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JBSA commemorates Foulois' first military flight at Fort Sam Houston

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

March 2 marked a monumental day in the legacy of aviation.

On that day, 103 years ago, a young Army lieutenant named Benjamin Foulois made history when he piloted the Army's first aircraft, Signal Corps Aircraft No. 1 over Fort Sam Houston.

The original Signal Corps Aircraft No. 1 was

a Canard biplane with a four-cylinder Wright 30.6 horsepower engine driving two wooden propellers via a sprocket-and-chain transmission system.

Foulois taught himself to fly via correspondence with Orville and Wilbur Wright.

Each year, the Stinsons Flight No. 2 Order of Daedalians and the Jack Dibrell/Alamo Chapter of the Army Aviation of America

hold a wreath-laying ceremony at the main flagpole at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to commemorate the historic event.

Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, served as guest speaker for the ceremony.

"On that March 2 morning a crowd gathered just like we are

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Photo by Rich McFadden

Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens (center), Air Education and Training Command vice commander; retired Col. Dan Meyers (right), Order of Daedalians, Stinsons Flight captain; and retired Lt. Col. Dan Clark, Jack Dibrell/ Alamo Chapter; place the wreath March 1 during a ceremony commemorating the first military flight at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Hagel notes sequester's 'particular pain' for civilians

By Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department civilian employees will "particularly" feel the pain sequester will bring to the entire defense workforce, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Friday.

In his first Pentagon press briefing, Hagel outlined the steps the Pentagon and the services will take as the budget mechanism known as sequester, which took effect

March 1, trims roughly half a trillion dollars from defense spending over the next 10 years.

Along with cost-cutting actions by the services to curtail training and maintenance, the department has already announced it will furlough civilian employees beginning in late April, cutting their work hours and pay by 20 percent for the rest of the fiscal year.

"Our number one concern is our people, military and civil-

ian, the millions of men and women of this department who work very hard every day to ensure America's security," the secretary said. "I know that these budget cuts will cause pain, particularly among our civilian workforce and their families. I'm also concerned, as we all are, about the impact on readiness that these cuts will have across our force."

Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter joined Hagel for today's conference and shared

his views about defense civilian workers.

"As you know, our civilian workforce is about 800,000 strong," Carter said. "Those people, too, are dedicated to the defense mission." Nearly 90 percent of DOD civilians live outside of Washington, he noted, and nearly half of them are veterans.

"So they're dedicated to the mission, too," he said. "And as the year goes on, many of them will be subject to

furlough."

Civilians make important contributions to the nation's defense, Carter said. "They do real things that are really important to us. And they've had their pay frozen for years; now they're subject to furlough."

The deputy secretary said the reason civilians join the department, and the reason "I hope they'll stick with us," is because of mission.

"They're committed to what we do, which is defend the country and hope to make a better world," he said. "That's why they do it."



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Hagel vows to ensure well-being of service members, families

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

New Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel promised Feb. 27 to always be frank with the men and women of the department and said he expects all to be direct in return.

Hagel spoke to the Pentagon workforce and a worldwide audience on the Pentagon Channel just after taking the oath as the nation's 24th defense secretary.

"I'll never ask anyone to do anything I wouldn't do," the secretary said. "I'll never ask anybody to do more than I would do. That's the story of your lives. I wouldn't be



Chuck Hagel
Defense Secretary

worthy if that was not the case."

Army Sgt. 1st Class John Werth, a native Nebraskan and combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, introduced the new secretary.

He said Hagel already had held the most important job in the department: that of a combat infantryman. Hagel served in Vietnam as a young enlisted Soldier and was wounded twice.

This is a defining time for the world, Hagel said. "It's a difficult time.

It's a time of tremendous challenge, but there are opportunities," he added. "I think it's important that we all stay focused, obviously, on our jobs, on our responsibilities, which are immense, but not lose sight of the possibilities for a better world."

Service members should not forget that America is a force for

good in the world, he said.

"We've made mistakes. We'll continue to make mistakes. But we are a force for good," he said. "And we should always keep that out in front as much as any one thing that drives us every day."

The military needs to deal with the budget realities, the geopolitical challenges, cyber issues and the threats of terrorism, Hagel noted.

"We've got ahead of us a lot of challenges," he said. "They are going to define much of who we are -- not this institution only, but our country, what kind of a world our children are going to

inherit. That's the bigger picture of the objective for all of us."

Facing these challenges is difficult, the secretary said.

"But it's also pretty special," he added. "When you think about ... how many generations have had an opportunity to be part of something great, as difficult as this is ... we can really do something pretty special for our country."

The secretary promised service members he will do everything he can "to ensure the safety, the well-being, the future of you and your families."

"Now, I've got to go to work," he said.

JCS chairman commits to 'lead through' budget crisis

By Amaani Lyle
American Forces Press Service

In a video message to service members March 1, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff committed to leading through the effects of sequestration and encouraged dialogue about its impact.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said the military must continue

to protect the nation, preserve defense readiness and ensure troops -- especially those in harm's way -- are well-trained, well-led and well-equipped.

"We're going to have to stretch our readiness dollars," Dempsey said, "and that means part of the force will be advantaged and part will be disadvantaged."

Still, he said, leaders including Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and the service chiefs are well aware of the turbulence the fiscal crisis is causing.

"We are committed to leading through that ... and we're going to do it with your help," Dempsey told service members.

"We understand the difficult position we're

going to place you in; we understand the hardships you may have to suffer [and] we understand the uncertainty and the anxiety that that can bring."

Dempsey acknowledged not knowing how long the fiscal uncertainty will last; noting elected officials may exercise their options over the next few weeks or months.

In the meantime, he said, he'd like to hear what is on the minds of service members.

"Stay in touch ... tell us the effect of the decisions we're making," Dempsey said. "I admire you a great deal for what you've done in the past, for what you're doing now and what we're going to ask you to do in the future."

JBSA cancels 2013 air show

Joint Base San Antonio has cancelled plans for a November air show at JBSA-Randolph in which the U.S. Air Force Thunderbird aerial demonstration team was scheduled to headline and numerous other military aircraft were slated to fly or participate as a static display aircraft.

Effective March 1, Air Force aviation support to public events has been cancelled to save flying hours to support readiness needs. This includes the cancellation of support to all

air shows, tradeshow, flyovers (including funerals and military graduations), orientation flights, heritage flights, F-22 demonstration flights and open houses.

The Air Force will cancel the Thunderbirds' entire 2013 season beginning April 1.

The elimination of military aviation support and the current budget shortfall were the primary considerations driving the decision to cancel this year's event. The Thunderbirds last performed in San Antonio at JBSA-Lackland's 2010 air show.

NEW AETC COMMAND CHIEF VISITS JBSA-FSH

On his first visit as Air Education and Training Command's newest enlisted leader, Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia spent time Feb. 19 visiting with Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sailors, Soldiers,



Marines and Airmen and talking about leadership. In this photo, the chief talks with Navy personnel at the Medical Education and Training Campus.

Photo by Joel Martinez

News Briefs

Joint Base San Antonio Women's History Celebration

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio/502nd Air Base Wing commander, will be the guest speaker for the JBSA Women's History Month celebration at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1385 on Chaffee Road. Musical entertainment provided by the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own," followed by refreshments. Call 325-3665 for more information.

DUSTOFF Legacy

The Army Medical Department's Center of History and Heritage presents the historical documentary "When I have Your Wounded: The DUSTOFF Legacy" at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. March 11 at Blesse Auditorium, Able Hall, AMEDD Center & School. Admission is free and the event is open to all military members and civilians.

MacArthur Grandstand Renovation Starts in April

Renovation of the MacArthur Field reviewing grandstand to add additional seats and a command reviewing area is scheduled to start in April. The current grandstand will remain open for use during the construction project. Upon completion, the existing grandstand will close for construction. The new and renovated facility doubles the size of the existing grandstand, contains a covered command review area, has a limestone exterior and also includes upgrades for the ventilation, sound and lighting systems. Call 295-0621 for more information.

CPAC Furlough Call Center

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center established a Furlough Call Center. Call 466-3065 or 221-1425 or email usarmy.jbsa.hqda-cpac.mbx.inquiry@mail.mil. with any furlough questions. For the latest furlough information, visit the CPAC website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/>.

Military Tax Assistance Centers Now Open

The MTAC is open to all eligible service members, retirees and dependents to obtain free assistance with federal and state tax return prepara-

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Cyber warrior earns highest civilian award

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The Air Force has a secret weapon in its arsenal of defense against computer-generated threats to military and U.S. commercial operations.

That secret weapon is none other than cyber "Wonder Woman" Angelica Collazo, a senior analyst with the 92nd Information Operation Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Collazo was recognized for her work with cyber space security and received the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. recently. The award is the highest honor given by the Secretary of Defense to career civilian personnel.

Accompanied by her father, Francisco Collazo, members of



Courtesy photo

Angelica Collazo (right), a senior analyst with the 92nd Information Operation Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, poses with Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter after receiving the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. recently.

her family and Lt. Col. David Neuman, former commander of the 92nd IOS, to Washington, D.C.

to receive her award, she said it was the first time for members of her family to visit the U.S.

Capitol. A native Texan, Collazo was born and raised in San Antonio.

Her role defending cyber space was sort of an accident, she said. Collazo's 24-year career with the Air Force began as a missile software engineer and then migrated into cyber security as a result of base closure and realignment.

Employed at then-Kelly Air Force Base, a friend found an announcement for a position with a project titled "C4ISR" or Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance.

"I had no idea what the acronym meant," she said, adding she didn't think she had a chance with only six years of experience.

A friend insisted Collazo apply, encouraging her to stress her abilities to lead, direct and manage. She applied

and was selected over a large number of other candidates. She learned later she was the only person to say she actually wanted the job during the interview.

Collazo describes her group's functions as paralleling a security detail that clears, sweeps and holds a section of cyber space for events of sorts, and then cleans up afterward.

Over the last 17 years, Collazo was instrumental in the Air Force's on-going cyber defenses by developing and employing technological sensors to "sniff" code and send alerts when an anomaly occurs during operations. Alerts are shared with other services and agencies through the U.S. Cyber Command's global database to help U.S. forces and organizations around the world share

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Cyber threats: are you secure?

Cyber threats are an ever-increasing issue in today's technological environment – both at home and at work. Adversaries are constantly and tirelessly looking to capitalize not only on vulnerabilities in our computers and networks, but also in our vigilance to protect them and the information contained therein.

All users must maintain an ongoing awareness of cyber threats and exercise basic cyber security best-practices.

As a reminder, the following are actions needed to maintain a safer cyber

environment:

- Always have physical control of Common Access Cards.
- Create secure passwords and never write them down.
- Do not reveal any personal information or passwords over email or to websites linked through email.
- Do not click on embedded links in emails unless you are sure where they are going.
- Do not misuse government computers – no viewing or downloading pornography, gambling or loading unauthorized software.
- Do not use thumb drives or connect any

unauthorized USB devices (e.g. E-readers, iPods, etc) to government computers.

- Label CD/DVDs to avoid accidental cross-network contamination.
- Do not use government-approved external devices at home and do not use home-use devices on government computers.
- Use caution on social networking sites. Do not post sensitive information; use strong passwords; be cautious of who you accept as friends and their possible affiliations.
- Exercise extreme caution when using Web mail (e.g. Gmail,



Hotmail, Yahoo, etc). Using Web mail can expose your system to viruses and malware.

For more information on cyber security, visit the Information Assurance tutorial on the Advanced Learning Distribution Service site <https://golearn.csd.>

disa.mil or contact your Information Assurance Office or local Communications Squadron.

On Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, call 295-0534.

(Source: AETC Computer Systems Squadron, JBSA-Randolph)

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tion. The MTAC at 2271 Reynolds Road is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment only. Call 295-1040. The San Antonio Military Medical Center also has an office, call 916-1040.

SAMMC Dining Renovations

The San Antonio Military Medical Center's main dining facility and Grab-n-Go undergoes renovations beginning in April. During the renovation, the Rucksack and the Café Express on the first level of the new tower will remain open. Several temporary dining options will be available, such as the "Market on the Green," a temporary structure located outside the Garden entrance. There will also be two new Grab-n-Go kiosks: "The Renovation Station" located near women's health clinic and "The Salad Stop," located between the pharmacy and laboratory.

Claims Office Self-Service Kiosk

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Claims Office has installed a self-service kiosk at its location in Building 153 on Wilson Way. The desktop terminal is for any service member, Army civilian or family member needing assistance in submitting their claim online via the Defense Property System website. For more information, call 221-2161/1973 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Large Troop Formations in METC Campus Area

Motorists on Garden Street 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. 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.

Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

The Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline gives Soldiers and their families a place to share their concerns on the quality of care received. The hotline is available around the clock at 1-800-984-8523, DSN 421-3700 or via email at wfsupport@amedd.army.mil.

JBSA civil engineer squadrons pursuing common environmental structure

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

One of the benefits of joint basing is manifesting itself at all three Joint Base San Antonio Civil Engineer Squadrons, which are sharing their best environmental management system practices while pursuing a common EMS structure.

Members of all three squadrons are getting together for quarterly EMS working group meetings to share these practices and strive to meet other goals, including environmental excellence, Sam Klein, JBSA environmental management lead coordinator, said.

Defined by the Environmental Protection Agency as "a set of processes and practices that enable an organization to reduce its environmental impacts and increase its operating efficiency," an environmental management system addresses a range of concerns, from air quality and water quality to hazardous materials and hazardous waste.

All three locations can take pride in their recent efforts to reduce environmental impacts, Klein said.

JBSA-Lackland's recycling center recycled 468 tons of cardboard in 2012, bringing in more than \$123,562 to the Air Force, while the location's brass recycling program, which targets bullet casings, netted \$498,298, he said. Nearly 2,000 pounds of batteries were recycled in 2012, and about 2,400 pounds are anticipated by June.

"JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's natural resources conservation effort at JBSA-Camp Bullis has won awards and protects undeveloped land over the Edwards Aquifer," Klein said.

"JBSA-Randolph's environmental section has won numerous awards and has received the approval of a state-of-the-art water treatment plant at the JBSA

Recreation Park at Canyon Lake."

Other noteworthy efforts include "protecting wildlife within installation fences" and "an aggressive program for protecting historic buildings," he said.

The working group meetings provide an opportunity "to get out the latest information, get feedback and let us know what's working," Klein said.

Unit environmental coordinators said the meetings improve communication.

"The working group clarifies specific responsibilities and receives the most up-to-date information about the environmental programs directly from the program managers in those particular areas," Robert Spence,

Lackland Defense Language Institute UEC, said.

Brandi Brownlee, 902nd Logistics Readiness Squadron UEC, said she likes being involved in the sessions because she can get the right information to the right level of leadership in her organization.

"I like being there for the new information, and there are always name and acronym changes," she said.

The meetings also aid the three locations' EMS integration efforts, Klein said.

"One of our goals is to lean as far forward

as possible in JBSA integration efforts to better serve our customers in fiscally austere times," he said. "We also want to continue to meet our responsibilities to regulators and the public in protecting the environment."

Other goals Klein identified included "effectively communicating with our customers about how their missions affect the environment and our environmental compliance" and "continuing to seek improvement in areas that we have identified as needing improvement."



Joint Base San Antonio Civil Engineer Squadrons are committed to protecting the environment and preserving history.

File Photos

BAMC's first ECMO baby celebrates first birthday

By Elaine Sanchez
BAMC Public Affairs

The first patient treated with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation at San Antonio Military Medical Center recently celebrated a first of her own – her birthday.

Brianna Sackreiter, whose father is an active duty Soldier, was born in Honduras Jan. 13, 2012, with a major abdominal wall defect.

She underwent surgical repairs, but developed intestinal complications and a severe bloodstream infection. She had further complications during a transfer from Honduras to Seattle Children's Hospital that caused the flight to divert to SAMMC.

Due to the severity of her illness, doctors determined ECMO would be the only lifesaving course. ECMO is a heart-lung bypass system that replaces the natural functions of the heart and lungs, allowing an infant or child



Courtesy Photo

Brianna Sackreiter, the first patient treated with ECMO at San Antonio Military Medical Center, turned one last month.

to rest while treatments and natural healing of the affected organs take place.

"It was decided that she would surely die without ECMO," Air Force Lt. Col. (Dr.) Michael Shoemaker, a SAMMC neonatologist, said at the time.

Brianna remained on ECMO for six days – from Feb. 11 to Feb. 16. This

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Eat right, your way, every day

By Tara C. Dombeck
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Health Command

Whenever you think about eating a healthy, well-balanced diet, you may think you have to give up foods and restaurants you enjoy and that you must eat a boring regimen of meals every day.

That can be discouraging, especially if you have certain cultural, ethnic and lifestyle practices you include in your eating habits.

However, eating healthy does not mean you must

give up your preferences and tastes in foods; you can make small adjustments to your diet while still enjoying the foods you love.

March is National Nutrition Month and the theme for the month is "Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day."

This theme encourages everyone to continue following their food preferences, lifestyle, culture and health practices, but to make healthy food choices within those preferences and practices.

Good nutrition is also one of the Army surgeon

general's top priorities for building and sustaining good Soldier and family member health through the "Performance Triad." Nutrition, along with a focus on healthy activity and sleep, is one of the three legs of the triad.

Choosing to eat a healthy diet has many benefits, including enhancing fitness and performance.

Consuming a healthy, well-balanced diet may reduce a person's risk of developing certain chronic diseases, including high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer, as well as obesity.

Many Americans do not meet the recommended guidelines for a well-balanced diet, which includes each of the five major food groups: fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins



File Photo

Consuming a healthy, well-balanced diet may reduce a person's risk of developing certain chronic diseases, including high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer, as well as obesity.

and dairy products.

If you have decided to choose a more healthy diet, here are a few simple tips you should follow every day:

Place fruits and vegetables in highly visible places on your kitchen counter, pack fruits and vegetables in a cooler to take with you when you are on the go, and choose steamed vegetables as

side items when eating at your favorite restaurant (rather than choosing vegetables cooked in butter and oil or covered in sauces, which add extra calories from fat).

Choose whole wheat breads and pastas and whole grain rice rather than white varieties of these items.

If you enjoy meat as part of your diet, choose

low-fat options, such as lean cuts of beef and chicken, and certain types of fish (such as salmon and trout). If you do not eat meat, you can get protein from beans, soy products, nuts and seeds. Eggs are a good source of protein, but you should limit the amount of egg yolks you consume to no more than one a day since they contain cholesterol and saturated fat.

Choose low-fat and low-calorie dairy products, such as skim milk, rather than whole milk; limit the amount of cheese you consume.

Decrease your intake of salt and high sodium foods. Check labels for low-sodium items.

Make better beverage choices by drinking plenty of water every day, and choosing calorie-free beverages, 100 percent fruit juices and fat-free milk.

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here today,” Owens said, describing how that day’s events may have unfolded. “As they looked out over the field and saw a bi-winged little airplane sitting on a set of rails with no wheels and skids, [they were probably] not sure exactly what was going to happen.”

Foulois’ first flight lasted only 7 1/2 minutes. He made three more flights that day and on his fourth attempt, the young pilot ended up crashing the airplane.

“He was truly a man of vision,” Owens said. “He saw things at that time that most people did not see and most certainly could not understand.”

“[Foulois] saw not only potential; he saw the application of airplanes that would forever change the conduct of warfare.”

Foulois experiences in aviation as a member of



Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, Air Education and Training command vice commander, was the keynote speaker for the annual ceremony that commemorates the first military flight.

**Photo by
Rich McFadden**

the Army Signal Corps led to today’s U.S. Air Force.

The Army Air Service was created in 1918. In 1926, the Army changed the name to the Army Air Corps, which became the Army Air Forces in 1941.

Based on the AAF’s wartime achievements during World War II and future potential, the U.S. Air Force won its inde-

pendence as a full partner with the Army and the Navy Sept. 18, 1947.

“Benjamin Foulois was a man of courage,” Owens said. “He carried that sense of vision and courage with him through a 37 year career.

“We are all beneficiaries of his efforts. His vision and his courage is in fact his legacy to all of us.”

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allowed her to survive long enough to receive additional corrective abdominal surgeries at SAMMC.

She was later transferred to Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash., where her father is stationed, for further treatment.

As evidenced by her pictures, the now 1-year-old Brianna is thriving.

Air Force (Dr.) Lt. Col.

Daniel Dirnberger, chief of neonatal medicine services at SAMMC, praised the lifesaving care Brianna received here.

“Many disciplines and support services came together to provide this very special child with exceptional [Department of Defense] care that few medical centers or systems in the world could match,” he said.

(Maria Gallegos, BAMC Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)

NUTRITION from P8

Pay attention to portion sizes. Many people eat more than the recommended serving size.

Stop eating when you feel satisfied.

Always practice food safety by washing your hands before preparing and eating food and by keeping raw meat and fish separate from fruits and vegetables when

preparing meals.

Eating right, your way, every day means taking small steps that will make a big impact on your health.

For more information visit the Academy of Dietetics and Nutrition, <http://www.eat-right.org> and Operation Live Well, http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2012/0812_live-well/.

Bone marrow donation saves lives

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

SAMMC Bone Marrow Program saves lives worldwide

Air Force Tech Sgt. Kenneth Raimondi was on top of the world with 13 years of successful active duty service and a happy marriage with two healthy, young active boys – until a year ago when he was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder that changed his life forever.

“In the summer of 2011, I was feeling fatigued, I didn’t know why – but strangely enough – even after a long nap I was still feeling tired,” he said.

“Then one day in August, as I was putting on my flip-flops to go water my grass I noticed strange little red dots on my feet, ankles and legs.”

Realizing these symptoms were abnormal and reading the warning symptoms on the Internet, Raimondi immediately made an appointment to see his primary care physician at Randolph Clinic, who referred him to the San Antonio Military Medical Center to see a hematology/oncology specialist.

On September 2011, Raimondi was diagnosed with aplastic anemia - a blood disorder where the bone marrow does not produce enough new cells to replenish old cells.

Within days of the diagnosis and his condition becoming severe, he underwent a series

of antithymocyte globulin infusions, to increase the number of healthy cells. The treatment showed some improvement but not enough to recover the normal blood cell counts.

“In my case, my blood cell count never recovered and I spent about six months with my platelets still in the low numbers and my blood cells low – overall not on good grounds,” Raimondi said. “And about six months out I had made the decision to receive the bone marrow transplant.”

In March 2012, Raimondi underwent a bone marrow transplant here at the Fisher House Bone Marrow Transplant program. Six months later he returned to work and is enjoying his life once again.

“I get to tell my little boys, ‘I’m 100 percent’ (referring to his current level of health) – you should have seen the smile on their faces,” he said.

“The care received here (at SAMMC bone marrow transplant department) has been amazing and definitely world class. You feel so much more comfortable here than anywhere else because you are one of maybe three, four or five patients,” Raimondi said.

“The medical teams are an expert staff. Most of them have been doing this for a very long time and they really care about you and your family. A big part of getting healthy is having that positive momentum you get from here ... you get very per-



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Tech Sgt. Kenneth Raimondi poses with Tonia Beltran, registered BMT nurse at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant unit. Beltran was one of the several nurses that treated Raimondi during his stay at the medical center.

sonable care here,” he added.

SAMMC’s Bone Marrow Transplant Program

The Fisher Bone Marrow Transplant Program was first established and housed at Wilford Hall Surgical Ambulatory Center in 1983 until June 2011 when its facility moved to SAMMC due to the Base Realignment and Closure.

SAMMC’s BMT is the only treatment center designated by the Department of Defense for adult allogeneic (related donor, unrelated donor and cord blood) and one of two DOD facilities providing autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplants, (stem cells are removed

from the patient and then later introduced back into the body enabling healthy cells to regenerate).

The new 21,222-square-foot BMT unit is located on the 5th floor of the consolidated tower and includes 14 private inpatient beds, eight treatment stations, three examination/isolation rooms and two procedure rooms.

Because patients who undergo chemotherapy or a bone marrow transplant may have compromised immune systems, their hospital surroundings are strictly managed to prevent infection. All rooms are outfitted with high-efficiency particulate air filters to keep the air



Photo by Robert Shields

National Guard Sgt. Ruben Rodriguez, a recent bone marrow transplant patient, gets a routine check-up from Robert Christian, a registered nurse at BAMC Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

constantly in motion.

“We have a beautiful new home,” said Stephanie Condron, head nurse of hematology/oncology service and the oncology clinical nurse specialist. “Our team was heavily involved with the design of the clinic to ensure that every feature was custom built for our patients.”

The inpatient unit in conjunc-

tion with the outpatient clinic offers 24/7 staffing to ensure appropriate support for patients undergoing treatment and two nurses stations to provide convenient and safe access to patient rooms.

“All nursing staff has received chemotherapy and bone marrow training in order to provide comprehensive care in accordance



Photo by Robert Shields

Kathy Lopez, Bone Marrow Transplant Unit registered nurse, checks on BMT inpatient Cpl. Jose Quijano, who is recovering from a recent tandem auto stem cell transplant at the San Antonio Military Center.

with Oncology Nursing Society standards to the patients,” said Stephania Godbee, head nurse of the inpatient BMT unit.

The Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy accredited BMT Program comprised of outpatient clinic and inpatient unit provides full service care to patients with a multidisciplinary team consisting of a clinical dietician, medical social worker, clinical nurse specialist, residents, nurses, students and staff physicians.

SAMMC BMT treats all TRICARE beneficiaries worldwide and all costs are paid by DOD to include travel and medical expenses for allogeneic transplant patients.

Autologous transplant patients’ per diem is paid by their active duty command or TRICARE non-medical attendant policy.

“All active duty military members and their families are eligible to get their transplant here, if they choose to come here, and their per diem can be paid up to

three months,” Condron said.

Registered donors can help save lives

Active duty military member and their Families, DOD civilian employees, Coast Guard members, and National Guard and Reserve personnel are eligible to register to donate. Potential donors should be 18-60 years old and in good general health.

“Donors are very important because many patients only have one possible donor – these transplants are not an optional procedure, it is not routine,” Condron said.

“When a patient needs a transplant from a donor like a sibling or from a stranger – it’s often the only chance they have to live – without a donor, that patient is likely going to die.”

According to the National Marrow Donor Program everyone who is willing to volunteer is welcome. However, there is a critical need for more multi-race donors and those of various ethnic backgrounds to help the

many patients searching the NMDP registry.

One of the NMDP’s goals is to ensure that every patient has the best chance of finding an unrelated marrow donor. Currently, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latinos, American Indians and all multi-race donors are extremely under-represented on the NMDP Registry.

“Donors from all backgrounds are vital, especially anyone who has multi-racial background, or any minority generic background. You only match within your own race. Therefore, these special recruits are critical for our minority patients,” she added.

For more information about the donor registration and SAMMC’s Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, contact SAMMC BMT at 916-1198. To follow Tech Sgt. Kenneth Raimondi’s journey through his bone marrow transplant, go to <http://www.facebook.com/MyNewBirthday>.

Navy sails into Houston rodeo

By Larry Coffey
NMETC Public Affairs

Approximately 50 Sailors representing Navy commands in San Antonio joined several hundred Army and Air Force service members, veterans and wounded warriors from across Texas to participate as guests of the 2013 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Feb. 27.

Thirty-eight staff and students from the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston-based Navy Medicine Education and Training Command, the Navy Medicine Training Support Center and the Medical Education and Training Campus traveled with staff from Navy Technical Training Center where Navy master at arms train, and the Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field

Activity, both based at JBSA-Lackland.

The Sailors were hosted as part of the rodeo's Military Appreciation Day.

It marked the first time in the rodeo's 81-year history that Navy commands from San Antonio participated as a group, said Capt. Gail Hathaway, NMETC commander, who represented the Navy during rodeo's grand entry.

"It was important that our Sailors showed Houston not what, but who, the Navy is," Hathaway said.

The San Antonio Sailors joined Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen from as far away as Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

Upon arrival, the visiting military personnel were greeted individually by rodeo officials and Medal of Honor Recipient

Lt. Mike Thornton, retired U.S. Navy SEAL, before being served a lunch of Texas barbecue and traditional side dishes.

Multiple rodeo queens, princesses and officials walked through the tent serving, greeting and posing for photos with the Sailors during the meal.

Hospitalman Apprentice Shelby Sparks, a METC student, said it was good to spend time with those he serves.

"The feeling I get when people show their genuine gratitude is like no other," Sparks said.

"The people of Houston showed undying support and encouragement. It's good to know that those are the kind of people we serve as Sailors and Hospital Corpsmen."

"Of the hundreds of rodeos I've ever attended,

the Houston Rodeo was by far the biggest and most unique," Hathaway said.

"While I always enjoy watching the kids mutton bust or do calf scramble, I really enjoyed watching

the chuck-wagon races. I also enjoyed being allowed to interact with all the veterans and wounded warriors."

Hathaway said she was pleased with the Sailors and very impressed

with the Houston Rodeo volunteers.

"Our Sailors projected the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment to the people of Houston, and I was very proud of that," she said.



Photo by Larry Coffey

Command Master Chief Rusty Perry and Commander Capt. Gail Hathaway, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command, wave to the crowd during the Grand Entry at the 2013 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Feb. 27.

MICC welcomes new chief of staff

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston welcomed their new chief of staff Monday.

Col. Bob Brinkmann is responsible for providing oversight, supervision and quality control of staff actions, personnel, training, operations, building management, public affairs and protocol support within MICC headquarters.

He moves into the position after serving as the

MICC director of operations from September 2012 through February 2013.

Brinkmann enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1984 at his home town of San Antonio. He was commissioned as an infantry officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduation from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1987 and entered active duty.

He has more than 13 years experience in the Army Acquisition Corps and is Acquisition Level III certified in contracting as well as Level I certified

in program management.

Brinkmann's acquisition assignments have included serving as commander for the U.S. Army Contracting Command-Kuwait; and deputy commander for operations for the U.S. Central Command's Joint Theater Support Contracting Command at Camp Victory, Iraq.

He has also served in a variety of contracting and leadership positions both stateside and in support of contingency operations. Prior to entering the Army Acquisition Corps, he served as a company grade officer in several



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Col. Bob Brinkmann serves as the Mission and Installation Contracting Command chief of staff.

infantry and logistics positions.

Brinkmann replaced Col. Jeff Morris, who served as the MICC chief

of staff since July 2012. Morris was selected in February for a one-year deployment to serve with the Combined Security

Transition Command-Afghanistan.

The MICC is responsible for providing contracting support for the warfighter throughout 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.

Sequestration to affect DOD schools, commissaries

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Civilian personnel at Department of Defense Education Activity schools and the Defense Commissary Agency will be affected by sequestration, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said at the Pentagon Monday.

The department will struggle to ensure DODEA – which serves 84,000 students at 194 schools – maintains an accredited school year, Little said.

“We’re mindful that we need to protect the education of military children,” Little told reporters at the Pentagon. “But teachers and support personnel at DODEA schools will be subject to the furlough.”

DOD civilian personnel will be furloughed one day a week from April through the end of September, unless Congress intervenes.

“We are going to do everything we can to manage the furlough process in a manner that enables military children to receive an ac-

credited school year for this academic year,” he said.

Summer school will not be affected by furloughs, Little said, but the first month of the 2014 school year could be.

It’s also likely, he said, that the 247 commissaries worldwide will be forced to close one additional day each week. Commissaries are already closed Mondays.

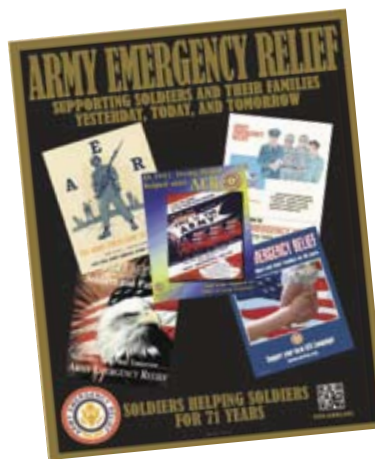
Commissary workers also will be furloughed, Little said.

“This will cause pain,” he said.

Furloughs will cut into commissary workers’ paychecks, and for patrons, it means there will be one less day each week to shop at a military commissary.

This would not start immediately but would kick in at the same time that furloughs begin – probably at the end of April.

Sequestration, which also will affect military readiness and operations, is “something we are going to have to manage, while we protect the country,” Little said.



By David Vergun
Army News Service

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign began March 1 and continues through May 15, with this year's campaign slogan being: “Supporting Soldiers and their families, yesterday, today and tomorrow.”

The slogan is meant to create a greater awareness among Soldiers that AER offers benefits for those who are in need.

The campaign also hopes to replenish its resources through

Army Emergency Relief campaign underway

donations. The campaign provides an opportunity for Soldiers to look out for each other, continuing the AER legacy of “helping the Army take care of its own.”

Last year, AER disbursed \$76.8 million in assistance to more than 59,000 Soldiers and their families. Some 38 percent of that assistance was obtained through the command referral program, which gives company commanders and first sergeants the authority to approve up to \$1,500 in interest-free loans for their Soldiers.

There is no limit on the amount of assistance that can be provided and no limit on the number of times a Soldier may make requests for assistance. Loans and grants are

all based on need.

AER assistance includes:

- Emergency funds for rent, food, travel, car repair, funeral, medical and dental expenses;
- Children and spouse scholarships;
- Grants to Soldiers medically evacuated from Afghanistan;
- Support to families of fallen Soldiers;
- Repair of heating and air-conditioning systems;
- Travel funds for permanent change of station when advances are not forthcoming;
- Repair or purchase of stoves or refrigerators;
- Purchase of child car seats; and
- Purchase of cranial helmets when prescribed by medical authority and not authorized by TRICARE

AER is a private, non-profit organization, founded in 1942 to provide financial assistance

to active duty and retired Soldiers and their families. Since AER's beginnings, some 3.5 million Soldiers and families have received more than \$1.5 billion in support.

Soldiers requiring AER assistance should contact their command's AER representative or their first sergeant.

Soldiers and families not near an Army installation can still receive assistance from organizations in the other services which are very similar to AER: Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance.

If none of those organizations are nearby, help can be obtained by calling the American Red Cross toll-free at 877-272-7337. More information is available at www.aerhq.org.

DOD implements secure program for range of mobile devices

By Nick Simeone
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department is rolling out a program that will allow users of a range of mobile devices – working anywhere from remote battlefields to the Pentagon – to rapidly share classified and protected data across all components.

More than 600,000 DOD employees, from Soldiers on the front lines to Joint Staff planners, use government-issued mobile devices, mostly BlackBerry phones. Several thousand of the mobile devices in use in DOD are capable of handling classified data.

The goal of the implementation plan announced today is to ensure that mobile devices throughout the department – as well as their apps, email and other functions, and the wireless networks supporting them – can operate securely in often hostile and remote environments and can adapt to ever-changing technology, even as the number of users expands.

Teri Takai, DOD's chief information officer, told American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel that the challenge for the Defense Department has been to design a unified system capable of fully

leveraging the potential of devices that often differ in capabilities and sophistication in a way that will allow users to communicate in a secure, wireless environment.

“We will be able to not only use multiple commercial devices, but we will have a better process for bringing new commercial devices onto the network,” she added.

Takai, along with the Defense Information Systems Agency, is leading the effort, which will use commercial carrier networks capable of handling classified data.

“This new capabil-

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FORT SAM HOUSTON HONORS RETIRING SOLDIERS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Six Soldiers were recognized for their dedicated service and commitment to the U.S. Army Feb. 28 during the monthly Fort Sam Houston retirement ceremony at U.S. Army North's historic Quadrangle. Air Force Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, commander, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, presided over the ceremony. Carter requested to officiate the ceremony because one of the retirees, Col. Robert Bridgford, previously served with her as the vice commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and deputy commander of Joint Base San Antonio. Carter said the retiring Soldiers, who collectively represent more than 150 years of service to the nation, embodied the Army core values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. The retirees are (from left) Col. Robert Manga, 32nd Medical Brigade; Col. Robert Bridgford, Installation Management Command; Lt. Col. David Foster, U.S. Army North; Sgt. Maj. Bruce Sivil, 32nd Medical Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Overton, U.S. Army North; and Sgt. Lena Ramon, 418th Medical Logistics Battalion.



Family Readiness Leaders' Forum

Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Spring Break Deals at Bowling Center

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center, Building 2521, is offering a spring break bowling deal Monday through Friday, \$1.50 games and \$1.50 shoes. Call 221-4740.

Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Extends Hours

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Building 320, Wilson Way, will extend weekday hours starting Saturday. The new hours are 4 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on federal holidays. Indoor pool hours are 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.

Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

Tuesday, 8-9:30 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Savings and Investing

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

Immigration Services

Tuesday, noon-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1372 or 221-9608.

Family Resiliency Training - Detecting Icebergs

Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-9079 or 221-0626.

Budgeting

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

Preparing for a Job Fair

Wednesday, 9-11 a.m.,

Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

Key Caller Training

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

General Resume Writing

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

Overseas Orientation

Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. and again 5-6 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. POC: 221-1372 or 221-9608.

Mandatory First Term Financial Readiness

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

Dress for Success

Wednesday, 2 to 3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

Pre-Deployment Planning Training

Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

Midnight Basketball at Youth Center

Saturday, 7 p.m.-midnight at the Youth Center, Building 1630. The event is open to all middle school teens. Players will team up that night. Call 221-3502.

BOSS Meeting

Better Opportunities for Single Service Members meets March 20 at noon in the BOSS Room at Benner Barracks. The group offers service members recreational activities and volunteer opportunities. BOSS meets each other Wednesday at noon. Call 295-6867 or 221-3949.

Hearts Apart

March 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Intramural Spring Sports

Spring flag football players must submit a letter of intent by March 25. The flag football coaches' meeting is 1 p.m. March 28. Intramural soccer players must submit a letter of Intent by March 18 and the coaches meeting is 1 p.m. March 25. Intramural spring softball letters of intent are due by March 18. The coaches' meeting is 1 p.m. March 21. Intramural sports are open to all DOD cardholders 18 years and older, who are not participating in an academic athletic association. All coaches' meetings will be at the Fitness Center at the METC, Building 1369. Letters of intent should be mailed to Earl Young, 2380 Stanley Rd., Building 124, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. Call 808-5710.

Youth Baseball Registration

The baseball registration deadline for youth, ages 3-12, is March 22. Participants must be registered at Child, Youth and School Services, Parent Central, Building 2797, with a current sport's physical. The cost is \$40 for T-ball for ages 3-4 and \$65 for ages 5-12. Practices begin March 25, with opening ceremonies on April 6. 221-4871.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Child, Youth and School Services Easter Egg Hunt is 10 a.m.-noon March 23 at the Youth Sports Complex at Dodd Field. The hunts will be held on the ball fields for children up to age 10 beginning with 2 and under at 10:30 a.m. on field 1; 3-4 year olds at 10:45 a.m. on field 2; 5-6 Year olds at 11 a.m. on field 3; special needs children at 11:15 a.m. on field 1; 7-8 year olds at 11:30 a.m. on field 2; and 9-10 year olds at 11:45 a.m. on field 4. Call 221-3502.

Military City USA 5K

March 23, 8 a.m. starting at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center parking lot. Plenty of water, fruit and a prize wheel await runners at the finish line. The sign up is available 30 minutes prior to the start time. The top male and female finishers take home prizes. The free fun run is open to all DOD ID card holders, including children. Leave pets at home. Call 808-5709.

Sporting Goods Flea Market

March 23-24, 8 a.m.-1:30

p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. Sellers can set up inside for \$10 or outside for \$5. Call 295-7577.

Armed Forces Team Building Instructor Trainer Course

March 27-29, 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., 502nd MSG Chapel Training Room, Building 2530. Call 221-2611 or 221-0918.

Employment Readiness Job Fair

April 3, 4-7 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Broadway Divas

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, through April 20 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694 for ticket information.

Moms and Tots Stroll

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m., the 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.

Catfish Pond Reopen

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

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

MWR patrons have a new fitness center at their disposal on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with the reopening of the Central Post Gym, Building 961, Patch Rd. The gym is open from 5 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and closed weekends and holidays. Call 221-3593.

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.

San Antonio Australian Football Club

High school and college athletes are invited to play in the San Antonio Australian Football Club. Practices held on Saturdays from 11-11:30 a.m. on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the fields between Artillery Post, New Braunfels, Stanley, and Liscum Roads. Call 382-5305, 830-556-9397 or 426-7655.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10 through 14, \$14 for plaza seating and \$44 for second-row floor seating. Discounted tickets for Spurs regular-season games are also available. The ticket office is located in the Sam Houston Community Center and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Call 808-1378.

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.fortsammmwr.com/youth/slo.html> or call 221-2214/2256.

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 is closed for spring break, Monday through Sunday. The shop will be open March 23 and formal dresses will be on sale for half price. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Welfare Requests

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area will accept welfare fund requests until April 1. 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

OUTSIDE THE GATE

San Antonio Luminaria

Luminaria, the annual arts event that lights up downtown San Antonio, is 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Hemisfair Park and the neighboring downtown area. The event is free and open to the public. Festival-goers will see dance, literary, media, music, performance and visual arts from more than 600 artists. The most up to date gallery details and

locations can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/LuminariaSA>.

MOAA Luncheon

The Alamo Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold a luncheon 11 a.m. March 21 at the Air Force Village I Sky Lounge, 4917 Ravenswood Dr. The guest speaker is Gen. Loyd "Chip" Utterback. Cost is \$20 per person. Register by March 18 at <http://www.alamomoaa.org/event-registrationluncheon.cfm>.

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: new Oakley iridium sun glasses, similar to Juliet style, 99 percent UV protection, includes hard case, \$76; patio bench, 53 inches long, patio chair, both with cushions, \$23; new Penmate dog crates, one for large dog, one for small dog; hand-crafted metal table with black marble top, 37 inches long, 16 inches wide, 32 inches high, \$75; color TV and other items. Call 313-0061.

FOR SALE: Brand new Rascal wheelchair, \$700. Call 661-3765.

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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 671-3631/2245.

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.

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

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. Visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/> or call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or.

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.

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.

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 a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

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

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

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>.

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

Weekly Weather Watch

	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13
San Antonio Texas	72° Few Showers	74° Isolated T-Storms	74° Isolated T-Storms	71° Sunny	75° Mostly Sunny	79° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	64° Sunny	57° AM Showers	61° Mostly Sunny	63° Partly Cloudy	54° Showers	56° Showers

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

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cyber incident information.

She led development of the Air Force's incident handling database, the first version of the joint database and hailed as a benchmark for cyber security. Still used to alert joint CERT, or computer emergency response teams, to cyber-strikes, the database, currently transitioning into the Joint Incident Management

System, is especially effective against simultaneous assaults against multiple systems.

"If the adversary is attacking the Air Force then most likely it is attacking each of the other Services and governmental agencies," Collazo said.

She said she is proud of the 92nd IOS and shares in the group's tradition.

"We're called the 'Skulls' so it's great to be part of heraldry and

part of a military operation. It's very different from being the engineer, behind the scenes making stuff happen, building the technologies, the policies and implementing things - to actually being on the operations side conducting operations."

Collazo believes San Antonio is the Silicon Valley of cyber security. "If the growth of the 24th Air Force is an indication, then yes, we are."

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ity will actually allow us to use secure devices on [DOD's classified network] and give us more flexibility in terms of what those devices are," she said.

Takai added that the security of wireless communication amid increasingly frequent cyberattacks on government and corporate networks is chief among her concerns.

"The challenge for DOD is to balance the concern

of cybersecurity with the need to have the capability of these devices," she said. But given both their ubiquity as well as their rapidly changing technology, Takai said, the Pentagon had to act quickly to develop a comprehensive program.

"The commercial mobile device market is moving so quickly, we can't wait," she said. "If we don't get something in place, we will have multiple solutions, just because the demand out there

to be able to use these devices is so strong."

Officials are planning for a phased implementation involving vendor competition for development of a system that Takai suggests, given DOD's 3-million-plus employees, could prove to be a model for large companies that also need to protect the transmission of both open and confidential data.

"We are paving the way for many aspects on both networks," she said.