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CFI prosthetist receives top civilian Army honor

By Elaine Sanchez
 Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

A Brooke Army Medical Center employee received a top Army honor recently for his innovation and dedication to caring for wounded service members.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno presented Ryan Blanck, a prosthetist at the Center for the Intrepid, with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award during a special “twilight tattoo” at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., May 22.

The award is the second highest honor granted by the Army to civilian employees.

The experience, which included placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is hard to put into words, Blanck said.

“I was completely humbled,” he said. “When I think about our road over the past few years and what has led to this ... it’s very moving.”

The Seattle native has been building upper and lower prostheses for wounded service members at the Center for the Intrepid, BAMC’s rehabilitation center, for about five years. But it’s his innovative work aiding patients with lower leg injuries that’s garnered him a national spotlight and this most recent honor.

Several years ago, a wounded Soldier who was struggling with rehabilitation as a limb salvage case came to Blanck for help. He had been working with his physical therapist to achieve as much as possible under the circumstances he was in, but wanted to



Photo by Linda Hosek

Army 1st Lt. Matthew Anderson, an infantry platoon leader with an injured lower leg, tries out the fit of an adjusted Intrepid Dynamic Exoskeletal Orthosis, or IDEO, as Ryan Blanck, the device’s creator, watches him walk at the Center for the Intrepid at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

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Memorial Day honors those who didn't live to see Veterans Day

By Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV
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Many Americans confuse Veterans Day, which takes place in November, with Memorial Day, which occurred May 27.

The difference is subtle but simple: Veterans Day recognizes the service of our men and women in uniform, whereas Memorial Day recognizes those men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice – giving their lives in defense of our nation.

Having recently cele-

brated Memorial Day, I'm concerned many Americans are misinformed or unaware of why we celebrate this day or who it honors.

To our nation's Gold Star Families, those who have lost a loved one while serving in our nation's military, Memorial Day has a much deeper and personal meaning.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called "Decoration Day," is a day of remembrance for those who died in our nation's service.

It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, the

national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By the end of the 19th century, ceremonies were being held each year on May 30 across the nation.

It was not until after World War I that Memorial Day was expanded to honor those who died in all American wars.

In 1968, Congress passed Public Law 90-363, which moved several federal holidays to designated Mondays and, as a

result of that law, Memorial Day changed to the last Monday in May.

In a May 2000 memo sent to his executive departments and agencies, President Bill Clinton proclaimed that "Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values."

Veterans Day

Veterans Day, held annually on Nov. 11, honors those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed

Nov. 11 as Armistice Day back in November 1919, making it a legal holiday to honor our nation's World War I veterans.

Nearly two decades later, veteran's service organizations urged Congress to change the name to "Veterans Day" and also honor veterans from both WWII and Korea. On June 1, 1954, Congress passed Public Law 380, making Nov. 11 a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

So the next time you happen upon a news article or overhear a conversation where the lines between Veterans Day and Memorial Day have been inadvertently blurred, I charge each of you to go and set the record straight.

We owe that to all of our nation's military veterans, both living and dead.

Commissaries planning for Mondays furlough

By Kevin L. Robinson
Defense Commissary Agency

When furloughs are implemented, most military commissaries will close one day a week on Mondays, the Defense Commissary Agency's top official said. The closures will be for up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30.

"We know that any disruption in commissary operations will impact our patrons," said Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA's director and CEO.

"Also, we understand the tremendous burden this places on our employees, who, when furloughed, will lose 20 percent of their pay.

"We determined that Monday closures would present the least pain for our patrons, employees and industry partners," Jeu added.

Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any day stores are routinely closed.

The 148 stores that routinely close on Mondays would also close the next normal day of operation. Other than the furlough day, there are no other changes planned for store operation hours.

The announcement comes as DeCA follows Department of Defense protocols related to the automatic federal government budget reductions, known as sequestration,

which began March 1.

Like most DOD activities, DeCA is mandated by DOD to furlough its civil service employees. Furlough notices were delivered to DeCA employees between May 28 and June 5.

DeCA has 247 commissaries with more than 16,000 employees operating in 13 countries and two U.S. territories. Furloughs will impact all of DeCA's more than 14,000 U.S. civilian employees.

As sequestration continues, commissary customers can quickly find out about any changes to their local store's operating schedule by going to <http://www.commissaries.com>, clicking on the "Lo-

cations" tab, then "Alphabetical Listing," finding their store and clicking on "local store information."

Patrons are reminded that because sequestration is so fluid, DeCA's plan for this budget-cutting measure is subject to change.

DeCA decided on Monday closures after weighing the potential disruption to patrons and suppliers of having rolling furloughs, where closure dates would differ from store to store.

Universal Monday closures are less disruptive to shoppers and the agency's industry partners – vendors, suppliers and distributors – who

deliver products daily to DeCA's commissaries.

Store staffs overseas include a mix of U.S. and local national employees. Because they are not U.S. government employees, local national employees are not subject to this furlough actions.

Select locations overseas will open if they have an adequate local national staff. However, if an overseas store is closed, its local national staff will report to work and perform other store-related duties.

In January, DOD released guidance to allow defense components to plan for potential budget cuts by reducing operating costs.

In line with that direc-

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Summer Safety Day

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston fourth annual Summer Safety Day takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. There will be a smoke house demonstration from the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Fire and Emergency Services, kid bouncers, demonstrations on bicycle and pedestrian safety and a military working dogs demonstration. Free pizza will also be available. For more information, call 221-3840 or 221-3846.

Fisher House Annual Kindertag Children's Day

The Brooke Army Medical Center Fisher House 3 hosts the second annual Kindertag Children's Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday. This free event is open to all children of military families and will feature a variety of fun activities including clowns, fruit carvings, face painting, live music, moon jump, piñatas and more. Lunch will be provided. Celebrity mascot appearances from the Spurs Coyote and Seaworld Adventure Park's Shamu are also planned. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. Friday. Call 916-6458 or email fhbamc@aol.com.

Furlough Financial Budget Planning Classes For Joint Base San Antonio DOD Civilians

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center's Financial Readiness Program has available services for Department of Defense civilian employees affected by the upcoming furlough. Furlough Money Matters classes are scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, from 2 to 3 p.m. June 18 and from 9 to 10 a.m. June 25 at the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center, Building 2797, in the computer lab. The class provides information on ways to make the most of your money during the furlough months. Services include one-on-one budget counseling and group classes which can assist in developing a course of action to meet financial needs. Class can also be provided for any requesting organization. Additional classes are available and may be scheduled based on interest level. Appointments are required for one-on-one counseling and pre-registration is required for the classes. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2380 or 221-2705.

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Army South conducts army-to-army staff talks with Brazil

By Lt. Col. Robert A. Whetstone
Army South Public Affairs

Just south of the Amazon jungle, Lt. Gen. Luiz Guilherme Paul Cruz, deputy chief for Special and International Affairs of the Brazilian army, welcomed Maj. Gen. Frederick Rudesheim, commanding general of U.S. Army South, for the 29th annual army-to-army staff talks between the two countries from May 20 to 22.

Last year, the staff talks were held at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and both armies have been conducting various events, training, exercises and exchanges together as a result of the agreements made in 2012.

"We seek to share experiences and knowledge, based on the study of topics of common interest in the areas of personnel, intelligence, doctrine, operations, logistics, engineering, science and technology, international affairs, strategic planning and prospective studies,"



Photo by Lt. Col. Robert A. Whetstone

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim, the commanding general of U.S. Army South, and Brazilian Lt. Gen. Luiz Guilherme Paul Cruz, deputy chief for Special and International Affairs of the Brazilian army, sign a memorandum of understanding during the closing ceremony of the army-to-army staff talks between the U.S. and Brazilian armies May 22 in Manaus, Brazil.

Paul Cruz said.

U.S. Army South has represented the Army in the annual bilateral staff talks with Brazil since 2005.

Army South, as the Army service component command for U.S. Southern Command, conducts staff talks on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Army. These meetings help strengthen professional partnerships and increase interaction between armies.

"The professionalism of the Brazilian army and the importance of our two countries working together cannot be over emphasized," Rudesheim said.

During the meeting, the two delegations drafted a list of 29 Agreed to Actions that covered a wide range of professional exchanges designed to improve the working relationship between the two armies.

The ATAs would be

difficult to execute without the hard work of the Army Section, part of the U.S. Military Liaison Office in the U.S. embassy in Brazil. ATAs plot the course of bilateral engagements throughout the year.

"The ATAs give us the ability to lock in future engagements," said Lt. Col. John Meyer, Army Section Chief, Military Liaison Office, U.S. Embassy, Brazil. "It gives us a good chance to

make sure the engagements we execute meet the objectives of both countries."

In an era of budget constraints, it is even more important that countries involved in staff talks apply careful scrutiny to future engagements.

"Our military-to-military relationship with the Brazilian army is particularly strong and dates back to the World War II, when the Brazilian Expeditionary Force fought alongside the U.S. Army in Italy," Meyer said.

"All of our engagements are based upon mutual interests and the Brazilian army always delivers significant resources to our activities, making our relationship a true partnership."

Some of the ATAs include: expert exchanges of information about command and control techniques, subject matter exchanges at the National Simulation Center and Mission Command Training Program, symposium on major sporting events, conference on military support to civil authorities, engineer participation in Beyond the Horizon 2014 exercises, medical

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Zero mishaps reported in JBSA Critical Days of Summer kickoff

By Alex Salinas
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The Critical Days of Summer kicked off May 23 with historic rain, and while it killed three people, destroyed 22 homes and damaged

137 houses throughout the local area according to the San Antonio Express-News, no fatalities or serious injuries were reported for the Joint Base San Antonio community during the Memorial Day weekend. CDOS, an annual Air

Force campaign to raise awareness of hazards during summertime, began Memorial Day weekend and concludes Sept. 3.

"The local area had one of the heaviest rainfalls on record, so personal involvement,

personal accountability and watching out for each other made the weekend a success," said Jewell Hicks, 502nd Air Base Wing chief of safety.

"However, there is no time for us to relax because we have another 13 weeks to go of what has historically been the time of year when Department of Defense agencies experience the highest number of fatalities and disabling

mishaps."

While the Air Force suffered zero on-duty fatalities during the 15-week CDOS campaign in 2012, 16 Airmen died in off-duty mishaps, two stemming from alcohol.

According to Air Force safety reports, nine of those mishaps involved motorcycles and the rest were at home, in privately owned motor vehicles and during

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ARMY TEAM IN SAN ANTONIO CELEBRATES 238TH ARMY BIRTHDAY

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (left), along with Spc. Francisco Padilla and Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, prepares to cut the Army birthday cake with the Rhodes saber during the 238th Army Birthday Ball at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio June 1. Army service members, their civilian partners and family members from throughout Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio, joined together for an early celebration of the Army's birthday. Traditionally, the oldest and the youngest Soldiers join together to cut a ceremonial birthday cake. Caldwell, commanding general, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior commander Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, represented Army leadership; Rhodes, as Caldwell's senior enlisted advisor, served as the oldest Soldier; and Padilla, geospatial engineer, 512th Engineer Detachment, U.S. Army South, served as the youngest Soldier.



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Claims office explains full replacement value gap legislation

By Capt. Dustin B. Myrie
Claims Judge Advocate

A number of questions have been coming into the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Office about whether service members can receive full replacement value compensation for damaged household goods, even if the movers blamed the storage warehouse and denied their claim.

In the past, military claims offices were only authorized to pay a claimant the depreciated value for their lost and/or damaged property after the moving company de-

nied the claim based on the storage warehouse's negligence.

A relatively new law, known as the "gap legislation" allows claims offices to reimburse claimants at full replacement value.

When a government-sponsored move involves multiple carriers, trying to figure out who caused the loss or damage is difficult, if not impossible. The gap legislation addresses this common issue.

For the new law to apply, claimants must first file a claim with the company that delivered their property.

If the moving com-

pany denies the claim on the basis that another company caused the loss or damage, our claims office will take the claim and determine if the law allows for full reimbursement. Remember, the gap legislation is applicable whether the mover blames a prior handler for damage to one item or the entire shipment.

For more information on full replacement value compensation and all claims-related issues, call the Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Office at 221-1973 or 2161, or stop by Building 153, which is located behind the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center on Stanley Road.

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[HTTP://WWW.SAMHOUSTON.ARMY.MIL/PAO](http://www.samhouston.army.mil/pao)

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232nd Medical Battalion Change of Responsibility

The 232nd Medical Battalion hosts a change of responsibility ceremony at 8 a.m. Friday at the post flagpole. Command Sgt. Maj. Marlo Montes will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Jawn Oilar.

Army Birthday Run

The Fort Sam Houston Army Team hosts a 2.7-mile post-wide run at 6 a.m. June 14 in celebration of the U.S. Army's 238th birthday. Run starts at U.S. Army North headquarters, Building 16 in the Quadrangle. For more information, call 221-1772.

Memorial, wreath laying ceremony

The Army Medical Department Center and School NCO Academy hosts the annual Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon Van Autreve memorial and wreath ceremony at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

187th Medical Battalion Change of Command

The 32nd Medical Brigade will host the 187th Medical Battalion change of command ceremony at 8 a.m. June 20 at the MacArthur Parade Field. Lt. Col. Soo Lee Davis will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Rachel Smith.

WHASC Urgent Care Center Implements Appointment System

An appointment-based system starts July 1 at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center's Urgent Care Center. The new system allows patients to pinpoint the time they would like to be seen for acute and non-emergency treatment, reducing UCC waiting times. Patients with a serious medical emergency should call 911 or seek medical care at the nearest emergency medical facility. For more information, call 916-9900.

New Bus Stop

The 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron began service to a new stop for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's base shuttle. The stop is located directly in front of Building 2000 and is intended to service customers of Building 2007 and the Army Support Activity area. Current shuttle stops are unaffected by this change. For more information, call 221-9635 or 221-1676.

14th MI Battalion still training intel units

By Gregory Rippes
470th Military Intelligence
Brigade Public Affairs

Even while the 14th Military Intelligence Battalion has been preparing for its inactivation June 14, it has also maintained a full schedule in helping to train other intelligence units over the last few months.

Soldiers of the 14th MI Battalion, who call themselves "Vipers," have been assisting other members of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis in readying other Soldiers to conduct intelligence operations when they deploy overseas.

"Because our Soldiers spent the previous year deployed in Afghanistan, they are valuable assets as observers/controllers and in mentorship roles for the various units training at the facility," said Maj. Douglas Zimmerman, 14th MI Battalion executive officer.

"Units such as the 338th MI Battalion and the 163rd MI Battalion have greatly benefitted from the lessons that the 14th MI Battalion Soldiers learned in real-world operations."

Besides serving as observers/controllers and mentors, 14th MI Battalion Soldiers led after-action report sessions, ensuring feedback and coverage of all relevant

topics, and served as liaison among the various training elements.

"The mission to support the IDTF was a great opportunity for the Soldiers of the 14th MI Battalion to use their knowledge and experience," said Zimmerman, whose battalion supported Operation Enduring Freedom from October 2011 to October 2012.

"As the operational situation changes in Afghanistan, utilizing experienced [Soldiers] to prepare upcoming generations of collectors will pay great dividends in the future."

Five-member mobile training teams from the 14th MI Battalion also assisted the 338th MI



First Lt. Eric Guerrero (right), 14th Military Intelligence Battalion S1 (personnel officer), reviews procedures with 2nd Lt. Samantha Squires, 338th MI Battalion S1. The 14th MI Battalion, which deployed to Afghanistan for a year ending last October, has been helping its sister unit get ready for deployment.

Photo by
Gregory Rippes

Battalion by journeying to Shoreham, N.Y., where the Reserve unit's A Company is located, and Lawrence, Kan., where its B Company is located, to provide two days of pre-deployment briefings.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Knight, an all-source intelligence technician with Company A, said that they covered topics ranging from daily battle rhythm to mission requirements to quality of life and that they painted a picture of what is to come for members of the 338th when they deploy.

"The briefings provided critical information regarding the upcoming deployment," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Roe, also of Company A.

"The presentations not only motivated everyone in attendance, but the level of detail that was included also significantly reduced the stress and anxiety of many of the 338th's Soldiers, especially those who have never deployed."

The latest interaction between the 14th and

the 338th MI Battalions took the form of staff training in the 470th MI Brigade's headquarters building on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Staff members of the two battalions spent a week networking with their counterparts as well as attending group sessions.

"When we're one on one, we're able to get into specifics," said 1st Lt. Michael Stewart, 338th MI Battalion S4 (logistics officer). "Learning from others [who have deployed] will help us with the success of our mission."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Armin Omic, who led one of the training teams, noted that the 14th MI Battalion has been providing training support even while the number of its Soldiers has shrunk.

However, the battalion has been pushing harder than ever to assist its sister units with all assets available.

"Although the 14th is near inactivation, it still has venom," Omic said. "Vipers extinct? Not just yet."

IMCOM HOSTS GAZEBO CONCERT



Photo by Shayna Brouker

Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, welcomed the community to the 323rd Army Band, "Fort Sam's Own," concert of traditional Army music and popular songs. The event was the first IMCOM-hosted concert for the Joint Base San Antonio community at the staff post gazebo June 2. The gazebo concerts are hosted monthly by a different command from May to September at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

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exchanges for operating in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives environment and subject matter expert exchanges on the Army-level equipment requirements/procurement process.

A major focus that carried over from the 2012 staff talks was Brazil's efforts in preparation of the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics.

In addition to Army South personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Army G3/5 International Affairs, Training and Doctrine Command and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency sent representatives to participate in the staff talks.

In its role as a Combat Support Agency, DTRA's Consequence Management Strategic Engagement Branch, supporting Army South, provided a briefing during the staff talks on the process



Photo by Lt. Col. Robert A. Whetstone

Delegates from U.S. Army South and the Brazilian army discuss Agreed to Actions under consideration for execution in 2014 during the 29th annual bilateral staff talks in Manaus, Brazil, May 21.

used by the military to support and coordinate planning and security to civilian authorities during major events.

"DTRA's unique expertise provided a focused discussion on the challenges associated with All-Hazards Consequence Management CBRNe in-

idents," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Jenkins, consequence management, America's Lead, DTRA.

"This type of discussion is of importance to the Brazilian army as its forces continue major event planning as Brazil prepares to host such events as the World Cup in 2014 and the Summer Olympic Games in 2016," said Bob Quinn,

crisis management specialist, DTRA.

The staff talks ended with the signing of a bilateral engagement plan for the upcoming year. The plan outlines various activities each army will conduct together.

"As we continue into a future highlighted by conflict around the world, these staff talks, and indeed our mutual partnership, will become increasingly important as we work together to address the security and humanitarian issues affecting our hemisphere," Rudesheim said.

Army South also conducts staff talks with the armies of Chile, Colombia and El Salvador on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

"Staff talks are a way we will be fulfilling the guidelines of the commander of the Brazilian army, strengthening the bonds of friendship between the land forces of Brazil and the United States, by means that foster mutual confidence, agreed upon in the highest professional manner," Paul Cruz said.

New JBSA commander, General LaBrutta, no stranger to San Antonio

By Lori Newman

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

A new commander took the stick of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio during a ceremony at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston May 29.

Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta takes his turn in the cockpit as the third commander of the largest joint base in the Department of Defense.

"The change in command of a wing in the U.S. Air Force, and in this case, a joint base wing, is one of the most important ceremonies we have," said Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, stressing how important it is to have the right person leading an organization at the right time.

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter was the right person at the right time during her tenure as commander, Rice added.

The AETC commander praised Carter for her leadership abilities.

"She has tackled challenge after challenge in a very effective and efficient way and at the end of the day this wing is much better positioned for the future than when she took command two

years ago," the general said.

Turning his attention to the new commander, Rice said, "I think we have the exact right leader at the right time in Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta. I can't think of anybody in our Air Force that is in a better position to take the reins and take leadership of the 502nd Air Base Wing.

"There isn't anybody more versed in the issues of manpower and personnel than Bob LaBrutta. He also understands how to run an installation," Rice said. "He obviously has the great background that we need, both in terms of expertise from a functional perspective; and leadership and experience from an installation command perspective, to take this wing to the next stage of its evolution."

Before passing the baton of responsibility over, Carter addressed the audience of service members, civilians and community leaders.

"In the past when I've relinquished command, I was very reluctant to let go of the flag – not ready to say farewell to people I've come to know and respect, not quite sure where the new commander might take the unit," she said. "I am thrilled that General Rice will place

the guidon in the very capable hands of Bob LaBrutta.

"He understands how to operate in a joint environment ... he's going to lead this wing to new levels of success and I'm thrilled for him and his family."

Carter thanked Rice and AETC vice commander Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens for their support and sage counsel; the commanders, directors and wing staff for their unwavering dedication and the mission partners and community leaders for their support.

"The 'dash' I spent at Joint Base San Antonio will be forever etched in my heart," Carter said, referring to a line from the Garth Brook's song, "Pushing up Daisies," which says, "there's two dates in time that they'll carve on your stone, and everyone knows what they mean. But what's more important is the time that is known as that little dash there in between."

Following the passing of the guidon, which

officially marked the change of command, LaBrutta addressed the crowd.

"I consider it an extreme honor to be the newest commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio," he said, thanking Rice for his trust and confidence.

LaBrutta said he started his military career as a basic trainee at JBSA-Lackland and considers San Antonio home because he has been to and from San Antonio his whole life.

"As an Air Force member getting an opportunity to come to each location in San Antonio, I have to tell you, it's great," he said.

LaBrutta told the community and business leaders he is looking forward to partnering with them and thanked them for the wonderful quality of life San Antonio offers service members and their families.

"It's all about the mission, isn't it, and what a grand mission the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio has,"

LaBrutta said.

"To the members out there in the field, I'm looking forward to being a part of your team. I look forward to getting into the trenches with you.

"We are going to have some challenges. We are in a resource constrained environment, no doubt about it. But, in those challenges, we have many opportunities in this new environment."

The commander said lean processes, energy efficiency and installation stewardship will be the cornerstones moving forward in this new environment.

LaBrutta enlisted in the Air Force in 1981 and earned a commission as a personnel officer through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 1989.

He has served in a wide variety of assignments and his command tours include squadron, group and wing levels. His previous assignment was as the Director of Manpower and Personnel at U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"Leslie, the girls and I are thrilled to be here," LaBrutta said. "We are looking forward to working with and meeting all of you. We couldn't have asked for a better assignment and I can't wait to get to work."



Photo by Joel Martinez

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta speaks during the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio change of command ceremony May 29.



Photo by Joel Martinez/photo illustration by Maggie Armstrong

U.S. Air Force Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr. (left to right), Air Education and Training Command commander; Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio command chief; and Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta, incoming 502nd ABW and JBSA commander, stand at attention during the 502nd ABW and JBSA change of command ceremony May 29.

Photo by Benjamin Faske

Members from JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph stand in formation during the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio change of command ceremony May 29

Photo by Benjamin Faske

U.S. Army Col. Jim Chevallier, 502nd Air Base Wing vice commander and Joint Base San Antonio deputy commander, salutes a joint honor guard as they present the colors during the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio change of command ceremony May 29.

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have greater function and, most of all, the chance to run again.

At that time, there wasn't a go-to option for lower leg injuries. But rather than turn the Soldier away, Blanck designed one – the Intrepid Dynamic Exoskeletal Orthosis, or IDEO.

This energy-storing device works by offloading the limb and allowing the patient to operate the lower limb in a way that avoids pain. Prior to the IDEO, there wasn't a combination device that would allow offloading, adequate range restriction and then power generation, he explained.

Once strapped on, the results are nearly instantaneous, Blanck said.

Now, patients who arrive at his office, limping and in pain, walk out a short time later, virtually pain and limp free. For

some, he said, it's the first time they've walked without pain in years.

Many go on to achieve their ultimate goal – to run again.

"This isn't a return to walk program, it's a return to run," he said. "I've never met one patient that said, 'All I really want to do is walk.' They all want to run."

The device is attributed with helping to turn the tide on a trend of wounded service members opting for delayed amputations, which are amputations several months after injury.

Limb-salvage patients are often faced with years' long recoveries, while their amputee battle buddies tend to regain significant functions about six months after amputation, Blanck explained. This quicker recovery is tempting to someone in pain and facing a lengthy rehabilitation.

With the IDEO, these



Photo by Staff Sgt. Teddy Wade

(From left) Gary Sinise, Kenneth Fisher, Kathleen Gagg, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno, Deborah Tymon and Ryan Blanck pose for a photograph during the Twilight Tattoo Salute on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., May 22. Blanck, a prosthetist at the Center for the Intrepid, received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

service members now have a go-to option that enables them to not only fully walk in a short time, but run, jump and sprint.

Since that first Soldier, Blanck has fitted nearly 430 troops with IDEOs, and more than 70 have redeployed.

He recalls one Soldier who was readying himself for bilateral amputations. Instead, he was given bilateral IDEOs and today is not only back serving as a Chinook helicopter pilot, but also has become an avid climber who ascended Mount Rainier.

Blanck said he hears of his former patients' successes weekly, from astounding times in half and full marathons to top spots garnered on the Paralympics snowboarding and other teams.

While his patients have showered him with grati-

tude, Blanck shies away from the spotlight, preferring instead to shine the light on his CFI team and on his warrior patients.

"If not for them, the IDEO wouldn't have been developed," he said.

"They paid a price that's hard to imagine. It's because of them, because of the impact I'm able to have in this job, that gets me up early in the morning and keeps me here late at night."

Blanck was among five civilians honored by the Army chief of staff at the event. The other honorees, who received the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award Medal, included musician and film director Gary Sinise, businesswoman and real estate producer Kathleen Gagg, Fisher House Foundation Chairman Ken Fisher, and Deborah Tymon, senior vice president of marketing for the New York Yankees.

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sports and recreation.

"A lot of times, peer pressure and alcohol is the underlying issue with these mishaps, especially with our younger Airmen," Linda Howlett, JBSA-Randolph ground safety manager, said.

"The best thing everyone can do is use personal risk management and look closely at every activity they do."

Because roadways are where most Air Force members lose their lives, several of the weekly CDOS topics will focus on driving safety, Howlett said.

"The recurring themes are excessive speed, alcohol, fatigue and failure to use safety belts," Hicks said. "If you ride a motorcycle, your risk increases exponentially."

Water sports are typically the second-leading cause of death during the summer, which includes swimming, tubing and riding jet skis, Howlett said.

The Memorial Day weekend floods, in terms of safety planning, reinforced the notion that common sense can be the difference between life and death.

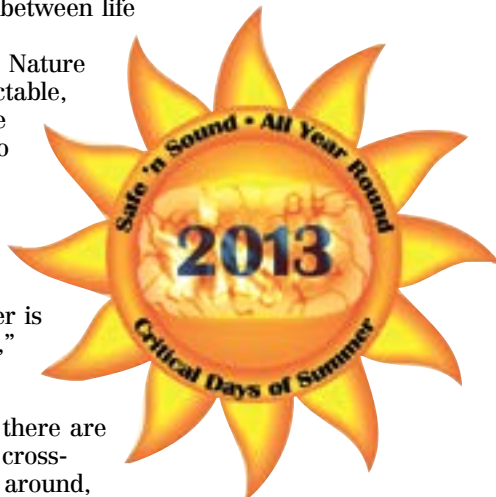
"Mother Nature is unpredictable, so if you're capable, do everything you can to stay out of her way when the weather is dangerous," Howlett said.

"Where there are low-water crossings, 'turn around,

don't drown.' It only takes two feet of water to push a vehicle."

There were also no fatalities reported in Air Education and Training Command during Memorial Day weekend.

The theme for this year's CDOS campaign is "Safe 'n Sound – All Year Round."



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tion, DeCA later executed the following budget-cutting measures:

- A hiring freeze on all outside hires;
- Curtailment of official travel for all conferences, training, and any other events and activities considered noncritical to the agency's mission;
- Cancellation of the agency's May Worldwide Case Lot Sales for all commissaries. Instead, stores are conducting smaller-scale events such as outdoor sidewalk sales;
- Curtailment of all overtime and compensatory time unless deemed mission-critical;
- Review of contract services to restrict any increases;
- Curtailment of all monetary awards unless



Photo by David Terry

Commissary manager Juan Rodriguez chats with associate Tony Reyes as he stocks fresh New York apples in the commissary produce department at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The Defense Commissary Agency has said that due to furloughs, commissaries will be closed Mondays. For commissaries that are already closed Mondays, they will close both Mondays and the next normal day of operation.

legally required; and

- Postponement of all Guard and Reserve on-site sales scheduled after July 8 until further notice.

"We are in this together," Jeu said, "and though limited in our

ability by circumstances we cannot control, I assure you we will do all we can to mitigate the impact of sequestration on our patrons, employees and industry partners, and on our mission."

Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area awards 22 scholarships

By **Xiomara Grant**
Spouses' Club of the
Fort Sam Houston Area

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area awarded 22 scholarships at its annual scholarship and welfare presentation at the Bright Shawl Restaurant May 20.

Of the recipients, 19 were high school students, two are undergraduate students and one is a military spouse. In addition, six non-profit organizations were awarded welfare funds.

Funds raised by the Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop contributed more than \$26,000 to the scholarship and welfare funds program this year.

Scholarship recipients are Stefan Arnold, Christopher Brierly, Te-



Courtesy photo

Scholarship and welfare funds recipients pose with members of the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area at the club's annual scholarship and welfare presentation at the Bright Shawl restaurant May 20.

resa Dean, Callie Downs, Taylor Garcia, Jonathan Gaudlitz, Aaliyah Granderson, Xiomara Grant, Troy Griffith, Sean Griggs,

Emily Helgren, Brenna Martell, Katherine Medell, Joshua Neal, Morgan Oliver, Caitlin Quinn, Mary Ripps, Sophia Rossell

Romo, Brandon Schreckhise, James Sullivan, Sean Walker, and Lancaster Weld.

Welfare funds recipi-

ents include the FSH Boy Scouts of America Troop 23, FSH Cub Scouts Pack 23, FSH Fisher House, Girl Scouts of Southwest

Texas-Meghan Harger Gold Award Project, National Military Family Association and Steele High School Project Graduation.

Each year, family members of all ranks, all services of any status in and on the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis area are eligible to apply for scholarship funds.

Welfare funds are awarded to non-profit, charitable organizations and/or worthy causes with military affiliation and connected especially to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis or the surrounding area.

For more information about the SCFSHA, click on <http://www.scfsh.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/scfsh>.

Future Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center taking shape

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Iinuma
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

With phase one more than 95 percent complete, the future Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center has started to take shape.

“Overall the construction of the new WHASC is progressing well,” said Maj. Patrick Ryan, senior health facility division officer for the Air Force Medical Support Agency.

The new facility will be constructed in three phases and is comprised of four wings, with garden spaces between each wing.

A fourth phase is being planned that involves the

demolition of the existing facility.

Phase one of the new facility will consist of a new energy plant, a utility vault, a 1,000 car parking structure, and the first wing of the new building, and is expected to be completed in August 2013.

Also encompassed in the first phase are the family health, cardiology, and Tricare Operations and Patient Administration sections.

These healthcare services will continue to be provided at the existing facility until the new facility is fully furnished.

“The parking garage officially opened for busi-

ness on April 30,” Ryan said. “Patients and visitors are adjusting to modified campus parking and circulation. Signs are in place to direct drivers to the parking garage.”

There is currently only one road leading to the parking garage, Wilford Hall Loop, which is behind the existing WHASC.

Phase two of the project, which is approximately 60 percent complete, includes two other wings of the new facility. It is expected to be finished in February 2014.

The second phase features 298,747 square feet of new surgical operating rooms, internal medicine, mental health, ophthal-

mology, optometry, physical therapy, radiology, lab and pharmacy spaces.

The third phase includes the final remaining wing, along with additions to the previously constructed wings with 301,252 square feet that will provide a new primary and specialty care space, medical logistics support center and command and support administrative space.

This phase is currently 24 percent complete and construction is expected to be completed in the

summer 2014.

Once the three phases are constructed and outfitted, the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center will be ready for occupancy. Projected completion is spring or summer 2015.

“Occupancy of the new Wilford Hall will occur well before the demolition of existing facilities,” Ryan said. “Phase four will be key in tying the new medical campus together with a smaller, but more efficient ambulatory surgical center.”

Phase four is the final phase of the transformation, and is projected to begin in fiscal year 2016, which will involve demolishing the existing WHASC and feature surface parking, a legacy plaza and a wellness park.

This phase will also explore additional space concepts to support new and growing missions.

Occupancy is projected for 2015. The new WHASC will be the largest outpatient ambulatory surgical center in the Defense Department.



Photo by Harold China

Phase 1 of the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is 95 percent complete, phase two is roughly 60 percent complete and the third phase is 24 percent complete.



Construction workers add finishing touches to windows of the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center's "A" Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Sept. 13. Wing A will house the TRICARE Operations and Patient Administration offices, as well as the family health and cardiology sections.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Hook

'Racks' are back at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Cindy Mortrud
General Manager, Fort Sam Houston
Military Clothing Sales Store

Custom, ready-to-wear military medal and ribbon "racks" have been re-introduced into the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military Clothing Sales Store's product offering, in the form of a new state-of-the-art self-service touchscreen computer kiosk as part of a new contract between The Exchange and Vanguard Industries.

The EzRackbuilder kiosk, located at the MCSS on Commissary Drive, is actually the 12th

in a much larger national rollout.

The machine allows customers to build virtual military medal and ribbon racks on its computer touchscreen using the EzRackbuilder software program.

Customers enter their award information and the program places all of the medals and ribbons in order of precedence on its screen in addition to affixing all of the attachments and devices to those awards, according to the user's branch of service regulations.

Customers can then order the ready-to-wear product with a credit card

at a special in-store 10 percent discount. Orders ship within hours – either the same day or the next business day – direct to the customer from a West coast production facility outside of Portland, Ore.

Finished products are delivered direct to the customer, ready to pin on their uniform.

As a promotion, Fort Sam Houston customers will additionally receive free shipping on all orders through June 2013.

“Military medal and ribbon racks are one of those custom products that are basically impossible to package and put on a wall in the store,” said

Vanguard Industries chief operating officer Michael Harrison.

Vanguard, headquartered in Carlsbad, Calif., is a major uniform paraphernalia and insignia supplier in business for nearly a century.

Those products, known as "racks" – military slang for the military ribbons and medals configured and typically worn on dress uniforms above the individual's left pocket – are highly unique.

“The EzRackbuilder program is foolproof,” said USA Military Medals president of business operations Jared Zabaldo. USAMM, out of

Milwaukie, Ore., is Vanguard's order fulfillment partner and the EzRackbuilder developer.

“It was written to be user-friendly with the goal in mind that we had to make weeding through the awards sections of AR 670-1 or AFI 36-293, etc., an obsolete task,” Zabaldo said.

Customers can choose any rack configuration, including standard and anodized metal finishes for full-size military medals and miniature medals, as well as standard ribbon racks and the so-called "thin" ribbon.

As part of the contract, The Exchange requires 100 percent of all orders to ship within 24 business hours.



Courtesy photo

The EzRackbuilder kiosk is a self-service touchscreen computer kiosk that allows customers to build virtual military medal and ribbon racks.



5 Love Languages of Teens

Today, June 14, and 21, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Man-to-Man

Today, noon-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Dodd Field Chapel for children pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Call 221-5006.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

Monday, June 17 and 24, noon-2 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Summer Safety Day

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-3840 or 221-3846.

Resiliency and Competency

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946.

H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515. Call 221-0349.

Credit and Debt Management

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Women Encouraging Women

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. This session will inform women about adoption, both private and foster/adopt. Guest speakers will be Linda Hurtubise from Pathways Youth and Family services and Yolanda World from Adoption Alliance. Call 221-0349.

Immigration Services

Tuesday, noon-2 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1372.

Consumer Awareness

Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Talk is Cheap

Wednesday and June 19, 9-10:30 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Bringing Baby Home

Wednesday and June 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650. Call 221-0349.

Overseas Orientation

Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1372.

Web-based First Termer Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380

Employment Orientation

Wednesday, 1-2 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516.

Hunt the Good Stuff

Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946

Texas Medical Center Job Fair

June 19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516

Employment Job Search Orientation

June 26, 1-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516.

Computer Lab Closed

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Computer Lab will be closed temporarily, until further notice. Microsoft Office classes are discontinued.

Summer Camp

Child, Youth and School Services will offer summer camp for grades kindergarten through 12. For registration details, call 221-4871.

Youth Horsemanship Camp

Registration is open at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. This camp is open to youth ages

7-17, and runs Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sessions are in one-week intervals throughout the summer, \$25 deposit, cost is \$225. Call 224-7207.

PGA Junior Golf League

Registration is open at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club for junior golfers, ages 9-13, for the summer PGA Junior Golf League. This is a team scramble format open to all skill levels. The fee is \$50 and includes range balls, team jerseys, golf balls, PGA bag tags, a weekly practice session and tournament. Call 222-9386.

Swimming Lessons

All lessons are taught in accordance with American Red Cross standards. Every participant will receive eight days of lessons. The dates for the sessions are Monday-Friday, June 24-July 5, July 8-19 and July 22-Aug. 2. For rates and registration, call 221-4887.

Moms and Tots Stroll

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m., Fitness Center on the METC, stroll on the indoor track and win prizes. Call 808-5709.

SKIESUnlimited Classes

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.

Cheer Coaches Needed

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports is looking for volunteers to coach children 5-12 years of age for the 2013 cheer season. Volunteer coaches must be at least 21 years old and willing to commit for the entire season, August through November. All volunteer coaches are required to complete an application and consent to a background check. Call 221-5519 or 221-4492.

Equipment Rentals

The Outdoor Equipment Center has all the items needed for a backyard party, unit organizational day, or weekend getaway. Rental items include canoes, boats, campers, camping equipment, outdoor games, barbecue pits and more. Call 221-5225.

World Climb Tower Challenge

Sign up at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the World Climb Tower Challenge. Call 221-1234.

Catfish Pond Open

Saturday and Sunday, noon-6 p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis, cost is \$3 per pound. Call 295-7577.

Bowl to Win Prizes

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center is offering the opportunity for bowlers to win prizes this summer. Receive "Bowling to Win" entry forms with your paid games through Aug. 26. Drawings for prizes will be held Aug. 23 during Bowler Appreciation Week. Call 221-4740.

Fort Sam Houston Museum

The Fort Sam Houston Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The museum will close in September to move to their new location in the Quadrangle. Call 221-1886.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office, located in the Sam Houston Community Center, offers discounted tickets for the River City Rockfest, Schlitterbahn water parks, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld, Aquatica and Universal Studios Orlando. The ticket office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call 808-1378.

Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 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

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.

Before and After School Care Registration

Register your child for before and after school care at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Center or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

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. Visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html> or call 221-2214 or 221-2256.

Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

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. The

shop will be closed the month of July. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Pet Consult Services Available

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing. Call 671-3631 or 671-2245.

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 scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 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.

SAT and ACT Test Prep Programs

The SAT and ACT PowerPrep™ Programs are available online or DVD, and include more than 11 hours of video instruction and 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample

OUTSIDE THE GATE

San Antonio Sunrise Walk

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk Saturday starting at Taco Cabana #251, 1130 N Loop 1604 W. Walks start between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m., finish by 11 a.m. For information, call 723-8574 or print a walk brochure at <http://randolphroadrunners.info/>.

'Operation Comedy' Free for Military, Veterans

The River Center Comedy Club at 849 E. Commerce St. is the site for "Operation Comedy," a free event for all military members, past and present veterans and their guests through Sunday. Founded by Army Infantry veteran John Stites, the event provided top-flight comedy entertainment to thank the military for their service and sacrifices. For reservations, call 229-1420 and use the code "Operation Comedy" or click on <http://www.operationcomedy.com>.

"Ride a Crooked Trail" Car Show

The 10th Annual Audie L. Murphy "Ride a Crooked Trail" Car Show will be held June 22 inside the Alm Parking Garage, 7400 Merton Minter. Visit Facebook.

com/rideacrookedtrail or www.satxcamaro.com or call 315-6350 to register or for information.

MOAA Summer Dance

The Alamo Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold summer dance, 6:30-7:30 p.m. cocktail hour and 7:30 p.m. dinner and dancing June 27 at the Petroleum Club, 8620 N. New Braunfels. Music will be provided by "Two for the Road". Cost is \$34 per person. Dress is cruise casual. People must register by June 24 at <http://www.alamomoaa.org>.

Salute to America Celebration

The San Antonio community is invited to enjoy a free concert and patriotic celebration featuring one of America's most enduring and popular bands, War, from 7-10 p.m. June 29 at the Wonderland of the Americas, 4522 Fredericksburg Road. Call 785-3500 or visit <http://www.wonderlandamericas.com>.

SeaWorld Offers Waves of Honor

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment is honoring the men and women of the U.S. armed services through its Waves of Honor™ military salute program. Any active duty military, activated or drilling reservists, or National Guardsman representing any of the five service branches is entitled to one complimentary

admission and as many as three direct dependents to SeaWorld® and Busch Gardens® Parks, and Sesame Place® for members of U.S. armed forces through 2013. The service member must register, either online at <http://www.wavesofhonor.com> or in the entrance plaza of a participating park and show a valid active military identification. All dependents 10 and older must present a valid military dependent identification for entry into the park. Dependents may take advantage of the offer without their service member, though an adult must accompany minor dependents.

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 SALE: Office chair, \$25; vacuum, \$20; fan, \$10; couch, \$50; wood dinette and two chairs, \$75. Call 241-1291.

FOR SALE: Solid wood coffee table and end table both with drawers, \$150; three-piece sofa set includes love seat, sofa and chair, blue leather, \$400. In Converse, call 703-304-1702 for information and pictures.

FOR SALE: Noritake Stoneware, Desert Flower pattern, microwave and oven safe, coffee or tea pot, creamer and sugar bowl with top, \$45; two-piece butter dish and salt and pepper set, \$30; 8 ½ inch serving bowl and 14 inch serving platter, \$30; camouflage parka, military specific, size large-regular, \$35. Call 495-2296.

FOR SALE: Lenovo G550 laptop computer, Intel Pentium Dual-Core T-4200, 3 GB RAM, 250 GB hard drive, Windows Vista, 15.6-inch glossy 16:9 display, WiFi/Ethernet enabled, DVD-writer. Comes with case, cooling fan, wireless USB mouse. \$100. Call 325-2432.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

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
11:01 - Contemporary "Crossroads"
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

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. - Jumma, 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>.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of June 3

CURRENT LEVEL * = 656.1'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660' Stage III - 642'
Stage I - 660' Stage IV - 640.5'
Stage II - 650' Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



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questions, practice tests and graphic teaching illustrations. Eligible recipients included service members from all branches of the military who are active duty, retired, veterans, Guard, Reserve, DOD employees, contractors and civilians performing military support. The eKnowledge Sponsorship covers the complete \$200 purchase price for the standard SAT or ACT Test Preparation Program. There is a nominal charge of \$17.55 to \$19.99 per standard program for the cost of materials, support, streaming and shipping. Each test preparation program has a one-year license from the

day the product is ordered. To place an order, visit <http://www.eKnowledge.com/MAFB>.

Cloverleaf Communicators

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Building 4011A, off Reynolds and Wilson Way. Visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/> or call 916-3406 or 221-8785.

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.

Top 3 Enlisted Association

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Top 3 meets 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Building 2263. All senior enlisted members and E-7 selects are encouraged to attend. The Top 3 association is aimed at establishing important relationships across all services. Call 540-8194.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month, noon-1

p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited. Call 221-4028.

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.

Lost Property

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

Weekly Weather Watch

	Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12
San Antonio Texas	 88° Scattered T-Storms	 90° AM Clouds/PM Sun	 93° Partly Cloudy	 93° Partly Cloudy	 93° Partly Cloudy	 94° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 91° Sunny	 94° Sunny	 96° Sunny	 93° Sunny	 93° Sunny	 91° Mostly Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

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