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, we can pursue integrating women into the seven remaining Air Force career fields still closed, all associated with special operations. We’re focused on ensuring America’s Air Force remains capable and ready with the best-qualified people serving where we need them.”

The Air Force will partner

with U.S. Special Operations Command and the other services to review opening these positions in a deliberate, measured, and responsible way, officials said. Those positions are: Officer / Enlisted Air Force Specialty Codes closed to women:

- 13DXA (Combat Control Officer - special operations forces / direct ground combat)
- 13DXB (Combat Rescue/Special Tactics Officer - special operations forces / direct ground combat)
- 15WXC (Special Operations Weather Officer - special operations forces / direct ground combat)
- 1C2XX (Enlisted Combat Controller - special operations forces / direct ground combat)
- 1C4XX (Enlisted Tactical Air Command and Control • some special operations forces / direct ground combat)
- 1T2XX (Enlisted Pararescue - special operations forces / direct ground combat)
- 1W0X2 (Enlisted Special Operations Weather - special operations forces / direct ground combat)

These career fields comprise approximately 3,235 positions.

Today, women make up approximately 15 percent, or nearly 202,400, of the U.S. military’s 1.4 million active personnel. Over the course of the past decade, more than 280,000 women have deployed in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today’s announcement follows an extensive review

by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who unanimously concluded that now is the time to move forward with the full intent to integrate women into occupational fields to the maximum extent possible.

It builds on a February 2012 decision to open more than 14,000 additional positions to women by rescinding the co-location restriction and allowing women to be assigned to select positions in ground combat units at the battalion level.

“The Joint Chiefs share common cause on the need to start doing this now and to doing this right. We are committed to a purposeful and principled approach,” said Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey.

The DOD is determined to successfully integrate women into the remaining restricted occupational fields within our military, while adhering to the following guiding principles developed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

- Ensuring the success of our nation’s warfighting forces by preserving unit readiness, cohesion, and morale.
- Ensuring all service men and women are given the opportunity to succeed and are set up for success with viable career paths.
- Retaining the trust and confidence of the American people to defend this nation by promoting policies that maintain the best quality and most qualified people.
- Validating occupational performance standards, both physical and mental, for all military occupational specialties, specifically those that remain closed to women. Eligibility for training and development within designated occupational fields

should consist of qualitative and quantifiable standards reflecting the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for each occupation. For occupational specialties open to women, the occupational performance standards must be gender-neutral as required by Public Law 103-160, Section 542 (1993).

- Ensuring that a sufficient cadre of midgrade/senior women enlisted and officers are assigned to commands at the point of introduction to ensure success in the long run. This may require an adjustment to recruiting efforts, assignment processes, and personnel policies. Assimilation of women into heretofore “closed units” will be informed by continual in-stride assessments and pilot efforts.

Using these guiding principles, positions will be opened to women following service reviews and the congressional notification procedures established by law.

Panetta directed the military departments to submit detailed plans by May 15 for the implementation of this change, and to move ahead expeditiously to integrate women into previously closed positions. The secretary’s direction is for this process to be complete by Jan. 1, 2016.

The Joint Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Women in Service Review Memorandum can be viewed at: <http://www.defense.gov/news/WISRJointMemo.pdf>. The Chairman’s Women in Service Review Memorandum can be viewed at: <http://www.defense.gov/news/WISRImplementationPlanMemo.pdf>.

(Source: Air Force News Service)

ARMY NORTH CG SPEAKS TO FIESTA COMMISSION MEMBERS

Members of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission listen to Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV during a Jan. 22 meeting at the commission's headquarters, north of downtown San Antonio.

Photos by
Sgt. Lee Ezzel



Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV describes the process the Army uses to hone and refine young men and women into leaders during a Jan. 22 meeting with the Fiesta San Antonio Commission. Caldwell met with the members at their headquarters, north of downtown San Antonio. Fiesta San Antonio is an annual 10-day celebration, and the Army will serve as the lead military service for this year's festivities. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

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NAACP LEADER SPEAKS AT JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON MLK OBSERVANCE

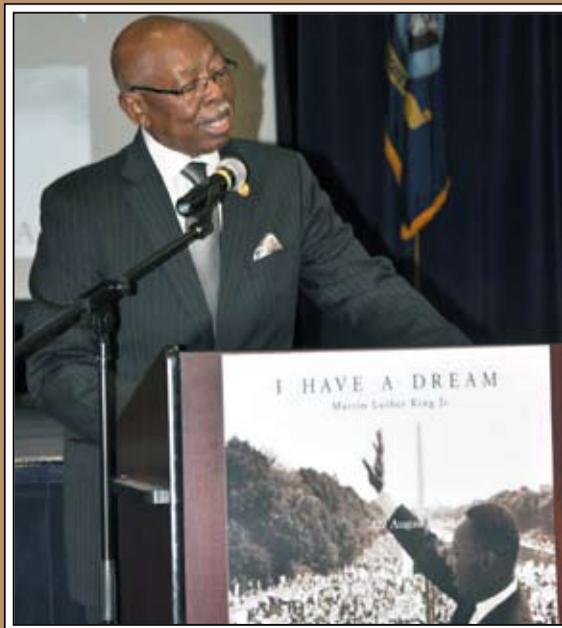


Photo by Steve Elliott

Oliver W. Hill, president of the San Antonio branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaks Friday at the Roadrunner Community Center during the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. Hill talked about his past experiences with prejudice, recalling that he had to pay a \$1.75 poll tax to vote while he was making only \$1.45 an hour. Hill also said that people must continue to honor and celebrate the civil rights leader's dream.

Military Kids website can also assist parents, educators

The Defense Department website for military children has added new features to help parents and educators explain difficult topics of the military lifestyle to children.

Since its launch in January 2012, MilitaryKidsConnect.org has served more than 125,000 visitors and won five industry excellence awards. To mark the one-year anniversary, the website added new content designed for children, parents and educators, officials said.

The new features include:

- Military culture videos and lesson plans for teachers, school counselors and educators to better understand the differences between military and civilian youth;
- Graphic novels and mini-documentaries by military kids sharing their experiences;

- New modules for children and parents on handling grief, loss and physical injury.

The website, created by the Defense Department's National Center for Telehealth and Technology, known as T2, uses innovative ways to help military youth cope with the unique strains of military life.

In addition to disruptions from parents deploying to assignments away from home, military children are affected by moving frequently, changing schools and making new friends. They also have to live with readjustment issues when a parent returns from deployments. These issues may include post-traumatic stress and physical disabilities.

"After watching the interaction with kids on MilitaryKidsConnect this past year, we saw many conversations about trying to understand the issues they live with," said Dr. Kelly Blasko, T2 psychologist.

"We developed the added features to help parents and teachers answer the questions the kids were sharing with



each other."

Blasko said the website is continuing to add features and information to military children with the special challenges of living in a military family.

Separations, moving and changing friends frequently may be unusual for civilian children, but it's a normal lifestyle for military children.

The website helps them live in that world and, hopefully, makes it more fun for them, Blasko added.

The National Center for Telehealth and Technology (<http://www.t2health.org/>) serves as the primary Defense Department office for cutting-edge approaches in applying technology to psychological health.

(Source: National Center for Telehealth and Technology)



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Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)

Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act: What service members need to know

By Bernard Glavy
502nd Mission Support Group
Judge Advocate Office

Although original legislation dates back to the Civil War and was later embodied in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, or the SSCRA of 1940; the basic intent of those previous laws – allowing military personnel to give full attention to their military duties – remains true today.

In 2003, President George W. Bush signed into law H.R. 100, known as the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act or SCRA, expanding many of the previous law's civil protections.

Today's law applies to all military members, including regular forces, and Reserve and National Guard on Title 10 active duty orders, as well as their dependents.

SCRA provides an array of benefits and protections including reducing interest to six percent for debt incurred prior to entry into Title 10 active duty, staying civil proceedings, removing statutes of limitations, terminating certain leases, and enhanced requirements before eviction and foreclosure can occur.

Financial benefits

Service members may be entitled to six percent interest on financial obligations entered into before the start of

Title 10 active duty. This benefit applies to credit card, loan, or mortgage obligations.

The law prohibits lenders from accelerating the principal amount owed, and forgives – not defers – the excess interest payments that would have been due under the higher rate. In other words, servicemembers are not subsequently liable for the excess interest at some time in the future, such as when they leave active duty.

Generally, the reduced interest rate is effective only during the period of Title 10 active duty. Reduced interest on mortgage obligations may extend for one year following release from Title 10 active duty.

The reduced rate is not available for refinancing or credit card balance increases accrued while on Title 10 active duty and not available for federally guaranteed student loan obligations.

Although service members must notify creditors about their entry on Title 10 active duty, the burden is on the creditor to show that the service member's ability to pay the obligation is not materially impacted by military service.

Protections begin the first day of an active duty period and may extend from 30 days up to one year after members are released. Protections are not automatic. Service

members must provide creditors with written notice and a copy of military orders.

Legal protections

It is important to recognize that the SCRA does not excuse service members from civil obligations. Instead, it serves to ensure that service members are not disadvantaged in civil matters because of their commitment to our nation.

The SCRA does not apply to criminal proceedings. Members involved in civil court and administrative proceedings may request a delay or stay of the proceedings. Those whose military service prevents them from participating in a proceeding on a required date must file a written request for a stay with the judge.

The request must include a date in the future when the service member will be available to participate and a commander's written confirmation that duty prevents the member's appearance and that leave is not authorized for the service member.

After receiving the required information, the judge must grant a minimum 90-day delay for the member.

Additional requests for delays are within the discretion of the judge and based on continued, material effect of military duty on the service member's ability to participate in the

litigation. A stay may be necessary in a variety of civil proceedings including divorce, child paternity, support and custody, and foreclosure.

A member who experiences a default judgment while on Title 10 active duty, or within 60 days after release, may request the court reopen the case and set aside judgment.

The request must be made within 90 days from the date of release and the member must show the court how active duty materially affected his or her ability to defend against the action and what meritorious defenses apply to the case.

Statutes of limitation

SCRA removes statutes of limitation during the period of Title 10 military service. This protection applies whether the underlying cause of action accrued prior to or during the period of service.

Recent amendments now permit service members to terminate motor vehicle leases signed before or during Title 10 active duty under certain strict conditions.

Generally, the SCRA protects members for pre-service leases or Reserve or Guard members who, after entering into a lease, are called to active duty for 180 days or more.

Protections are limited to certain situations such as after entering the lease the member either re-

ceives military orders for a permanent change of station from the continental U.S. to overseas, or is deployed for 180 days or more.

Service members must provide written notice to the lessor along with a copy of the appropriate military orders, and must return the vehicle to the lessor within 15 days after giving notice. The lease termination date is the date the vehicle is surrendered.

Under certain prescribed situations, leases and rental agreements for real estate entered into before or during active military service may be terminated without penalty.

This protection applies when a member is called to Title 10 active duty or deployed for at least 90 days, or receives military orders for permanent change of station.

A written notice and a copy of the orders must be provided to the lessor. By law, in most cases, members will remain liable for one additional amount of monthly rent after providing proper notice. The law does not excuse the payment of any rent in arrears.

Foreclosure protection

The SCRA also provides protection to service members facing evictions or foreclosures. In most circumstances, the SCRA requires all landlords, in

all states to obtain a court order before evicting service members or their dependents during periods of Title 10 active duty.

Landlords who violate the SCRA protections face criminal charges.

A court order is also necessary in foreclosure situations when service members breach the terms of their mortgages.

According to the SCRA, the sale, foreclosure, or seizure of the property for breach of an obligation absent a court order is not valid if made during or within nine months after the period of the members' military service.

Cell phone contracts

These contracts may be suspended or cancelled if a member is deployed overseas for 90 days or more or given orders for a permanent change of station and the new location does not support services.

Members may keep their cell numbers, if relocation is for three years or less, and the member re-subscribes with the carrier within 90 days of returning to the service location.

Before initiating any of the SCRA's benefits and protections or waiving any protections, service members are encouraged to consult with a legal assistance attorney.

Appointments are available Monday through Friday by calling 808-0196.

Cole student selected as All-State musician, six middle schoolers picked as All-Region

Elise Miller, a member of the Robert G. Cole High School Band, will perform as first chair oboist with the Texas All-State Band at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as part of the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention Feb. 16.

This is the second straight year that Miller, a junior at Cole, was chosen for this honor. She was selected to perform in the All-State concert through several levels of auditions

beginning in late 2012. The highest honor a Texas music student can attain, Miller had to compete against more than 60,000 other musicians.

The Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State competition, with auditions hosted by 28 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument.

From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from

their region to compete against musicians from other areas in seven TMEA area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group.

Along with Miller, six students from Cole Middle School were selected as members of the Association of Texas Small Schools Bands Middle School All-Region Band.

There were more than 400 students at

the auditions, which were held at Navarro High School Jan. 22. The students selected were: Mark Muñoz, trumpet; Ashley Bell, trombone; Tyrell Dunlap, trombone; David Rose, baritone saxophone; Liam Gervais, alto saxophone; and Dallas Harris, alto saxophone.

These students will represent Cole Middle School at the ATSSB Middle School All-Region Band clinic and concert at Canyon Lake High School Jan. 29.

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FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES FEB. 4-9

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Feb. 4

National School Counselor Week

Feb. 8

Early release at 11:45 a.m.

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Feb. 4

6th and 9th grade registration discussion/choice sheets received. 9th grade during World Geography, 6th grade during AA and PE Boys/Girls NISD novice golf tourney at Cast-Alsatian, 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 5

7th and 10th grade registration discussion/choice sheets received. 10th grade during World History, 7th grade during AA and PE Boys (JV/V) Basketball at Randolph, 5 and 8 p.m. Girls (JV/V) Basketball at Randolph, 4 and 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 6

8th and 11th grade registration discussion/choice sheets received. 11th grade during U.S. History, 6th grade during AA and PE

Feb. 7

Middle School Boys Basketball vs. Brooks Academy, 5 p.m.

Feb. 8

Boys Golf Tourney at Buckhorn, 8:30 a.m. Girls Golf Tourney at Cast-Alsatian, 8 a.m. Boys (JV/V) Basketball vs. Natalia, 5 and 8 p.m.

Feb. 9

Boys Golf Tourney at Buckhorn, 8:30 a.m. Girls Golf Tourney at Cast-Alsatian, 8 a.m.



SKIESUnlimited Classes

February SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381 for dates and times.

African-American Heritage Month Taste of Soul

Today, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Youth Center Gym, cost is \$7, call 565-3736, 565-4904 or 652-2525.

Man of the House

Today, noon-1 p.m., Military and Family Readiness Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Youth Baseball Registration Dates

Register children, ages 3 to 12, for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston youth baseball through March 1. Participants must be registered at Child, Youth and School Services, Parent Central, Building 2797, with a current sport's physical. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Parent Central at 221-4871 or the sports director at 221-5513 or 221-5519.

Flea Market

Saturday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the MacArthur Parade Field parking lot, military families and retirees can sell their personally-owned. Spots are available on a first-come first-served basis, set up by 6 a.m. Tables are available to rent for \$3 each and chairs are 50 cents each. Call 221-5225 or 221-5224.

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, 4-10 p.m., Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road, the game will be shown on a choice of ten 70-inch flat screen LCD TVs and two projectors on giant screen TVs. The festivities will feature prizes, with free trivia games and refreshments. Call 221-4016.

Positive Parenting

Monday, Feb. 11 and 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the JBSA-Randolph Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

Call 221-0349.

5 Love Languages for Couples

Monday, Feb. 11 and 25 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. Call 221-0349.

5 Love Languages for Teens

Monday, Feb. 11 and 25 from 3-5 p.m. at JBSA-Randolph Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

Intramural Volleyball

Letters of intent for men's, women's and coed intramural volleyball teams are due Monday. The season starts Feb. 19. The coaches and rules meeting is Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Fitness Center at the Medical Education Training Campus, Building 1369, Williams Road. Call 808-5710.

Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Credit & Debt Management

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

Helping Us Grow Securely Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, for kids up to 5 years old. Call 221-0349.

Key Caller Training

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Military and Family Readiness Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

Consumer Awareness

Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

Family Readiness Group Leader's/Family Readiness Support Assistant Forum

Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0946/1829.

Word Level 1

Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Unit Family Readiness Training

Wednesday, 10-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building

2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

Better Opportunities for Single Service Members Meetings

Wednesday and Feb. 20, noon at the BOSS Room in the Benner Barracks. The group which offers service members recreational activities and volunteer opportunities meets regularly every other Wednesday at noon. Call 295-6867 or 221-3949.

First Termer Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0516 or 221-0427.

Step-Families 101

Wednesday and Feb. 13, 27 and 25 from 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

CARE Team Training

Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

Living by Faith

Wednesday and Feb. 20 and 27 from 6:30-8 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel. Call 221-0349.

Word Level 2

Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Resiliency Training, Unit One

Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

Chinese New Year Parade

Thursday, 10 a.m., Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 122, Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

EFMP: Managing Challenging Behaviors

Feb. 7, 1:30-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, Training Room 1, call 221-2962.

Soccer Registration Underway

Online registration is underway for the Alamo Heights-Fort Sam Houston Youth Soccer League. FMWR patrons must register their youth

ages 5-19 and pay online at <http://ahfsh.cornerkicksystems.com/page/show/46690-registration-information>. Then, FMWR patrons must register through Child, Youth and School Services, Parent Central, Building 2797, by Feb. 8. Only players who are registered by the Feb. 8 deadline receive a discounted fee. Registration requires a current sport's physical. Call 221-5519.

Warfighter and Family Readiness Volunteer Fair

Feb. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, meet volunteer agencies, learn what opportunities are available, and how to register as a volunteer. Call 221-9848 or 221-2336.

African-American Heritage Month 3-on-3 Hoops Tourney

Feb. 8, 1-6 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center. Call 565-3736, 565-4904 or 652-2525.

Friday Night Jazz & Wine

Feb. 8, 8 p.m. at the Historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre. The evening will feature jazz pianist David Benoit and saxophonist Paul Taylor. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$35, plus a nominal service fee and \$45 at the door. Visit <http://goo.gl/RfMGK> or ArmyMWR.com to purchase tickets. Call 466-2020.

Mardi Gras & Merengue Zumba

Feb. 9, 10 a.m.-noon at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus, Building 1369, Williams Road. The cost of the two-hour class is \$12 and includes a T-shirt and snacks. Call 808-5709.

Valentine's Couple's Scramble Golf Tournament

Feb. 10, 12:30 shotgun start at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The two-person scramble is open to male and female golfers. The fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The fee includes greens fees, shared cart rental, food and prizes. Call 222-9386.

Talent Showcase

Singers, musicians, poets, circus acts, storytellers, dancers, actors and comedians are invited to show their stuff at "Believe," a talent showcase Feb. 16, 6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Practices are underway at 5 p.m.

Saturday and Feb. 9 at the Roadrunner Community Center. Family-friendly acts are welcome. Sign up at any Child, Youth & School Services facility with one act per contestant. Call 221-4871.

Murder is a Game at the Harlequin

Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Feb. 16, dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652 Harney Road. Call 222-9694 for tickets.

Exotic Hunts

Hunts are 4-8 p.m. on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis and continue every Friday through Sunday evening until Feb. 17. Permit-holding hunters need to call Thursday morning no earlier than 8 a.m. for a reserve stand. Hunters seeking a second or third day may call beginning at noon for any stands which have not been selected. Walk-in hunters are not permitted. Call 295-7577 for all reservations.

Teen Resilience Workshop

Feb. 19, 4 to 5 p.m., Building 2620 on the corner of Schofield and Scott Road. Call 808-6089 or visit <http://www.csfprep.army.mil>.

Hearts Apart

Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0946 or 221-1820.

Intramural Golf Coaches Needed

DOD cardholders interested in coaching intramural golf will meet Feb. 20 and 27 and March 6, noon-1 p.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Team rosters are due March 6 and the league gets underway March 18. Call 808-5710 or 221-7173.

3-D Archery Shoot

Feb. 23-24, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at JBSA-Camp Bullis. There are 30 targets at 5-55 yards on a different course each month. The competition categories are novice to expert, shooting in groups from 3-5 people. The fun shoot is \$10 per person and the competition shoot is \$15 per person. Call 295-7577.

Polar Bear Aquathon

Feb. 23, 2 p.m., JBSA-Fort Sam

Houston Aquatic Center, Building 3300, Williams Road. The event includes a 500 meter swim in a heated pool and a 5-mile run with three categories including men, women and a two-person relay. The cost is \$20 per person. To register, visit http://www.fortsammwr.com/immagine/OfficialForms/Run_Registration-Form.pdf. Call 221-3593.

Teen Poetry Slam

Feb. 23, 6 to 9 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, for teens 13 to 18 years old. Open to military ID card holders. Call 221-0349.

African-American Heritage Month Gospel Fest

Feb. 24, 3-7 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Chapel 1, call 565-3736, 565-4904 or 652-2525.

Military Saves Week Feb. 25 to March 1

For more information on Military Saves Week or help planning to improve your financial future call the Financial Programs at JBSA-Lackland at 371-3722; JBSA-Randolph at 652-5321 or JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 221-2330.

African-American Heritage Month 5K Fun Run/Walk

Feb. 28, 7:30-8:30 a.m., JBSA-Randolph Eberle Park, call 565-3736, 565-4904 or 652-2525.

HIRED! Program

Apprentices can sign up for the 2013 HIRED! Winter Term, March 25-June15, for opportunities to work at the Force Support Squadron facilities and activities on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Registration forms are available at the Middle School Teen Center, and at Parent Central. Application deadline is March 1. Call 221-3183.

Golf Course Survey

Joint Base San Antonio is gathering feedback on its golf courses to improve operations and better meet the needs of patrons. The survey is online at <http://2013JBSAGolfCourseSurvey.questionpro.com>

Central Post Gym Reopens on JBSA-FSH

The Central Post Gym, Building

OUTSIDE THE GATE

JROTC All-Army Drill Meet

More than 700 Army Junior ROTC cadets will take part in the All-Army Drill Meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Conventions Center, 200 E. Market Street. Free parking is available at the San Antonio Federal Courthouse Building, 655 E. Durango Blvd. Top five winners will represent the 5th Brigade Army ROTC at the Army national competition April 6 at Fort Knox, Ky. For more information, click on <http://www.sahbgcc.com> or call 295-2014.

Legacy Ball

The 4th Annual Legacy Ball will be held 6 to 11 p.m. Feb. 15 at the

J.W. Marriott Hotel Resort and Spa. For tickets visit <http://www.4th-annual-legacyball.eventsbot.com/> by Feb. 7. Call 652-4527, 652-7129 or 565-2665 for more information.

Federal Veterans Employment Information Symposium

The free symposium is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 12 at Texas A&M University-San Antonio Campus Auditorium, 2601 Louis Bauer, Brooks City Base. This symposium is designed for outreach to federal hiring managers, HR professionals, federal employees, transitioning military service members, military veterans, military spouses, and those with disabilities. The objective is to accelerate and refocus on the President's veterans employment initiatives, facilitate and restructure federal agencies interpersonal relations, and influence group dynamics to work in partnerships to increase hiring

opportunities and ratios in the southern region. Call 916-9252 or 916-7322.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.



FOR SALE: Full-size black canopy bed with mattress still in plastic and vanity, \$300; solid oak bunk bed with drawers, stairs and mattress, \$300; large entertainment stand, smoked glass and wood, \$225; full-size washer and dryer set, \$200; 10-by-13-foot multicolored shag area rug, \$100. All items are six months old and in great condition, prices negotiable. Call 426-2599.

FOR SALE: Dog crates, new, one for large dog, one for small dog; new seat covers for Dodge RAM 1500/2500, misty grey, \$48; Oakley sun glasses, new, iridium, 99 percent UV protection, includes hard case, \$76; new pro-bike helmet, medium size, \$35; color TV and other items. Call 313-0061.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel
Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Collective Service

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.
11:01 - Contemporary
"Crossroads"

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday
Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,
Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah, Friday,
AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services,
Sunday, AMEDD

For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.

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961, Patch Road is open from 5 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and closed weekends and holidays. Call 221-3593.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office has discount tickets for today's Rampage "Pink the Pink" for \$6; San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Thursday through Feb. 24 are \$44; Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10 through 14 are \$14 for plaza seating and \$44 for second row floor seating. Discounted tickets for the Spurs regular season games are also available. Ticket office is located in the Sam Houston Community Center and open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The ticket office will reopen Saturdays in spring 2013. Call 808-1378.

Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. Call 295-7577.

Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6; 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10; and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381.

Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. Call 221-3828.

Parent Central Customer Service Hours

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. for registration and 12:30 to 1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Parent Central is located in Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4871.

School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school

system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Call 221-2214/2256 or visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html>.

Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open to all DOD cardholders and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. For more information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Pet Consult Services Available at JBSA-Lackland

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments and can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing or resolving pet behavioral problems. Call 671-3631 or 2245.

Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency testing. PME testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests are scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing, call 221-0852.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Stilwell House

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam

Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for more information.

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Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.