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Rear Adm. William M. Roberts, commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, was the featured guest speaker at the JBSA Annual Awards Banquet Saturday. A prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action ceremony (bottom photos) was also a part of the event. For photos of the award recipients, turn to pages 10-11.

Photos by
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Army North CSTA train up Guard, Reserve units for homeland mission

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
Army North Public Affairs

A man lies on his stomach, low crawling through the darkness of a tunnel. The ground above, along with the air all around him, has been contaminated by a vehicle-borne explosive device that detonated and released a radiological

hazard into the air.

He stops and listens intently, his hearing muffled by the hazardous materials suit he's wearing. He listens for the voice, the voice of a man calling out for help. He hears the voice and he continues his quest through the tunnel to find the man and rescue him.

Fortunately, this was all part of a

training exercise. There was no one calling for help ... but it could have been real.

That is why Spc. Mike Richardson, a firefighter with the 1440th Engineer Detachment, Michigan National Guard, was in Ocala, Fla. the week of March 17 crawl-

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Recognizing volunteers who change Army lives

By **Tim Hips**
U.S. Army IMCOM Public Affairs

“Army Volunteers: Changing Lives and Communities” is the U.S. Army’s theme for Volunteer Appreciation Week 2014, scheduled for Monday through April 12.

Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through voluntary service. It is a time for our nation to focus on the impact and power of volunteerism and service as an integral aspect of our civic leadership.

President Barack Obama supports and endorses this public acknowledgement of volunteerism, along with Congress and local leadership and corporate and community groups across America.

Volunteers help make life easier and more enjoyable on a daily basis on many Army installations and garrisons around the world.

One example is Mara Barthel, a Gold Star spouse who has volunteered more than 3,600 hours for the Army Family and Community Services’ Survivor Outreach Services, the Lewis Community Spouses Club and

Santa’s Castle at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. She also assists with the annual Snowball Express and Heroes to Hometown events and works with the local Gold Star Wives group.

“My experiences at Joint Base Lewis-McChord have given me a purpose to educate and be educated,” Barthel said. “It has been a great experience.”

National Volunteer Week is also about engaging people in their communities through volunteering. It’s about demonstrating to the nation that working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals.

Stephanie Lowe volunteers as co-leader of the D/7-17 CAV’s Family Readiness Group at Fort Campbell, Ky., where she assists with team building and motivating military families. She made it mandatory for the troops to have at least one team building session every month.

During the past seven months, Lowe led the group to two spousal nights out, one family movie night at the Military & Family Readiness Center, one rock-climbing event and a run through the Morale, Welfare

and Recreation obstacle course.

“Our country is strong because of the Army, the Army is strong because of the Soldiers and the Soldiers are strong because of their families,” Lowe said. “I volunteer as a way to serve my country and support my husband as he serves in the Army.”

Beverly Bishop gave back more than 250 hours while serving Soldiers and civilians mobilizing and demobilizing through the Soldier Readiness and Resilience Center at Fort Bliss. She said volunteering helped improve her health and attitude about life, which helped her regain strength while recovering from heart surgery.

National Volunteer Week encourages individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change – discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to make a difference.

Louise Griswold is a stalwart making a difference through the Armed Forces team building at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. She volunteered more than 1,200 hours to her Family Readiness Group, sharing her experience and wisdom



Volunteer Lucy Miller issues a DVD to Sgt. 1st Class Yancey Caldwell at the Warrior and Family Support Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Miller, who worked 41 years as a budget analyst for Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, still volunteers 10 hours per week helping Soldiers at the WFSC.

Photo by **Tim Hips**

with service members and their families. Her volunteer motto: “People may forget what you say, forget what you do, but they never forget how you made them feel.”

National Volunteer Week is not only our moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but to share ideas, practices, and stories – a time for citizens to help mold their expectations for the 21st century.

Alice Coleman is a volunteer instructor for Dinner on a Dime, a financial readiness program class that teaches Soldiers and spouses how to prepare inexpensive home-cooked meals at Fort Bliss, Texas. The class is a hands-on experience as Coleman

demonstrates her craft while discussing costs of the meals and offering adaptations to suit various taste buds.

Coleman carefully schedules classes with holidays in mind. She uses produce of the current season for two reasons: because fresh produce is healthier and in-season produce is more economical. She also takes cooking abilities, cookware availability, and busy schedules into account. She ensures they have an opportunity to stir, chop, mix and pour during class, to help build their confidence in the kitchen.

“I volunteer because it’s important to give back,” Coleman said.

Volunteer opportunities available year-round at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By **Lori Newman**
Military and Family Readiness
Marketing Specialist

While National Volunteer Week is Monday through April 13 this year, there are volunteer

opportunities throughout the year at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

“There are multiple volunteer opportunities for people who have different abilities and skill sets,”

said Ratisha Hill, volunteer coordinator at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military and Family Readiness.

“Some may be task driven for a certain length of time, while others are ongoing and may lead to

employment opportunities in the future.”

Hill said if you would like to volunteer, “the first step is to zero in on where you would like to volunteer or what you would like to do.”

This helps the volunteer coordinator find opportunities that are beneficial to both the person volunteering and the organization they are helping.

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News Briefs

Commander Calls Scheduled

Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, is hosting three commander calls: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, April 7, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Evans Theater; 2-3 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, JBSA-Lackland, Bob Hope Theater and 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, JBSA-Randolph, Fleenor Auditorium.

IMCOM Change of Command

Lt. Gen. David Halverson assumes command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command at a 10 a.m. ceremony Tuesday on MacArthur Parade Field, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Halverson takes over for Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, who has served in the position since November 2011. Halverson comes to IMCOM from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., where he served as deputy commanding general. As well as IMCOM commander, Halverson will take over the role of the Army's assistant chief of staff for installation management.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and Fireworks

Family fun and an explosive firework display will set the tone for this year's Fiesta and Fireworks from 1-9 p.m. April 13 at the MacArthur Parade Field. Arrive early and bring a lawn chair for continuous family Fiesta fun. The event begins at 1 p.m. and features food and drink, vendors, continuous live entertainment, carnival rides, games and military equipment display. The military ceremony begins at 6 p.m. with more than 300 military personnel on parade. Musical performances, including the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own," set the stage for the grand fireworks extravaganza finale. For more information, call 221-1718.

Gate Changes

The North New Braunfels gate is closed and the Harry Wurzbach West gate, or Pershing gate, is open. Hours for operation for the Harry Wurzbach West gate are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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ing through tunnels and sweating in his HAZMAT suit.

Richardson and the rest of his unit, as well as the 493rd Engineer Detachment, an Army Reserve unit from Pascagoula, Miss., were being certified to conduct search and rescue missions in a Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear environment by Hotel Division, Civil Support Training Activity-Central, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army).

The two units have been tapped to join other specialized units as part of Command and Control CBRN Response Elements Alpha and Bravo for fiscal year 2015. It is the CSTA's job to make sure the units are trained and certified to assume the mission.

Even though the two units being run through the gamut are engineering units, the majority of the Soldiers are firefighters, so the units are informally referred to as fire fighting detachments.

Engineering units assigned to the C2CRE task forces underwent training and certification by the Florida State Fire College, on search and rescue operations before undergoing Army North's certification all in preparation for their upcoming mission.

While it's mostly fire fighters who train at the fire college, the Army sends all engineering units undertaking the nation's Defense Support of Civil Authorities mission to Florida to undergo the search and rescue training.

"Engineers are useful during search and rescue operations because of their expertise on structural weakness and ability to build shoring



Scott Abston (right) holds Carson, a French Mastiff, on a gurney as Soldiers from the 493rd Engineer Detachment decontaminate the dog March 19 during a training evaluation conducted by U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) Civil Support Training Activity. The evaluation, held at the Florida State Fire College's auxiliary training center, tested the unit's ability to conduct search and rescue operations in a CBRN environment.

devices," said Shane Alexander, program coordinator, firefighting, urban search and rescue, Florida State Fire College.

"The Soldiers are trained on the five disciplines of search and rescue operations: rope rescue, confined space, trench rescue, vehicle and machine extraction and structural collapse," Alexander said.

The training was well received by the fire fighters, many of whom also work as civilian fire fighters.

"This is great," said Spc. Levi West, a fire fighter with the 1440th Eng. Det. "Some people wait their entire careers to get this type of training."

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Duncel, commander of the 493rd Eng. Det., agreed with West's assessment.

"It normally takes a couple of years to get all of these certifications," said Duncel, who works as a fire fighter at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. in his civilian capacity.

One of the benefits of being trained at the fire

college was all instructors are currently serving as fire fighters in the central Florida area.

"We don't operate under the, 'those who can't - teach,' view here," said Don Campbell, lead instructor, fire fighting, urban search and rescue, Florida State Fire College. "Every one of our instructors is hand selected by our chief instructor from currently serving fire fighters. So the Soldiers learn from people at the top of their game."

Once the Soldiers learn about search and rescue operations at the college, it's up to the team from Army North to continue the training and make sure they are ready to begin by Oct. 1.

"CSTA puts together an excellent training venue for these units," said Ted Lopez, H division team chief with CSTA-Central. "These search and rescue teams are the highest technically skilled warriors we have in support of the CBRN Response Enterprise."

Part of Army North's evaluation included as-

sessing the fire fighters' abilities to carry out their mission while dressed in full HAZMAT protective gear.

"These Soldiers are here to save lives and mitigate pain and suffering," Lopez said. "Most of their civilian counterparts are not trained to conduct this type of operation while wearing a HAZMAT suit, but the Soldiers are."

C2CRE-A and C2CRE-B are part of the federal government's response force capabilities in the

event of a catastrophic CBRN disaster in the United States.

If such an incident were to happen, the first responders would be the local civil authorities followed by the state's civil support teams. However, if the incident proved too big for the local and state capabilities, they still have another option. The federal government can provide additional capabilities, including either or both of the C2CREs.

When directed by the Department of Defense one of the nation's two C2CRE teams, each made up of 1,500 assigned personnel, deploy as part of the federal response to assist local first responders. These units, coming from all over the country, provide support by assessing a CBRN incident, providing search and rescue operations, decontamination, emergency medical support, security and logistics support.

For the CSTA training scenario the two units were working under the guise of a vehicle-borne explosive device that detonated, causing severe damage to nearby buildings and releasing a radiological hazard into

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Spc. Scott Clark (right), 1440th Engineer Detachment, Michigan National Guard, prepares to enter a recently stabilized vehicle to extract a "survivor" March 18 during training at the Florida State Fire College auxiliary site. Sgt. George Zahornacki (left) waited outside the vehicle to assist with the rescue.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO SAAM EVENTS

Proclamation Ceremony – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Today, 3 p.m., Evans Theater, building 1396, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Senior leaders from each service branch will come together to mark April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month for the Joint Base San Antonio community. The event will include guest speakers, recognitions and official signing of the proclamation. Call 808-6316.

“Step Up against Sexual Assault” Run/Walk Events

During the month of April at various JBSA locations, there will be a run or march to show support to survivors of sexual assault and spread the message that sexual violence is not tolerated in the JBSA community. For times, locations and dates, contact 808-6316 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 652-4386 at JBSA-Randolph or 671-7273 at JBSA-Lackland.

“Take Back the Night” at San Antonio Rape Crisis Center

Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7500 US Hwy 90 West. The JBSA community is supporting the San Antonio Rape Crisis Center’s “Take Back the Night” event. Live music, guest speakers, food trucks and booths with materials that promote safety in the community will be on site. Call 521-7273 or visit the The Rape Crisis Center on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheRapeCrisisCenter>. To represent JBSA and volunteer, call 808-6316.

“Drive OUT Sexual Violence” Golf Tournament

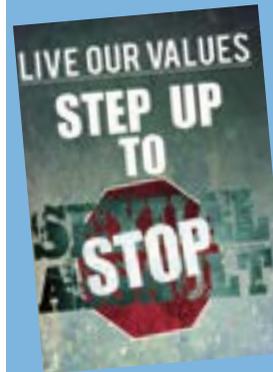
April 24, 12:30 p.m. tee time, Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Join the JBSA community in “Driving out Sexual Assault” during this year’s SAAM golf tourney. Show support for those affected by sexual assault while raising awareness on the course. Tickets are \$50 per person, which will include a T-shirt and goodie bag. Call Bill Hall at 671-7273 or email 502abw.cvk.ola@us.af.mil.

“Choose Respect” Teen Dance

April 25, 8-11 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Youth Center, building 584 and 585. Teens, ages 13-18, are invited to a dance and lock-in. Emphasis will be on self worth, respect and healthy relationships. Free refreshments, door prizes and games. Requires parent permission slips. Slips available at JBSA Youth Centers. Call 652-4386.

Healing Hands Art Project

Throughout April. Several art pieces created by survivors of sexual assault will be displayed at various locations and SAAM events. Each healing hands artwork is unique to the survivor who created it. Artwork represents the experiences including the trauma, recovery and ultimate healing of those who suffered through sexual violence. Call 808-6316.



Sexual Assault Awareness Information Tables

Sexual assault awareness information will be distributed at various JBSA locations throughout April. Staff will share information about sexual assault realities, victim services and prevention tips.

Sexual Assault Awareness Ribbon Displays

Teal is the color representing Sexual Assault Awareness Month. All JBSA locations will have teal ribbons or special teal lighting to demonstrate support to those JBSA survivors recovering from sexual assault or abuse.



“Soldiers should feel comfortable at work and not have to worry about sexual harassment. We need to hold

people accountable, not just those who committed the crime, but those who do not create an environment of trust.”

*Gen. Ray Odierno
Army Chief of Staff*

“Sexual assault has no place in our Air Force. We live in a culture of respect. We cherish our core values of integrity,

service and excellence. But in order to ensure all Airmen experience and benefit from those values, we must eliminate sexual assault in our ranks.



*Gen. Mark A. Welsh III
Air Force Chief Of Staff*

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Hardee Road closure

Hardee Road between Stanley and Scott Roads will be closed to traffic through July 7 to complete repairs of the roadway and sections of the sidewalk. Motorists are encouraged to follow the detour route to Schofield Road. The parking lot north of Hardee Road will remain open and accessible. Construction will occur in two phases. For more information, call 808-6335.

Volunteers Needed As Patients For Medical Readiness Training

The 937th Training Support Squadron's Medical Readiness Training Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis needs volunteers to serve as patients for medical readiness training. Patients are needed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays on April 16-17, April 30-May 1, May 14-15, June 11-12, June 25-26, July 30-31, Sept. 17-18 and Sept. 24-25. Volunteers can assist for one hour or an entire day. Volunteers will be moulaged to have fake injuries, such as gunshot wounds, stab wounds, etc. Volunteers can be in civilian or military clothing, although it is preferable to wear old civilian clothing as the materials used for simulated injuries may stain. Call 808-3406 or 808-3410.

Military Tax Assistance Centers Open For Business

The Military Tax Assistance Centers on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston are open through the April 15 tax filing deadline. Those eligible for services include active duty service members and their dependents, as well as military retirees and their dependents. Civilian employees and contractors are not eligible for services unless they fit into one of the above categories. "Gray area" retired reservists are not eligible for services until they begin receiving retired military pay. Taxes are completed on an appointment-only basis at two tax sites: the main site located at 2271 Reynolds Road (in the 502nd Force Support Group Legal Office trailer) and the San Antonio Military Medical Center site (located in the basement near the lost and found office). To make an appointment at the main site, call 295-1040. To make an appointment at the SAMMC MTAC site, call 916-1040.

Army South Soldiers take part in 25th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March

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

The morning sun peeked over the mountaintops at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., as more than 25 U.S. Army South Soldiers were an hour into their dismantled trek through the rugged desert terrain.

Some moved swiftly wearing only their Army combat uniform, while a few others plodded away at a steady pace, weighted down with loaded rucksacks.

At the start of their 26.2-mile journey, each Soldier high-fived World War II veterans of the harrowing Bataan Death March, along with more than 6,200 other participants who walked or ran the 25th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March, March 23.

"These guys went through hell and back, so there's no reason we can't do 26 miles in their memory," said Staff Sgt. Adam Flores, Army South, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Operations Company operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

Open to military and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions, the Bataan Memorial Death March honored a special group of World War II heroes who were captured by Japanese forces and marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles in 1942.

Thirteen World War II Bataan veterans were in

attendance to watch the march, including Eugene Schmitz.

Schmitz, a former Army staff sergeant and prisoner of war during the actual Bataan Death March in the spring of 1942, said he is proud of the event that honors his fallen brothers.

"A lot of my buddies fell by the wayside and this brings back a lot of old memories," Schmitz said. "I'm proud of this event and how it gets bigger and better every year. It's a good way to keep the memory there."

This was the second time competing in the Bataan Memorial Death March for 1st. Lt. Veronica Perez, the Army South medical officer for operations. She plans to take part in the event enough times to match the more than 60 miles marched by the WWII Bataan veterans.

"I feel like I have to dedicate that many miles myself," said Perez. "I'll do it at least three times so I can get past that 60-mile mark."

Thousands of marchers gathered at the starting point in the cool pre-dawn hours. An opening ceremony set the tone, paying tribute to the veterans of the original Bataan march. Some survivors shed tears as a gigantic American flag waved against a backdrop of the Organ Mountains.

Nearing the start time, Staff Sgt. Robert Hogeland, assigned to the U.S. Army South medical directorate and a veteran of the wars in



Photo by Robert R. Ramon

Three members of U.S. Army South's 1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment lead the pack as they march along the highway during the 25th Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. March 23. More than 25 Army South Soldiers participated in the Bataan MDM. Open to military and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions, the Bataan Memorial Death March honors a special group of World War II heroes who were captured by Japanese forces and marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles in 1942. Thirteen World War II Bataan veterans were in attendance to watch the march.

Iraq and Afghanistan, made final adjustments to his rucksack and reflected on the meaning of the day.

"What I'm doing today is nothing compared to what they went through during the actual march in 1942," Hogeland said. "They didn't have the luxury of changing their socks or having medical assistance along the way, all while watching their brothers die around them. I take that into account when I start to feel sorry for myself and I remind myself that being here is a complete honor and a privilege."

At the age of 96, Schmitz said the painful images of Bataan still

flash through his mind, especially those stepping over the bodies of his fellow Soldiers who perished.

"There's no way to keep from thinking about it," Schmitz said. "We didn't have anything to eat or drink and we had to march in the hot sun. The will to live kept me going."

Stories from Bataan veterans like Schmitz are what keep many of the Soldiers motivated during the long march through the desert terrain.

"The first few miles I'm pumped up and super dedicated about it," Perez said. "In the middle is where motivation starts to drop, so I

think that if the Bataan veterans did what they did and sacrificed their lives for this you need to get up, move forward and continue with this race."

After completing the grueling march with a 45-pound rucksack on his back, medical personnel prodded at Hogeland's feet with needles in an effort to drain large blisters as he winced in pain. He used the moment to explain how Soldiers draw on these experiences to prepare for the battlefield.

"There were times when it hurt and you had to keep moving,"

BAMC KICKS OFF ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN



Photo by Elaine Sanchez

(From left) Brooke Army Medical Center commander Col. Kyle Campbell, BAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Tabitha Gavia and Henry Barron, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston AER officer, help kick off BAMC's AER campaign at the San Antonio Military Medical Center March 14. Barron, was the guest speaker at the event. He talked about the importance of the program and how it helps Soldiers and their families during financial hardship. Since 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.5 billion to more than 3.5 million Soldiers, families and retirees. AER campaign tables are set up throughout the hospital through May 2014.

Greater awareness for Gold Star wives sought by U.S. Army

By William Bradner
U.S. Army IMCOM Public Affairs

“It’s heartbreaking to think of someone asking ‘what a beautiful pin, where can I get one?’” said Gold Star wife Donna Engeman.

“We need to ensure the nation – the world – recognizes what that pin really signifies,” she added.

Saturday has been designated by the U.S. Congress as “Gold Star Wives Day.” The intent is to publically recognize the sacrifices made by our service members in support of our nation.

Though the official designation of the Gold Star Wives Day is relatively new, the gold star has officially been recognized as a symbol of loss since 1918.

Throughout World War I, families would hang blue service stars in their windows to indicate that their loved ones were serving in the war effort.

By 1918, it became common practice to pin a gold star over the blue star to indicate that their service member had died.

President Woodrow Wilson also authorized mothers to wear a gold star on the traditional black mourning band to signify their loss was war-related in 1918.

During World War II, service flags and what they represented were standardized and codified by Congress. In April 1945, a non-profit group calling themselves “Gold Star Wives of America” filed incorporation paper-

work signed by Eleanor Roosevelt.

Less than two years later Congress approved the design and the Gold Star Label Pin was presented to surviving family members of those who died in that conflict.

Though service flags and Gold Star pins fell out of favor in the sixties, in 1973, the Army approved a lapel pin to be worn by the families of those who lost their lives while serving on active duty, but not in combat operations.

The rise of patriotism and pride in service after Sept. 11, 2001 brought about a resurgence of the use of both the blue and gold stars in flags, bumper and window stickers

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and lapel pins.

But it's not enough, said Engeman, who manages the Survivor Outreach Services program for the Army.

During World War II, more than 16 million people served in the war effort overseas and most of the country supported the war effort through rationing, victory gardens, war bonds and other public displays of support.

Only 2.5 million service members have deployed during the war on terror; less than 1 percent of the American population.

While service flags can be readily found in windows in the residential areas on military installations, it's rare to see them in mainstream America.

To help raise awareness, the Army has produced a series of public service announcements describing the significance

We're committed to our survivors."

*Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter
IMCOM commander*

of Gold Star pins. The PSAs will be released over the course of the year, to expand awareness efforts beyond a single day proclaimed by Congress.

The Army, recognizing that families who have paid the ultimate sacrifice deserve our respect, gratitude and the very best we can provide, created Survivor Outreach Services to provide long-term support services and family case management for surviving families.

As a program in the G9, Family and Military Welfare and Recreation Services Directorate of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, SOS is integral to the Army's support system and casualty notification office.

"Our support service coordinators and financial counselors are dedicated to helping survivors from all eras understand – and apply for – the benefits they're entitled to" said Hal Snyder, chief of IMCOM's Wounded and Fallen Support Services Office. "We also help them stay connected to the Army family for as long as they desire."

SOS currently supports more than 55,900 surviving military family members, and is spearheading the effort to raise awareness through the PSAs.

"We're committed to our survivors," said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commander. "Educating the public on the meaning behind the gold star pins is simply another way to reaffirm that we honor and understand the sacrifices they've made for our country."

For more information, visit <http://www.GoldStarPins.org>.

Joint Base San Antonio recognizes 2013 Annual Award winners

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4th Reconnaissance Battalion

NAVY
Lt. Timothy Gautier
Recruiting Office San Antonio

AIR FORCE
Capt. Casey Osborne
502nd Air Base Wing

COAST GUARD
Lt. Steven Welch
USCG Crypto logic Unit

First Sergeant



NAVY (Small Unit)
Chief Petty Officer
Delilah Clymer
NTTC Lackland

NAVY (Large Unit)
Chief Petty Officer
Emilia Guerrero
CENSECFOR

AIR FORCE
Senior Master Sgt.
Jason Hodges
37th Training Wing

Civilian Non-supervisory Category II



ARMY
Johnny Gray
Army Support Activity Center

NAVY
Jonathan Davis
Navy Medicine Training Support Center

AIR FORCE
Jacquelyn Christilles
502nd Air Base Wing

Civilian Non-supervisory Category I



NAVY
Betsey Griffis
Navy Operational Support Center

Civilian Supervisory Category I



AIR FORCE
Jerry Britt
37th Training Wing

Civilian Supervisory Category II



NAVY
Tony Cloud
Navy Technical Training Center



Award winners not pictured:

Junior Enlisted Member

ARMY
Cpl. Hilary Schultz
470th Military Intelligence Brigade

COAST GUARD
IS3 Whitney Grimes
Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit

Senior Enlisted Member

COAST GUARD
Petty Officer 1st Class Noah Rael
Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit

Civilian Non-supervisory Cat. I

AIR FORCE
Ursula Schreiber
37th Training Wing

Civilian Supervisory Cat. II

AIR FORCE
Rolton Lovett III
59th Medical Wing



BAMC wins Defense Department Patient Safety Award

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

The Brooke Army Medical Center Department of Nursing was recently awarded the 2013 Department of Defense Patient Safety Award for its

submission, "Implementation of an Evidence-Based Patient Safety Team to Prevent Falls in Inpatient Medical Units."

The annual DOD Patient Safety Program award recognizes efforts designed to decrease

harm and improve the care delivered within the Military Health System. The program focuses on creating a safer patient environment that fosters trust, teamwork and communication by all members of the health team.

The BAMC award validated the importance of effective communication coupled with teamwork and how both are essential in providing high quality care to patients.

"The purpose of this project was to enhance

communication and teamwork to decrease the rate of falls in the in-patient care setting," said Capt. Gwendolyn Godlock, nursing services patient safety officer.

"In order to effectively improve the initiative – a

team comprised of all levels of nursing leadership including the deputy commander for nursing, section supervisors, middle managers, nursing staff and Falls Safety Team

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VOLUNTEER from P2

The second step is to get registered on <http://www.MyArmyOneSource.com>. Anyone can use this system as it's not service-specific.

The Volunteer Management Information System on MyArmyOneSource allows people to look for volunteer opportunities, track their volunteer hours, and get a list of their duties and responsibilities.

"Once you have registered on the website, you can search for volunteer opportunities here at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston," Hill explained.

The third step is to track your volunteer hours.

"VMIS allows you to easily track what you have been doing," Hill said. "It's important for volunteers to track their hours."

She learned that from her own experience. When she went to apply

for a position she had a three-year gap on her resume, because she was taking care of her children, but also doing volunteer work.

"I never considered my volunteering as something that was important" she said. "I didn't know that anyone would want to know about it.

"Volunteer time does matter. You are building your skill set, learning new things and helping your community."

Survivor Outreach Ser-

vices, Soldier and Family Assistance Center, the Army Medical Command, the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Military and Family Readiness all utilize volunteers within their organizations.

Many people volunteer within the San Antonio Military Medical Center and the Warrior and Family Support Center.

"Volunteers save money and add valuable experience to the organization they work with," Hill said.

"With budget cuts, some positions have been eliminated, so organizations need volunteers to fill in those gaps."

There is also an added health benefit to volunteering your time and skills.

According to a report from the Corporation of National and Community Service, there is a significant relationship between volunteering and good health. When individuals volunteer, they not only help their community,

but also experience better health in later years, whether in terms of greater longevity, higher functional ability or lower rates of depression.

"The most important thing is to enjoy what you are doing," Hill said.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston volunteers will be recognized for their service to the community during a ceremony later this month.

For more information, call 221-2336 or 221-2705.

Military services, local elementary school team up to create rain garden

By Barry R. Napp
USAEC Public Affairs

Twelve members of the U.S. Army Environmental Command worked with faculty from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and the Air Force's 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron Saturday to create a rain garden around the recently updated conservation cabin on school grounds.

Rain gardens are shallow vegetated depressions in the soil designed to absorb and filter runoff from hard and impervious surfaces like roofs, driveways and sidewalks.

"The idea behind creating the rain garden was to show children that conserving energy and reusing natural resources is fun and easy," said Fort Sam Houston Elementary School assistant principal Scott Stuller.

"The children will next have an opportunity to finish planting the rain garden and learn about saving runoff rain water in a barrel, using solar



Members of the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School faculty place plants in the rain garden to capture rain water and help conserve and reuse natural resources.

energy for light in the conservation cabin and learning how plants help with sustaining and maintaining resources," Stuller said.

"We'll also match up older students with the younger ones to mentor them about conserving energy and reusing natural resources and material," he added.

"The timing of the rain garden creation with Fort

Sam Houston Elementary School is significant and serves as the kickoff to Earth Day and Arbor Day events at the school," said Kristina Curley, USAEC risk communication specialist, cleanup

and munitions response division.

"The Army observes Earth Day throughout April with events at facilities worldwide and emphasizes the important role Army training plays

in Soldier readiness and the overall contribution of the Army in helping sustain the environment."

The USAEC regularly partners with the school through the Adopt-a-School program. A few employees have been working with Stuller on providing the solar energy piece of the Conservation Cabin. Other USAEC members provide

a monthly science club activity for the school's fifth graders, called the Science Experience.

The USAEC is the Army's premier environmental organization, sustaining military readiness and communities, while leading and executing environmental programs to enable Army training, operations, and acquisition.



Charles Serafini from the U.S. Army Environmental Command's Environmental Technology and Technical Services Division prepares a load of mulch to help build the rain garden.



Members of the U.S. Army Environmental Command and the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School faculty constructed a rain garden to show students the importance of conserving energy and natural resources.



Photos by Barry Napp

Col. Mark Lee (left), commander, U.S. Army Environmental Command, along with Fort Sam Houston Elementary School teachers Abby Morett and Jeniffer Soliz, help with the rain garden construction.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Spc. Jason Clarke (left) from the 493rd Engineer Detachment, an Army Reserve unit from Pascagoula, Miss., uses a blowtorch to open up an "immovable" object that is trapping "survivors" under rubble March 18 during training at the Florida State Fire College auxiliary site.

CSTA from P3

the air.

The teams were tasked with finding and extracting survivors from the area and decontaminating them before turning them over to medical personnel for evaluation and treatment if needed.

The Soldiers used all of their skills to rescue the survivors, as they found them in cars that were underneath rubble, trapped in tunnels and other places difficult to get to.

"Vehicles are piled up and there is rubble everywhere. You can't just start moving stuff around or breaking stuff ... it's too unstable," said Sgt. George Zahornacki, 1440th Engineering Detachment.

Before he and Spc. Scott Clark could rescue people trapped in their cars, they first had to prop up and tie the jumbled cars together so they wouldn't collapse as he and his fellow Soldiers struggled to cut through a damaged vehicle to rescue a survivor.

A new twist for the Soldiers was rescuing and decontaminating non-human survivors.

"One of the things we learned during Hurricane

Katrina is that people don't want to leave their pets," said Mark Stiffinger, operations evaluation analyst, H Division, CSTA.

While rescuing animals is not currently part of CSTA's training evaluation, the requirements are currently being written at the U.S. Army Chemical School, with the assistance of CSTA.

"The basic concept so far is cats or dogs that are service animals, or are accompanied by an owner and not injured, will go through an ambulatory line," said Mark Welch, deputy chief of operations, CSTA. "Animals that are injured or not accompanied will be caged and likely sedated and sent through a non-ambulatory line."

Even though the units have been certified by Army North to assume their parts of the C2CRE mission, they will continue to train at their home stations and will receive quarterly sustainment training from CSTA before heading to Vibrant Response 14 this summer.

At VR14, which will take place in Indiana July 13-Aug. 13, C2CRE-A and B will be validated together as one team.

BAMC offers free patient transfer service

By Elaine Sanchez
BAMC Public Affairs

With a single phone call providers can arrange for military beneficiaries to be transferred from a civilian medical facility to the San Antonio Military Medical Center for care.

Brooke Army Medical Center's Patient Transfer Service offers patients free door-to-door ambulance service with a streamlined admissions process, explained Capt. Austin Willis, chief of patient accountability. The

service supports all local hospitals and urgent care centers in the greater San Antonio area.

"Our aim is to connect beneficiaries of all ages back into the military support network so we can provide the best quality and continuity of care," Willis said.

Coordination starts with a civilian or military provider's call to the Patient Transfer Service at 539-2222.

During the call, the Patient Administration Division Admissions and Dispositions office will

provide information, determine patient eligibility and ensure the hospital has available space and services to conduct the transfer.

They're able to coordinate timely door-to-door ambulance transfers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Willis noted.

"Once a link is established to accept and transfer patients, a smooth transfer can be expedited," he said. "Most transfers are executed within 60 minutes of initial contact."

PAD is currently av-

eraging about 40 patient transfers a month with the majority being from emergency rooms and urgent care centers, Willis said.

Providers and patients both have requested transfers to BAMC, he noted, "which speaks volumes to our excellence in healthcare.

"They get to be here with their provider, their team," he added, "and be a part of military environment that gives them a sense of community, security and peace of mind."

BATAAN from P6

Hogeland said of his time as an infantryman in Iraq and a combat medic in Afghanistan. "It's events like the Bataan Memorial Death March that you use to keep that

edge to where you're pushing your body and your mentality is still hard. If you don't practice doing these things you lose it."

Covered in dust and sweat, Perez – the officer in charge of the Army

South Soldiers who took part in the event – completed the course and grabbed a spot among the hundreds of individuals who gathered at the finish line. She proudly cheered out loud as the last member of Army

South ran through.

"This is our dedication to those who died," Perez said. "The Army South Soldiers here have the heart, they have the drive and I really appreciate them doing it together."

Air Force begins service-wide recertification process for BAH

By Mike Joseph
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

The Air Force began a service-wide recertification of basic allowance for housing entitlements mandating that every Airman provide their finance office with documentation for all dependents by Dec. 31.

The recertification is part of Air Force audit readiness for 2015 as required by the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act.

The one-time process allows the Air Force to validate the \$5.4 billion spent annually on basic allowance for housing entitlements and also ensures the money spent on BAH is fully auditable.

"When we say the Air Force is not audit compliant, that doesn't mean that money is missing or being misspent," said Doug Bennett, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Financial Operations, in a recent Air Force News Service story.

"Generally, it means that we lack the required documentation for our spending to be considered auditable. In the case of BAH, we need Airmen's marriage certificates, birth certificates for children and divorce decrees that require child support properly documented by our finance offices to ensure we can audit \$5.4 billion in Air Force spending."

Airmen will be required to provide mandated documents to their finance office or their housing allowance status will be reduced to single-

rate.

Deployed Airmen and those on extended leave or temporary duty will be given special consideration.

"The Joint Base San Antonio Financial Services Office will be contacting members every month if they are on the list for the required recertification," said 2nd Lt. Leonard Belo, 502nd

May 22; 40-49, June 24; 50-59, July 24; 60-69, Aug. 25; 70-79, Sept. 24; 80-89, Oct. 24; and 90-99, Nov. 19.

Members should bring all original documentation (marriage certificates, divorce decrees, birth certificates, or Defense Finance and Account Service dependency determinations) to their local finance office to

"We understand this is a huge undertaking and may require research on a member's part to retrieve the required documents."

Lt. Leonard Belo, 502nd Comptroller Squadron, Financial Services Flight deputy commander

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"If a member has not been contacted in the assigned month, they are still highly encouraged to proceed with the process at the finance office on their assigned location," he added.

Belo said JBSA has implemented the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office monthly schedule that uses the terminal digit (the last two digits) of Social Security numbers to determine when individuals need to provide documentation.

The first JBSA recertification process began March 1 and ended March 25 for Social Security numbers ending in 00-09. SSNs ending with 10-29 are due April 24 followed by 30-39,

complete Air Force Form 594. The form will be reviewed and signed by an authorized certifier.

Airmen are not required to make appointments and there is a walk-in JBSA finance office on each location.

Members deployed, on extended leave or on temporary duty assignments are not required to complete the process until 30 days after returning to home station.

"Deployed or TDY members should notify the finance office in order for us to update our listing and provide follow up service," Belo said.

"Members in geographically separated units are not required to return to a JBSA office; they should use the nearest finance office to process recertification.

"If special circumstances arise, members should contact JBSA Financial Services for further guidance."

The push for revalidation of dependent documentation comes as the Air Force prepares to meet financial improvement and audit readiness requirements laid out in the National Defense Authorization Act. The Air Force currently retains dependent documentation for six years, which is insufficient to meet audit readiness requirements. This one-time revalidation will ensure Air Force compliance with audit requirements, according to Air Force officials.

"We understand this is a huge undertaking and may require research on a member's part to retrieve the required documents," Belo said. "We ask members to act as swiftly as possible to gather the necessary documents. Airmen are also allowed to complete the process earlier than their assigned time period."

For more information, call 652-1851, email finance.callcenter@us.af.mil or visit a local Air Force finance office. The finance office at JBSA-Lackland is located in building 5616, Suite 1; on JBSA-Randolph, the finance office is in building 399, Suite 2; and on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the finance office is in building 4196.

The finance offices are open to customers Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Lt. Col. Maelien Shipman (right) receives the Emergency Management Association of Texas Community Service Award from Caroline Egan for her efforts to educate the military in emergency management Feb. 25 during the seventh annual EMAT Symposium awards banquet. Shipman is the chief of medical plans and operations for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and Egan is the vice-chair of the awards committee for EMAT.

Army North officer first active military to win emergency management award

By Sgt. Lee Ezzell
Army North Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Maelien Shipman received the Emergency Management Association of Texas Community Service Award during the seventh annual EMAT Symposium awards banquet in San Marcos, Texas, recently.

Shipman, chief of medical plans and operations for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), received the award for her efforts to educate the military's medical community on emergency management. This marked the first time an active duty service member has received this award.

"She understands the importance of emergency management," said Caroline Egan, vice chair

of the EMAT awards committee. "Shipman has also worked tirelessly to improve emergency management education in the military."

EMAT president Jeb Lacey is also looking to improve the education of his members when it comes to military capabilities in responding to emergencies.

"It's really important to help local and state emergency managers to understand the role of military support," Lacey said. "Whether it's defense support to civil authorities or just through the relationships that are built by being neighbors ... many local and regional emergency managers just aren't familiar with how the military works."

INSIDE THE GATE

Talk is Cheap

Monday, 2-4 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This class is designed to focus on communication skills, identify listening and speaking skills, understand the fundamentals of rhythm, tone and emotional factors of communication. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. Interactive playgroup for parents and children up to age 5. Call 221-0349.

Post-Deployment Planning

Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Designed to increase the spouse's ability to face reintegration with resilience and strength, allowing smoother reunions. Call 221-0946 or 221-2418.

Immigration and Naturalization Services

Tuesday, noon to 2 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. An Immigration and Naturalization Service representative will answer questions about immigration and citizenship on the second Tuesday of every month. Call 221-0918.

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implemented a plan using the evidence-based practice TeamSTEPPS to help overcome team communication barriers, encourage teamwork, and increase fall patient safety reporting," she said.

TeamSTEPPS is a system designed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for healthcare professionals to improve communication and teamwork skills.

"The team leveraged the support of the Center

Hearts Apart Support Group

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Support group for spouses of geographically separated military couples. Call 221-0946 or 221-2705.

Bringing Baby Home

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Learn how to care for your newborn baby. Dads are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Overseas Orientation

Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Topics include entitlements, reimbursements, household goods shipments, recognizing and dealing with the emotional stress of relocation, employment, and education. Call 221-1681.

Army Master Resiliency Training

Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Topic is "Problem Solving." Call 221-0946 or 221-2418.

Positive Parenting

Wednesday, 3-5 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This class will discuss what parents should expect from an infant and toddler and will help them learn about stages of child development. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

for Nursing Science and Clinical Inquiry to ensure compliance with evidence-based practice guidelines and implementation of innovative strategies," Godlock added.

In order to achieve this goal, the team focused on several strategies to include: re-enforcing team safety huddles; bed alarm education and training; increasing situational awareness regarding patient risk factors for falls using the Johns Hopkins falls scale; post fall intervention checklist; and

Budgeting for Your Vacation

Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Information on how to plan and save for your next vacation. Call 221-0918 or 221-2705.

Talk is Cheap

April 14, 2-4 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This class is designed to focus on communication skills, identify listening and speaking skills, understand the fundamentals of rhythm, tone and emotional factors of communication. Call 221-0349 or 221-2705.

Budgeting For Your Vacation

April 15, 9-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Information on how to plan and save for your next vacation. Call 221-0918 or 221-2705.

Family Readiness Forum

April 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Provides family readiness group leaders and support assistants the opportunity to discuss, network and share lesson learned. Call 221-0946 or 221-2418.

De-Stress for Success

April 15, 1-2:30 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. First in a three-part class helps get you started on the road to de-stressing your life by providing a foundational understanding of stress, and provides tips to address anxiety and worry in all areas of life. Call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

implementation of falls simulation training.

"The nursing services' patient safety coaches strive to translate, integrate, and apply TeamSTEPPS at the bedside to gain the trust of our patients, their family members and our fellow team members," Godlock said. "Although falls may not be 100 percent preventable, we believe that there is a correlation between situational awareness, mutual support, communication and leadership in decreasing

Baseball Opening Day Celebration

Saturday, Youth Programs hosts baseball opening day from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dodd Field Complex. Call 221-5151.

Volunteer Sports Officials Needed

The Joint Base San Antonio sports and fitness programs seek volunteers to officiate intramural sport games throughout JBSA. Volunteer officials need to be a certified in the sport they officiate. Certifications may be obtained through local official associations and chapters, and must remain current by attending a yearly rules clinic. Volunteer officials should be willing to officiate at least once a week and officiate all games on that day. In addition, showing up 30 minutes before and staying 30 minutes after will ensure the intramural program runs smoothly. Officials will be required to attend a rules meeting prior to season start. For more information, call 221-1367.

Cougar Pride Club Golf Scramble

April 19, the Cougar Pride Club of Robert G. Cole Middle and High Schools holds a golf scramble with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Cost is \$60 per person and includes greens fees, cart, goodie bag, and dinner. Prizes awarded for first-second- and third-place winners, as well as for longest drive and putt. To sign up, call 957-6717, 705-4729, 487-9651 or 222-9386.

JOINT LENTEN AND PASSOVER WORSHIP SERVICES

CHAPEL LOCATIONS

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way
Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 5584 Dodd Blvd.
Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel
Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600, 3551 Roger Brooke Road
Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis Worship Location
Armed Forces Reserve Center Assembly Hall

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Morning Mass
11:30 a.m. - Sunday - Morning Mass
11:05 a.m. - Monday through Friday
11:30 - April 20 - Easter Mass

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

11:30 a.m. - Monday through Friday
5:30 p.m. - April 17, Holy Thursday Mass
11:30 a.m. - April 18, Good Friday Mass
8 p.m. - April 19, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
9:30 a.m. - April 20, Easter Sunday Mass
4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation Saturday
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass Saturday
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass Sunday

Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel

8 a.m. - Sunday Morning Mass
7:00 p.m. - April 17, Holy Thursday Mass
7 p.m. - April 18, Good Friday
8:00 a.m. - April 20, Easter Mass

Dodd Field Chapel

12:30 p.m. - Sunday, Afternoon Mass

Thursdays during Lent - March 27, April 3 and 10: 6 p.m., soup and Stations of the Cross

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Noon - April 17, Maundy Thursday
6:30 a.m. (outdoors) - Easter Sunday
April 20, Community Sunrise Service
8 a.m. - Protestant Service, Sunday
11 a.m. - Protestant Service, Sunday
11 a.m. - Protestant Easter Service, April 20

Dodd Field Chapel

8:30 a.m. - Sunday Samoan Service
10:30 a.m. - Sunday Gospel Service

Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel

9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Contemporary Service
11:01 a.m. - Contemporary "Crossroads"

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

10 a.m. - Traditional

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship, Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat, Friday, MPC
7 p.m. - April 14, Seder, Jewish Community Center, 12500 NW Military Highway
7 p.m. - April 15, Seder, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICES

1:15 p.m. - Jummah, Friday, AMEDD

LATER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

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

BUDDHIST SERVICES

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

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

FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Joint Base San Antonio Fire and Emergency Services wants everyone to take the time spring clean this year. Reducing clutter can greatly increase fire safety both inside and outside the home.

- Clutter does not start a fire, but will increase fuel load.
- Clutter can also make escaping a fire challenging.
- Take the time to discuss and develop a home fire drill with all family members.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the garage, kitchen and outdoor grill area.

the probability of causing patient harm."

Godlock said the project was successful because of the leadership engagement and support throughout the development, implementation, and sustainment phases.

To date, patient safety teams continue to respond to falls, complete post-fall assessment checklists and make recommendations, as well as tailor fall prevention interventions based upon best evidence.