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A man in a dark suit and tie is shown in profile, administering an oath to a group of graduates. He is holding a small white card in his left hand and has his right hand raised in a traditional oath-taking gesture. The graduates, wearing white short-sleeved shirts and dark blue trousers and caps, are standing in rows behind him, also with their right hands raised. The background shows a large outdoor gathering area with a blue flag and an American flag visible in the distance.

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COMMENTARY

Memorial Day: A Day of Remembrance

By retired Chief Master Sgt. Alexander Reyna Jr.
Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency

As Memorial Day weekend is approaching, a television station asked people in a shopping mall, "What is Memorial Day and why do we observe it?" Do you know what the cities of Normandy, Inchon, or Al Khafji have to do with Memorial Day? Have you ever heard of Crispus Attucks, Deborah Simpson, Alvin York, Forrest Vosler, Roy Benavidez or Dakota Meyer?

Not one person could answer these questions. Many of our young Americans seem to have forgotten our past and just live for the present.

Remembering our military heroes, past and present, who gave their lives so that others may have freedom, is a responsibility for all Americans. These heroes paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom we take for granted each day. This day is to honor them.

Memorial Day isn't just a day off work to go shopping or have a picnic with the family. It's a day to take the time to thank all military veterans, especially those who served our country when it needed them most. It's a day to tell our children about the battles in our proud American history and more importantly it is a day to thank those heroes who sacrificed for us.

Our departed military heroes paid the ultimate price for all Americans, present and future, to live in freedom in our great nation. This Memorial Day, please take the time to listen for the sounds of service and answer the call to recognize all those who have served in our military services. These sounds can be as saddening as Taps or as uplifting as a John Philip Sousa march.

New Under Secretary visits Joint Base San Antonio

By Alex Delgado
Joint Base San Antonio Public Affairs

Eric Fanning visited with Airmen at Joint Base San Antonio May 16 and 17 during his first base trip as the under secretary of the Air Force.

His two-day visit to JBSA included stops at Randolph, Lackland and Fort Sam Houston, where he met with Airmen and got an overview of the military operations taking place in San Antonio.

"What a great way to begin my career in the Air Force by witnessing firsthand the very training environment that brings young men and women into the ranks as Airmen," Fanning said.

He also thanked Airmen for their daily contributions to the Air Force mission. "Your role in providing critical training, professional education and vital medical care is crucial to the success of our Air Force."

Fanning began his visit with a meeting

We Americans should be thankful to our veterans and never forget our heroes who knew the risks, yet they still answered our country's call to serve in our military services.

Everyone should observe Memorial Day, and honor those who wear the military uniform today. Our military personnel set the example for children and fellow Americans by participating in Memorial Day activities. Participation can include anything from visiting local veterans at veterans' hospitals, or visiting cemeteries to display American flags on gravesites, demonstrating our thanks to our departed heroes. At a minimum, we should at least pause for a moment of silence this Memorial Day to pay the utmost respect and remember our departed heroes.

It's very important that we Americans never forget our country's history. Freedom isn't free and history can reveal the path for the future.

My Dad, a World War II veteran, often passed on stories of his experiences during D-Day and the Battle of The Bulge as well as serving under Gen. George Patton. He said he volunteered to fight because he loved our country. I'll never forget my dad for his service as a 17-year-old Soldier during WWII. Today, my son, a U.S. Marine, proudly serves for the same reasons.

Memorial Day is a day set aside for everyone throughout our nation to remember what our departed heroes have done for our country and pay them the ultimate respect they deserve.

Hopefully, when we Americans are asked why Memorial Day is celebrated, our chest will swell with pride as we remember what our heroes did for us and we pay them the respect they so deserve.



Photo by Benjamin Fasje

Under Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning takes questions from Air Force personnel May 17 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

with Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, who gave him an overview of the many things going on in JBSA. While on JBSA-Randolph, he was also briefed on pilot instructor training at the 559th Flying Train-

ing Squadron and got a close-up view of a T-38 Talon, a two-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet trainer.

At JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the newly appointed under secretary visited with Air Force wounded warriors, where he heard some of the Airmen's personal stories.

Fanning had breakfast with Airmen at JBSA-Lackland May 17 before attending a Basic Military Training graduation parade where he served as the reviewing official.

He addressed the graduates briefly before administering the oath of enlistment and reflected on the major accomplishment the Airmen have achieved over the past eight weeks.

"You are joining the best Air Force the world has ever known and we have no doubt you will make it better." Fanning said. "Commit to treating each other and yourself with respect and dignity, serve with integrity and you will accomplish more than you can imagine."

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ON THE COVER

Under Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning administers the oath of enlistment to graduating Airmen May 17, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Fanning visited with members of JBSA May 16 and 17 with stops at JBSA-Randolph, Lackland, and Fort Sam Houston. Photo by Benjamin Fasje

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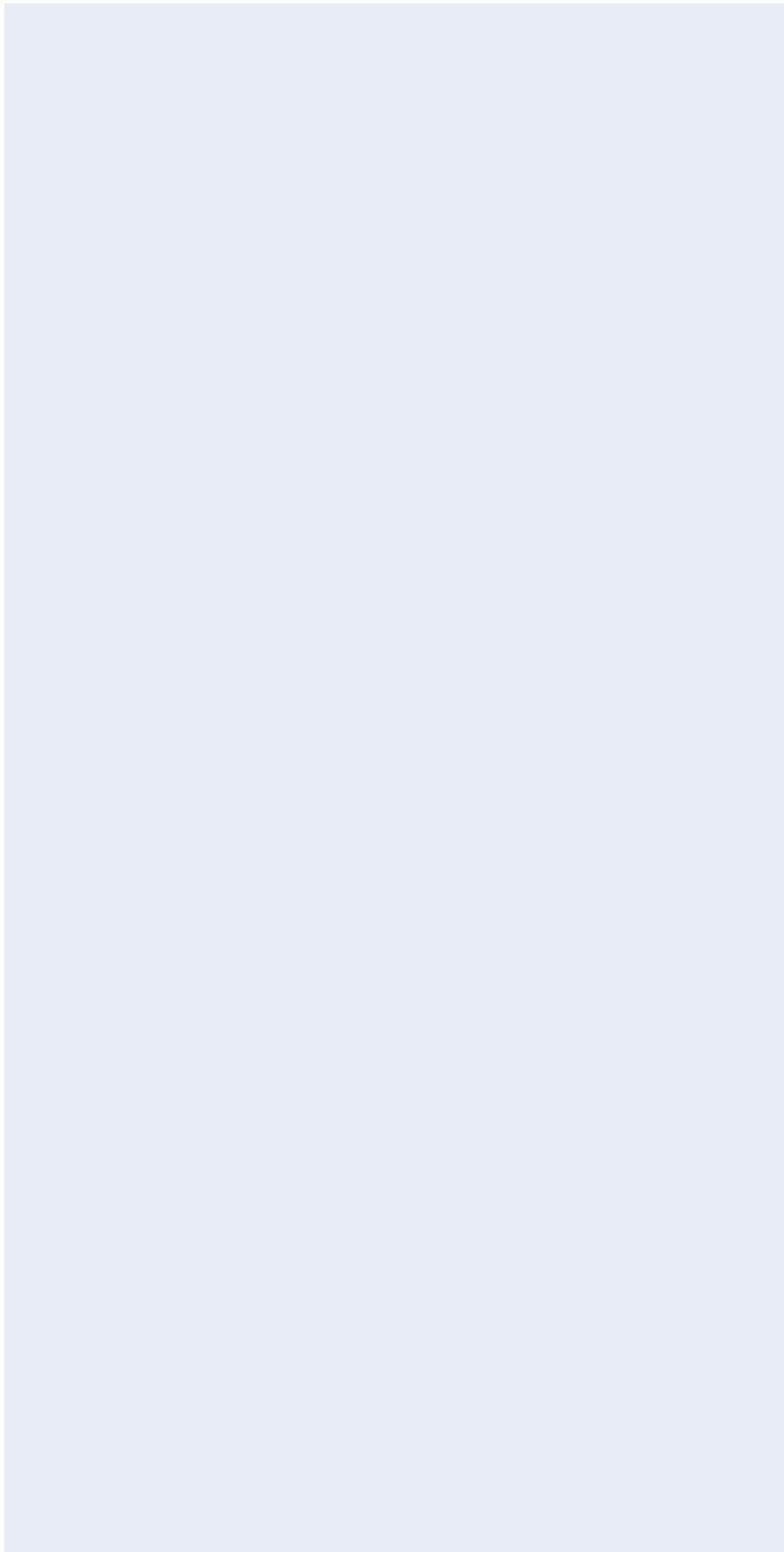
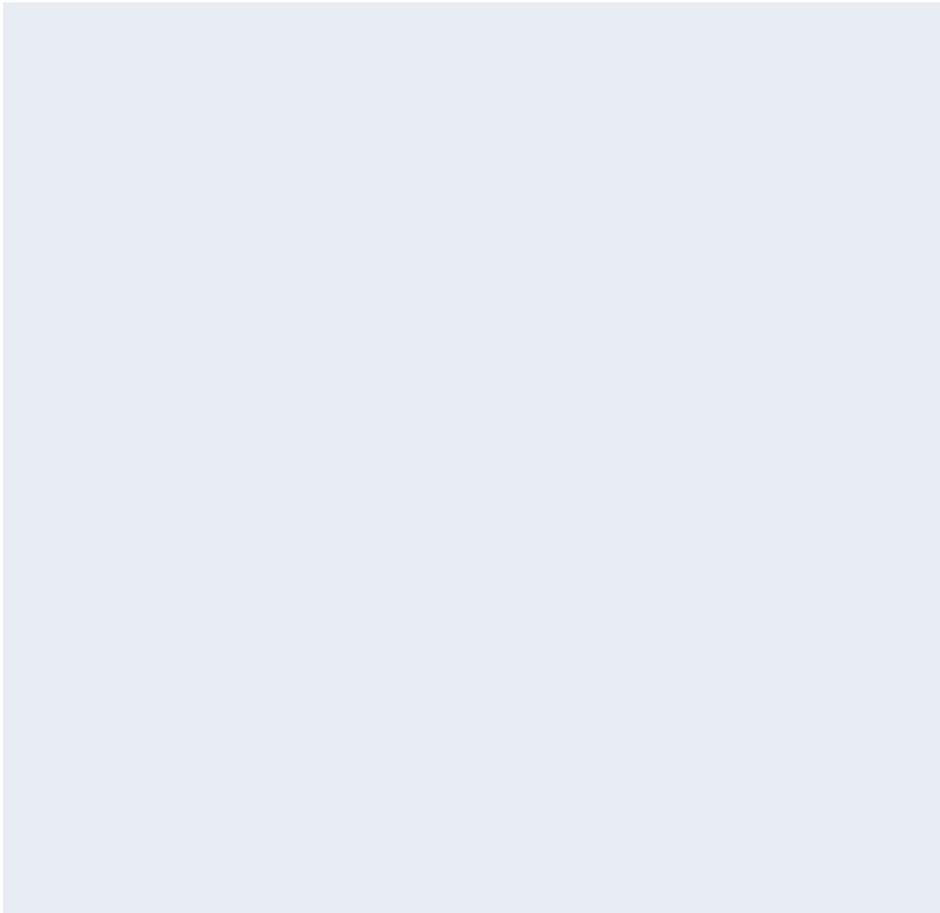
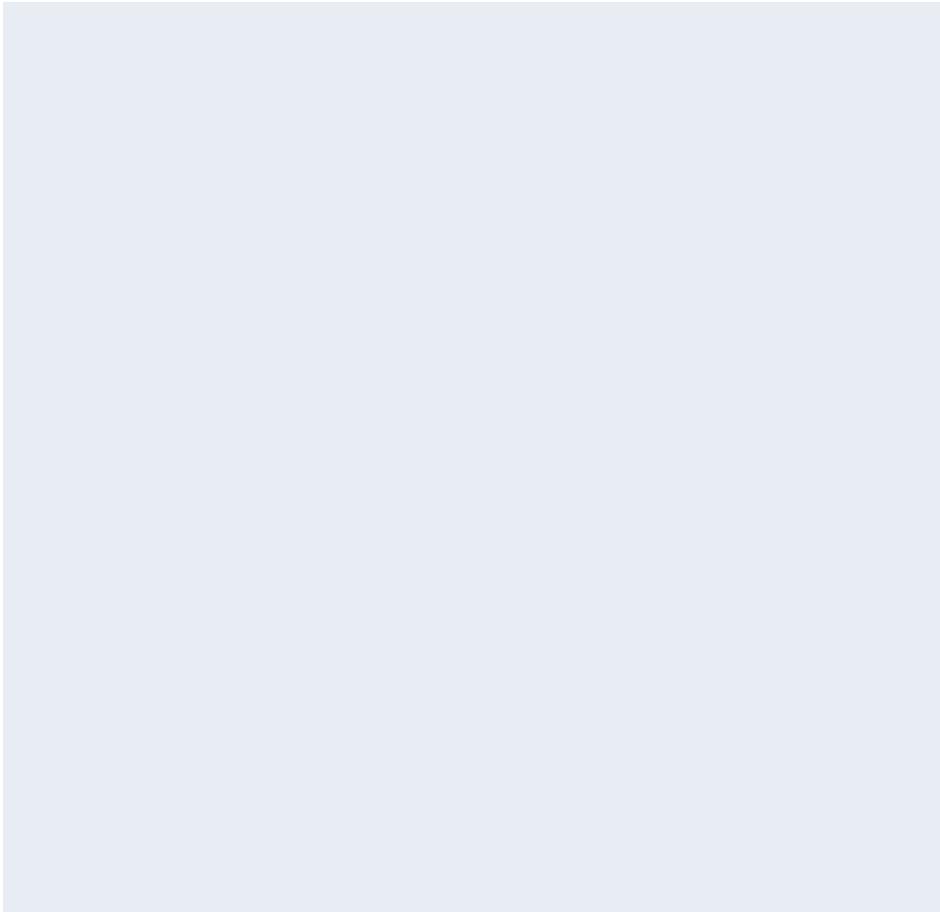
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NEWS

Carter says farewell to Joint Base San Antonio team

By Lori Newman

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston
Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter took command of Joint Base San Antonio and the 502nd Air Base Wing in July 2011, only eight months after the newly-formed joint base hit full operating capability.

"In the joint basing evolution, the Department of Defense set up two phases for standing up the 12 joint bases," Carter explained. "Those were dates on a calendar to coincide with the legal requirement to finish the Base Realignment and Closure implementation by September 2011 rather than a reflection of the full readiness of the joint base to begin operation."

The general faced many challenges trying to establish the critical path ahead for JBSA.

New positions which were added or were transferred from the Army were still vacant. A hiring slowdown became a hiring freeze.

"I had the responsibility to perform certain actions, but I didn't necessarily have the people to accomplish them, so that was a big challenge," Carter explained.

Another challenge was combining three geographically separated locations into one single entity.

"That required different thinking, different processes, that weren't yet fully developed," she said.

"I think there's a lack of understanding about joint basing throughout the greater Department of Defense and because of that lack of understanding, there's confusion about if there is really a joint base in San Antonio," the general said thoughtfully.

When people don't understand joint basing, decisions or policies may be made in isolation, Carter explained, saying if there was a greater understanding of joint basing principles, those decisions or policies may have been done differently.

"I really tried to focus folks on not thinking about the joint base in terms of their service or their location, but rather collectively by the diverse and important set of missions accomplished on a daily basis across all JBSA locations," she said.

There are five missions performed across Joint Base San Antonio that transcend service boundaries.

The first is training – basic training, technical training, flying training and medical training. About 80,000 service members go through some type of training at JBSA each year.

Second is education – service members attend Airman Leadership School, while both the Army and the Air Force operate NCO Academies. World-class medical education is conducted through residency programs at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center and San Antonio Military Medical Center, along with graduate programs offered at the Army Medical Department Center and School.

Third is 24/7 operational support provided by service component commands for multiple combatant commanders, including U.S. Army North, U.S. Army South, and 24th Air Force, which is the Air Force's component to U.S. Cyber Command. There are also multiple intelligence capabilities such as the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency; the Army's 470th Military Intelligence Brigade and the Texas Cryptology Center.



Photo by Mike O'Rear

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander, will relinquish command May 29 during a 9 a.m. ceremony at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

The fourth area is installation management – the Army's Installation Management Command headquarters is located at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and provides support to over 180 garrisons around the world. At Port San Antonio, there is a collection of field operating agencies like the Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Air Force Civil Engineer Center and the services division of the Air Force Personnel Center.

The final component is health care

– medical providers deliver world-class care to wounded warriors, service members, retirees and military dependents, as well as the San Antonio Military Healthcare System which provides TRICARE administration in support of more than 250,000 beneficiaries in San Antonio.

"If you look at the joint base in terms of those five 'big rocks,' collectively, I don't think there is another installation – and certainly not another location –

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Beneficiaries must sign up for TRICARE automatic payment by May 31

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve who pay monthly premiums by check must switch to an electronic form of payment by May 31 to avoid losing coverage.

TRICARE will only accept monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card, or by recurring electronic funds transfer from a linked bank account. To avoid confusion, beneficiaries should verify that their bank sends EFT payments electronically.

The Defense Manpower Data Center notified current TRR and TRS

beneficiaries directly by email, and new beneficiaries were informed in their welcome package information when enrolling.

Electronic payments streamline account management and ensure continuous coverage for beneficiaries. Failure to pay premiums by the due date results in termination of coverage.

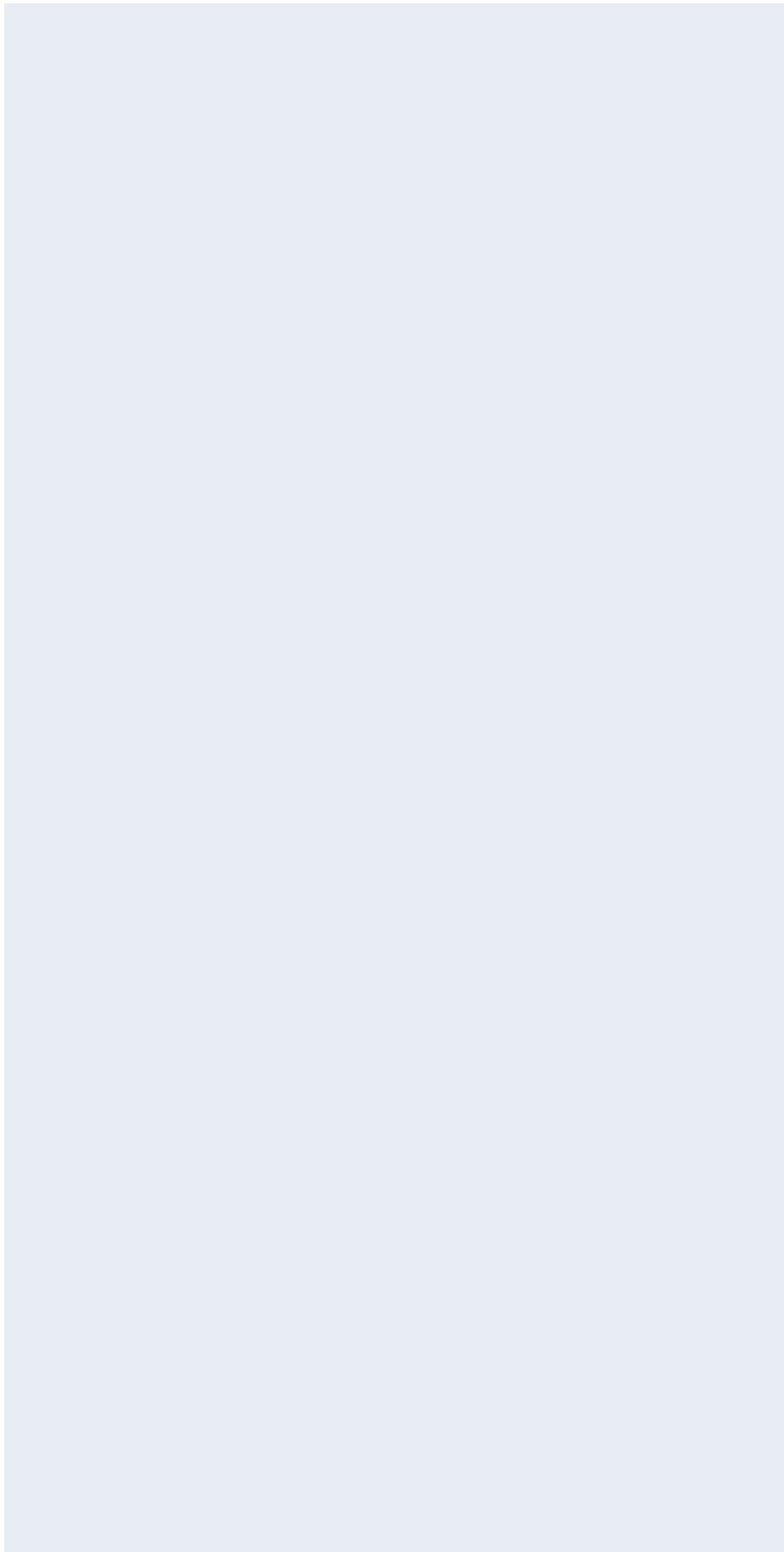
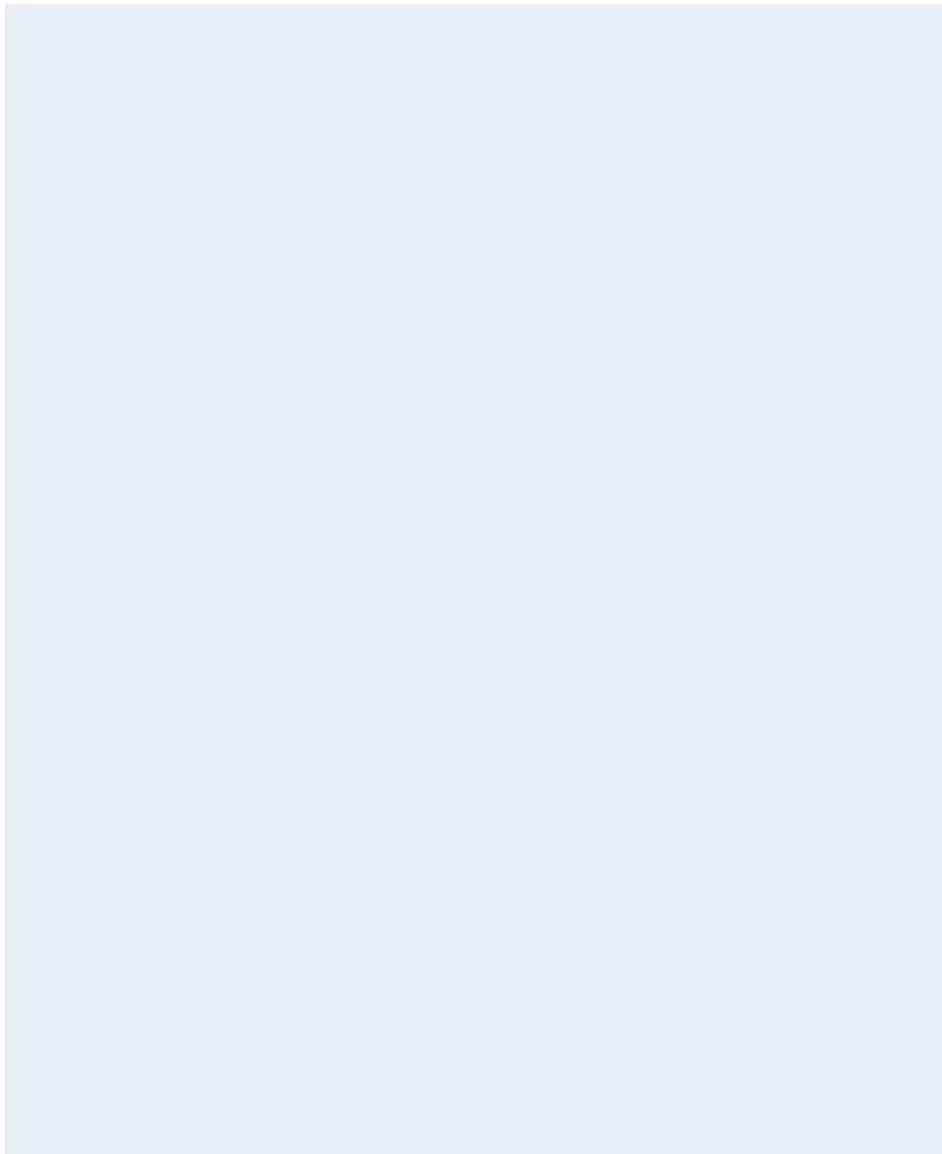
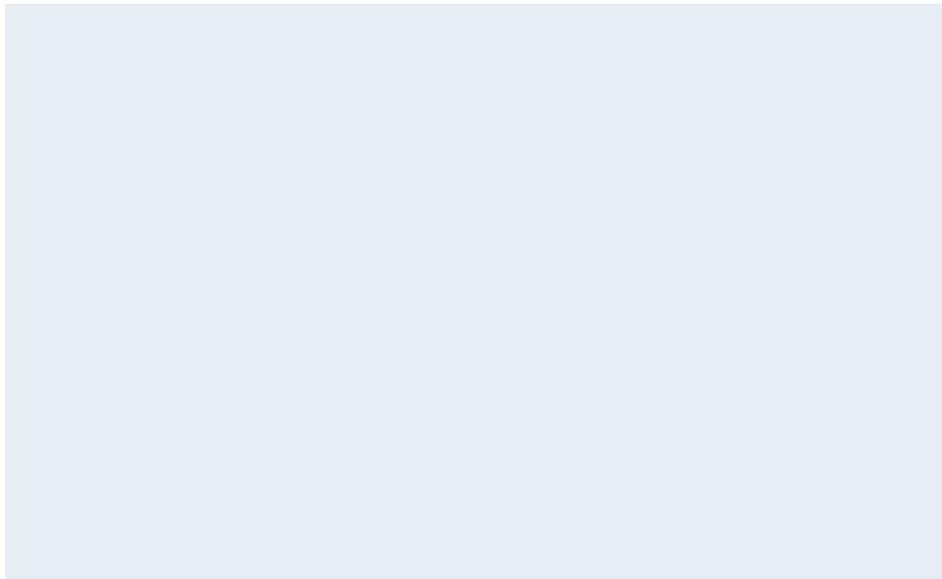
Beneficiaries can contact their regional contractor to set up automatic payments and get more information.

"There are still a considerable number of Air Force reservists in the west region who have yet to establish their automated

payment option with TRICARE for their monthly TRS/TRR premiums," said James F. Walsh, the Air Force Reserve chief of Benefits and Entitlements Policy. "Those members who do not have this requirement established by the deadline will have their coverage suspended and possibly terminated for 12 months come June 1."

Contact information for each region is available online at www.TRICARE.mil/contacts.

(Information courtesy of TRICARE)



Hagel announces fewer furlough days for DOD employees

By Nick Simeone and Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

After weeks of review, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has concluded budget cuts will require most of the department's civilian employees to be furloughed beginning in July, but because of other efforts to deal with the shortfall, only half of the 22 days originally envisioned as temporary layoffs will now be necessary.

During a town hall meeting May 14 at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Hagel told Defense Department employees that most will be required to take 11 furlough days beginning July 8, one per week, through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30.

Hagel noted that when he took the oath of office less than three months ago, post-sequester plans called for 22 furlough days. Congress allowed the department to shift or reprogram some funds in March that cut that number to 14.

Now, he said, as maintenance, training, flying hours

and ship deployments are increasingly affected, he had no choice but to authorize the furloughs.

"We kept going back. And finally, we got to a point where I could not responsibly go any deeper into cutting or jeopardizing our formations, our readiness and training," he said.

In a memo to senior department leaders, Hagel said he had "very reluctantly" concluded that major budgetary shortfalls triggered by a \$37 billion cut in defense spending for fiscal year 2013 forced a decision he said he deeply regrets, and one that he acknowledged will disrupt lives and impact DOD operations.

However, he credited congressional passage of a defense appropriation bill in March in part for helping to reduce the number of days civilians would be temporarily laid off by half.

It may be possible later in the year to "knock that back" to an even lower number, the secretary said, but he emphasized that he could not promise such an outcome.

"I won't promise that," Hagel said. "You deserve fair, honest, direct conversation about this, and I'm not going to be cute with you at all. This is where we are. We'll continue to look at it, [and] we'll continue to do everything we can."

Hagel said the furloughs will affect every military department and almost every agency, with limited exceptions.

"We will except civilians deployed to combat zones



Photo by Erin A. Kirk-Cuomo

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks to Department of Defense employees at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., about civilian furloughs.

and civilians necessary to protect life and property," he wrote in his memo, adding that others will be excepted if forcing them to stay off the job would not free up money for other needs.

Employees set to be furloughed will begin receiving written notification June 5.

In March, defense officials had told civilian employees to expect as many as 22 furlough days during the current fiscal year, part of department-wide efforts to slash spending in response to across-the-board budget cuts known as sequestration.

In the time since, Hagel has been working to avoid or reduce the temporary layoffs, saying he had sought advice from department leaders and agencies, both civilian and military, but found no other way to help in closing the budget gap.

In his memo, Hagel said if the budget situation eases, he would strongly prefer to end the furloughs early.

"That is a decision I will make later in the year," he added.

VISIT from P2

After the graduation parade, Fanning paid a visit to the 341st Training Squadron, where he received an overview of the Military Working Dog program. The squadron provides trained military working dogs used in patrol, drug and explosive detection, and specialized mission functions for the Department of Defense and other government agencies.

Fanning, escorted by Maj. Gen. Suzanne Vaurtrinet, 24th Air Force commander, toured the 24th Air Force headquarters facility and operations center where he was briefed on the Air Force's cyber mission.

A subordinate unit to Air Force Space

Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., the 24th Air Force mission is to extend, operate and defend the Air Force portion of the Department of Defense network and provide full spectrum capabilities for the Joint warfighter in, through and from cyberspace.

Fanning concluded his trip with a visit to the 323rd Training Squadron where he met with trainees and toured a newly constructed Airman Training Complex.

Prior to his departure, Fanning also received a JBSA mission briefing from Brig. Gen. Teresa Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander.

**502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio
Change of Command ceremony**

Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta will assume command of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio from Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter Wednesday. The change of command ceremony begins at 9 a.m. on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the MacArthur Parade Field.

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- **CATHOLIC**

Wednesday and Friday
11:30 a.m. - Chapel 1
Saturday
5:30 p.m. - Chapel 1
Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Bldg. 975
11:30 a.m. - Chapel 1
Confession
Saturday
4:30-5 p.m. - Chapel 1

- **PROTESTANT**

Traditional
Sunday Service
8:15 a.m. - Chapel 1
Contemporary
Sunday Service
11 a.m. - Bldg. 975

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

RFISD seeks board of trustee member

The Randolph Field Independent School District is soliciting for nominees to be considered for an upcoming board of trustees position opening. To be considered for a position on the board, nominees must be civilian or military, live or work at Randolph, be a qualified voter and Texas resident, at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and never have been convicted of a felony.

Interested applicants must submit a resume no later than Tuesday to the School Liaison Office, 555 F St. West, Building 693 or by e-mail to wanda.cooper@us.af.mil. For more information, contact Wanda Cooper at 652-5321.

Chiefs Group Steak Sale

The Randolph Chiefs Group is hosting a steak sale 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 7 in the fellowship room of Building 103. Those interested in attending must purchase tickets from any Randolph chief master sergeant by May 31. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Julie Brummund at 652-3964.

Stars and Bars dinner

The JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Company Grade Officers' Council is hosting the inaugural JBSA Stars and Bars dining-out event at 6 p.m. May 31 at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio. This event is open to all CGOs and general officers, as well as wing commander equivalent colonels. Star and Bars is a formal dining-out event and mess dress is required.

For more information, contact Capt. Amber Ortiz at 565-0187, 1st Lt. Bryan Fagan at 565 2768, 1st Lt. Elon Brumfield at 977-2725 or 1st Lt. Donald Gruber at 925-6768.

Brief submissions

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CARTER from P4

within DOD that can rival that," Carter stated proudly.

The general also initially focused on improving command and control and the way in which the crisis action team interfaced with three emergency operations centers.

Synchronizing the activities of three geographically separated EOCs without necessarily having a robust communication structure or processes in place was difficult.

As the installation commander, Carter needed effective command and control over the resources at each location and to ensure those resources could respond appropriately during an emergency.

To accomplish this, multiple exercises were conducted over the past two years.

The efforts paid off; one of the emergency management exercises earned an "outstanding" rating during an Air Force compliance inspection. This is only the second time in 14 years that an Air Education and Training Command installation earned an outstanding rating.

The general says progress is being made in many areas across JBSA.

Most of the construction projects have been completed or are nearly complete such as the new Walters Street access control point and the Medical Education and Training Campus at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, along with the Airmen Training Complex facilities at JBSA-Lackland.

"That's a way to see visible progress; but if you look deeper, I think you can see things have matured," she said.

"We were in the beginning stages of setting up some new processes to combine three entities into one. It's now starting to operate more smoothly. A big part of that is changing the view of how folks look at Joint Base San Antonio," Carter said.

"I have seen a lot of forward progress in this area. People are really starting to pull together, irrespective of the uniform they wear or the location at which they work," the general added.

"We have started to see a lot of enthusiasm for events that we do as a Joint Base San Antonio family," she said, citing some examples such as the annual JBSA awards ceremony held in March and the recent Mission Breakfast at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston May 14.

Current budget constraints and sequestration have had an impact, the general admits.

"We will have about \$48 million less than we anticipated for fiscal year 2013, so that's driving us to pretty much reevaluate everything we are doing," Carter said.

There is also the potential for a civilian furlough to help the Defense Department meet its bottom line.

"It looks like the furlough is going to happen," she said. "That's very difficult not only from the standpoint of our ability to continue providing service to 200-plus mission partners, but also the personal impact it will have on our employees."

Carter understands that many employees will be affected by the furlough.

"That's very difficult. Some employees live paycheck to paycheck or are dual-civilian couples," she said. "Will they have the resiliency and backup plans to accom-

modate that loss of income?"

Carter said she was encouraged by the willingness of civilian employees to watch out for one another, and she noted there are resources available to assist employees with financial counseling or other support, as needed.

"The key to continued success at JBSA is to recognize when we all work together we can get a heck of a lot done," she said. "In this limited resource environment, having duplicate and triplicate processes really doesn't get us anywhere.

"The tight budget forces people to be creative," the general said. "It forces them to look at their work processes and say 'How can we do this differently?'"

"We need to continue to focus on building an identity as Joint Base San Antonio," Carter said, "while also recognizing that the heritage and legacy of our former installations will never change, that's always going to be part and parcel of the evolution of JBSA," she explained.

"It is an evolution, and I think together there isn't anything the collective JBSA team can't do."

As the major general-selectee prepares for her new assignment as The Civil Engineer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., she said she will miss the people at the 502nd ABW and throughout the joint base, as well as the San Antonio community. In her new position, Carter will be responsible for installation support functions and civil engineering activities at 166 Air Force bases worldwide.

"I look forward to seeing how things continue to evolve over the next few years. JBSA will definitely have a big cheerleader in the Pentagon," Carter concluded.



Risk awareness, management integral to motorcycle safety on JBSA



Bill James, JBSA-Lackland traffic safety manager, runs through a motorcycle safety course aboard a three-wheel motorcycle during a motorcycle safety rally at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex April 12.

(Right) Senior Airman Mackenzie Orgren negotiates a turn during a motorcycle safety rally held at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex April 12.



Terry Ashcraft, 802nd Civil Engineer Squadron, polishes the windshield on his motorcycle. Ashcraft has been a motorcycle enthusiast for 48 years.



About 75 motorcycle riders took part in a motorcycle safety rally held during Wingman Day at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex.

Photos by Robbin Cresswell



Air Force Master Sgt. John Carter (standing), 937th Training Wing, instructs Air Force Staff Sgt. David Wilson of the 668th Alteration and Installation Squadron before he participates in a motorcycle safety rally.

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-FSH Public Affairs

Revvng engines and warmer weather are signals that motorcycle enthusiasts are hitting the highways in droves. May is Motorcycle Safety Month and an opportunity for riders to review and prepare for the risks they face on road.

Although helmets are optional in Texas, wearing one with proper protective gear is mandatory for military personnel on and off Joint Base San Antonio.

The results of a study published online in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons show that helmeted riders were 22 percent less likely to suffer cervical spine injury. Helmets are estimated to prevent 37 percent of crash deaths among motorcycle riders and 41 percent of crash deaths for motorcycle passengers according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wearing proper gear reduces injury and can save a rider's life. Retired Army National Guard Master Sgt. Martin Barrett wrote about an accident he experienced where his protective gear saved his life and prevented losing a foot.

"An elderly man in a small pickup crossed three lanes of traffic," Barrett recalled in his post on the Defense Department's Military Rider website. The driver didn't see the motorcyclist as he crossed lanes and Barrett collided with the truck just behind its cab. Barrett's left foot struck the side of the truck and the impact flipped his body violently into the air.

"I hit the ground on the opposite side of the truck and came to an abrupt stop," Barrett wrote. "My left foot was at about a 45-degree angle to my leg. I had shattered the left fibula and broken my left tibia. The surgery to repair my ankle took about five hours and I spent five days in the hospital.

"Fortunately, after another surgery and a year of rehab, I was able to ride again. However, I now have an eight-

inch titanium plate and eight screws holding my ankle together."

Barrett said the over-the-ankle boots he was wearing kept his foot attached to his leg.

"I was also glad I had spent the extra money to purchase a quality helmet," Barrett noted. "Even though it shattered on impact, it protected my head when it struck the road. My long pants and a leather riding jacket protected my body from road rash and my hands were spared by my gloves."

The high-visibility vest Barrett wore helped other drivers avoid him while he lay injured on the road until police and emergency personnel could get to him.

Along with a Department of Transportation-approved helmet, active duty military motorcyclists must wear long pants, long sleeves, full-fingered gloves and sturdy, over-the-ankle footwear.

"We strongly recommend they wear leathers that will protect them from all kinds of abrasions and road rash," said Terry Todd, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's safety manager.

Eye protection must meet the American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protective Devices standards for safety and be stamped with Z87.1-2003 or the ANSI Z87.1-2010 update. Safety glasses or a face shield on the helmet is fine Todd said, but prescription glasses and/or a motorcycle windshield alone do not constitute proper eye protection.

Licensing is required for all motorcycle operators and a reflective vest must be worn at night.

"Active duty people are (on duty) 24/7 and must protect themselves at all costs. If one person gets hurt or dies, then the mission is degraded and someone else picks up the slack," explained Steve Sinatra, Army Medical Command's safety program manager and a retired Air Force master sergeant who has been riding motorcycles for more than 40 years.

"Safety rules are there to minimize the risk of an accident," Sinatra

stressed.

Civilians must have a state-issued motorcycle operator's license and wear proper protective equipment when coming onto JBSA.

"We strongly encourage (civilians) to continue to wear the proper protective equipment off the installation," said Jewell Hicks, 502nd Air Base Wing's chief of safety. "We want them to be safe out there. We want them to come back to work the next day in one piece."

Not wearing proper safety equipment can result in tragedy.

Several weeks ago, a woman died and the man she was riding with is in critical condition following a late-night motorcycle wreck just outside of San Antonio. The driver lost control and hit a retaining wall. The female passenger was thrown over the wall and died at the hospital. The male driver was in very critical condition at last report. Neither wore helmets.

Education is an important part of risk offset on JBSA, Hicks explained. Permanent change of station and temporary duty personnel receive a local conditions briefing or short course of training on arrival. Programs such as the "Critical Days of Summer" campaigns, rallies and annual briefings help keep safety a priority message for motorcyclists.

"Even though motorcycles are a small percentage of vehicles, they are about half of the privately-owned vehicle mishaps we have," Hicks said. "You just don't have the same protection on a motorcycle that you do in a vehicle. Your chances of being seriously injured increase significantly on a motorcycle."

Formal training gives motorcyclists a heightened awareness of hazards

on the road and provides techniques to manage those risks, explained Bill James, JBSA-Lackland traffic safety manager.

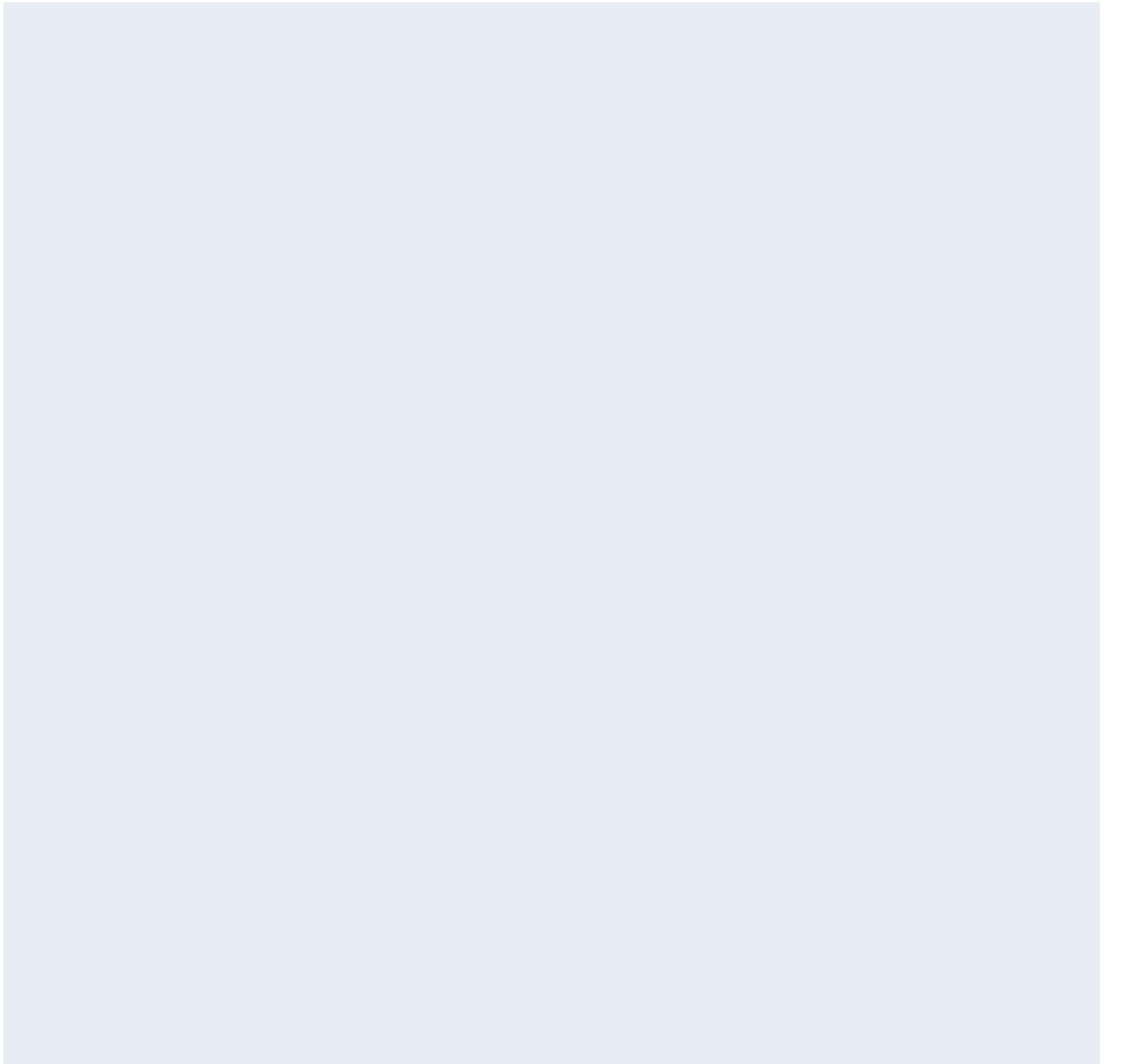
Properly managing those risks resulted in a total of only five motorcycle mishaps on JBSA-Lackland and Randolph in the last three years. JBSA-Fort Sam Houston reported zero mishaps during the same time frame.

Four Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses are offered regularly at JBSA-Lackland. The Basic Rider Course, a two-day class for beginners, required for licensing, is offered twice weekly, while the Basic Rider Course 2, a one-day advanced course, is offered once per week.

The Military Sportbike Rider Course, also a one-day advanced course, is given twice monthly. Courses include hands-on training and a knowledge-based evaluation, James said.

Motorcycle Safety Foundation-certified volunteers teach classes in Building 7065, room 208B, JBSA-Lackland and at the motorcycle training range on the Medina Annex.

For more information, call the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland safety office at 671-5028 or DSN 473-5028. Class schedules and registration information can be found at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/Traffic>.



Sequestration places limits on gate access at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Matthew Barido

502nd Security Forces Squadron deputy director

The Department of Defense and the armed services recently issued guidance and directives for operating under sequestration.

These directives restrict our ability to sustain installation support services at current levels of performance due to overtime limitations, potential civilian furloughs and reduced levels of funding.

We don't anticipate the fiscal situation improving anytime in the near future.

Unfortunately, these fiscal limitations have direct impact on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston community and will come in the form of reduced operating hours at entry control points (gates), as well as some gate closures and the possibility of reduced security patrols in lower risk areas on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

We will implement these reductions and closures in three phases (as outlined below) over the next 45 days:

Phase 1 (Goes into effect June 2):

- Wilson Gate will operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be closed on

weekends and holidays.

- The San Antonio Military Medical Center Beach Gate will operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be closed on weekends and holidays.

- Harry Wurzbach West Gate will be closed until further notice.

- New Braunfels Gate (outbound only) will operate Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Phase 2 (Goes into effect June 16):

- Holbrook Gate will be closed until further notice.

- Nursery Gate will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Winans Gate will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Jadwin Gate posting will be reduced and privately owned vehicles will no longer be allowed to access at this location.

Phase 3 (Goes into effect June 30):

- Personnel posted at all remaining gates will be reduced.

- Security patrols may be reduced as available manpower dictates.

We realize these phases represent a dramatic change for our customers and are sensitive to

the impacts. Therefore, as each phase is implemented, we will continually assess the impact to base traffic and the surrounding San Antonio community.

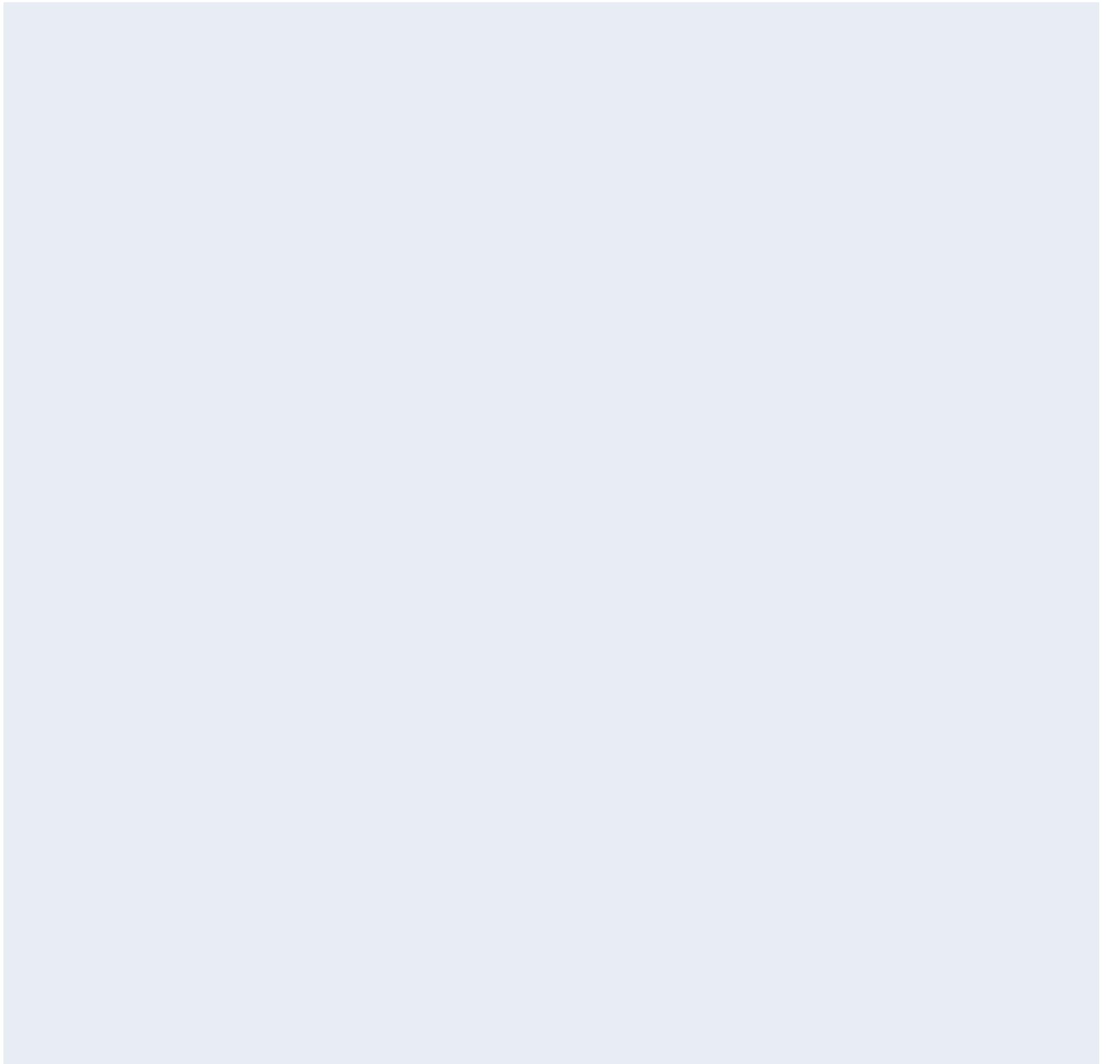
Should we determine the impact of our implementation to be adverse, we may be able to adjust our plan within the fiscal limits dictated to us.

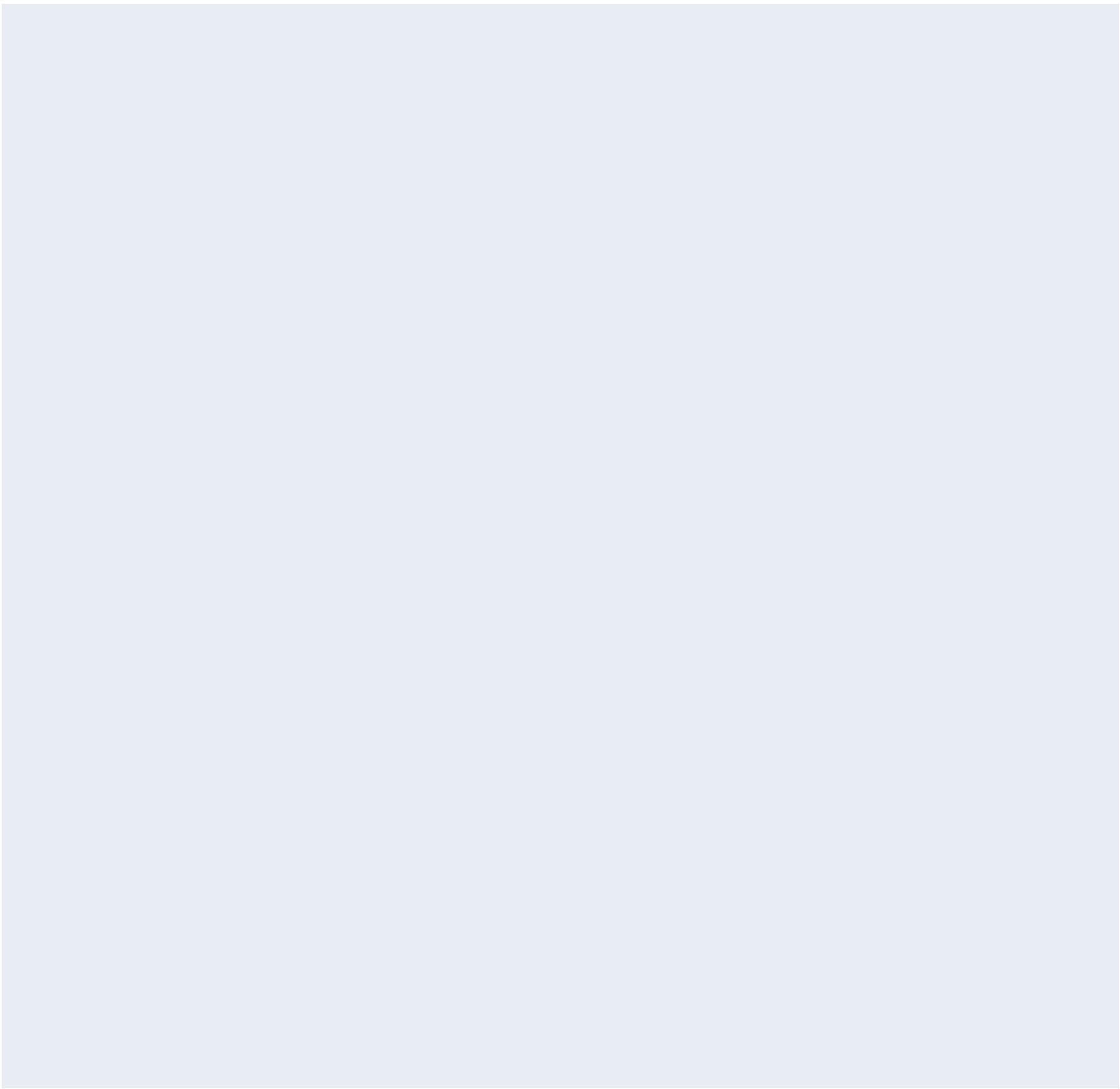
Finally, in conjunction with Phase 3, we will begin implementation of visitor center operations at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. This move is the next step in the implementation of Public Law and Department of Defense directives requiring us to properly vet and credential contractors, vendors and visitors accessing JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

As this phase is implemented, people without authorized access credentials will be required to stop at a visitor center prior to entering JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Personnel with military, dependent and government civilian identification cards can sponsor visitors to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston or any location within JBSA. For more information regarding visitor rules and procedures, call 221-0213 or 221-2570.

To advertise in the Wingspread, call 534-8848.





Armed Forces River Parade honors military members



Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, AETC command chief master sergeant, and their spouses wave at spectators along the San Antonio River Walk during the America's Armed Forces River Parade Saturday. Owens was the grand marshal of the parade. Military leaders from across Joint Base San Antonio took part in the second annual parade sponsored by the Paseo del Rio Association. Twenty-five professionally decorated floats travelled down the River Walk, themed according to their participants, which included all branches of the armed forces, veterans of recent conflicts and military support groups. The floats featured live entertainment from military and civilian ensembles, including the San Antonio Fire Department band. **Photo by Robbin Creswell**

Some Joint Base San Antonio fitness centers revise hours

Due to mandatory budget cuts associated with sequestration, the operating hours at certain fitness centers throughout Joint Base San Antonio will adjust their hours beginning Saturday. Only the facilities listed will change hours; those not listed will remain the same.

JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON

- Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Building 320

Monday to Friday: 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Holidays/family days: Closed

- Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Pool, Building 320

Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Holidays/family days: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Fitness Center at the Medical Education and Training Campus, Building 1369

Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: noon to 9 p.m.

Holidays/family days: noon to 9 p.m.

JBSA-LACKLAND

- Gateway Fitness Center, Building 10330

Monday to Friday: 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Holidays/family days: Closed

- Warhawk Fitness Center, Building 2418

Monday to Friday: 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Holidays/family days: Closed

- Medina Fitness Center, Building 199,

JBSA-Lackland Training Annex

Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Holidays/family days: Closed

- Chaparral Fitness Center, Building 7346

Monday to Friday: 4:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holidays/family days: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Kelly Fitness Center, Building 210,

Port San Antonio

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

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Holidays/family days: Closed

JBSA-RANDOLPH

- Rambler Fitness Center, Building 999

Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.

Holidays/family days: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.