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Defense Secretary thanks warriors, staff at BAMC

By Maria Gallegos
 Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Chuck Hagel, the 24th Secretary of Defense and the first enlisted combat veteran to lead the Department of Defense, made his first official visit to Brooke Army Medical Center Jan. 8.

Hagel was welcomed by BAMC Commander Col. Kyle Campbell and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Pumphrey at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, followed by a meet-and-greet with wounded warriors service and staff members.

"You inspire me," said Hagel during his conversation with 1st Lt. Micah Andersen, who was rehabilitating at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research burn center rehabilitation gym. Andersen was injured by an improvised explosive device while on foot patrol in Afghanistan June 1, 2013.

"BAMC offers the best care in the world," Hagel told him as they were discussing his injuries and the care he was receiving at the medical center.

"I know, this is the best place to be," Andersen replied.

Following the visit at the medical center, the secretary met with Col. Donald Gajewski, director of the Center for the Intrepid, for a tour of the out patient rehabilitation facility.

Hagel then spoke at a town hall meeting with service members, their families and staff to thank them for their service and sacrifice.

"I'm here to first better understand the tremendous work you do here and what this place represents," he said.

"It's about hope," Hagel said. "It's about hope for a better life for you and your families and all our people. It's about how each of you are inspiring others who are with you now but will come after you – families inspire, you inspire, people who work here, docs and all of his team, they are an inspiration.

"I want to acknowledge that because we occasionally tend to drift over that element of what is done in a tremendous facility like this."

He said that even with all the advances in medical technology, it is the people who make a difference.

Hagel also touched on the new law for future retirement benefits for veterans and assured medically disabled veterans will be exempt from the new budget cuts.

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Photo by Robert Shields

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks with Army Sgt. Matthew Melancon at the Gait and Motion Analysis Laboratory during his tour of the Center for the Intrepid Jan. 8.

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National Defense Authorization Act brings changes to Uniform Code of Military Justice

By David Vergun
 Army News Service

The National Defense Authorization Act passed last month requires sweeping changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, particularly in cases of rape and sexual assault.

“These are the most changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial that we’ve seen since a full committee studied it decades ago,” said Lt. Col. John L. Kiel Jr., policy branch chief at the Army’s Criminal Law Division in the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

Key provisions of the UCMJ that were rewritten under the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2014 – signed Dec. 26, 2013, by President Barack Obama – are Articles 32, 60, 120 and 125.

Article 32

The law now requires the services to have judge advocates serve as Article 32 investigating officers. Previously, the Army was the only service in which judge advocates routinely did not serve as Article 32 investigating officers.

Article 32 hearings – roughly equivalent to grand jury proceedings in the civilian judicial system – are held to determine if there’s enough evidence to warrant a general court-martial – the most serious type of court-martial used for felony-level offenses such as rape and murder.

Congress decided that

the services needed to have trained lawyers – judge advocates – consider the evidence, since in their view, trained lawyers often are in the best position to make determinations to go forward with general courts-martial, Kiel said.

Judge advocates didn’t always serve as Article 32 investigating officers in the Army “largely because we try four times the number of cases of any of the other services,” he explained – an issue of not having enough judge advocates for the high volume of cases.

Army officials asked Congress to consider its resourcing issue, he said, so the legislators wrote an exception, stating that “where practicable, you will have a judge advocate conduct the Article 32 investigation.”

Kiel explained what “where practicable” means, citing a number of circumstances.

Many courts-martial were conducted over the years in Iraq and Afghanistan where Soldiers were deployed and some of those involved war crimes, he said. In these cases, the Army found it sometimes was best to have line officers be the Article 32 investigating officers, because they could best put themselves in the shoes of the accused.

Those line officers “understood what it’s like to make decisions in the heat of battle better than a lawyer without those

experiences,” Kiel said. “They added a level of judgement that sometimes judge advocates could not.”

Another example, he said, might be travel fraud.

“In the case of complex (temporary duty) fraud, for instance, you might want to have a finance officer as the IO,” Kiel said.

Besides subject-matter experts being in the best position to be Article 32 investigating officers, he said, there simply might not be enough judge advocates in the area of the installation. For example, U.S. Army Forces Command would have enough judge advocates to do Article 32 hearings, Kiel said, but if a number of hearings came up at once at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command installations – a smaller major

command – they might come up short.

That might jeopardize the right of an accused to a speedy trial if the clock runs out, he noted. And, if a judge advocate is flown in from another installation, travel costs would be incurred.

“Those are very real situations that could impact the ability to get it done expeditiously and cost effectively,” Kiel said.

Other attorneys on an installation cannot always be tapped for Article 32 investigating officer work, he said. On larger installations, “we have operational law attorneys that potentially could cover down on some of these areas, but we don’t have a lot of those,” he added.

On other installations, Kiel said, administrative law attorneys might have conflicts of interest if

they’ve previously rendered some kind of legal review on a case.

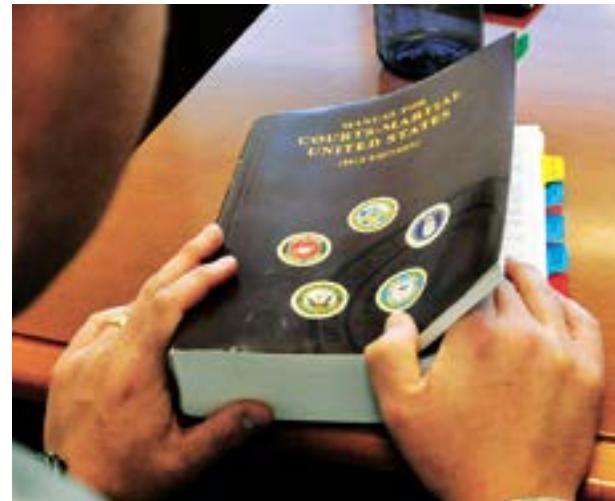
“And, our administrative law attorneys are always busy reviewing various sorts of investigations and helping the command deal with such things as ethics and family readiness issues,” he continued.

“Then we have our criminal law advocates, trial counsels and defense counsels,” Kiel added. “They’re all conflicted out from being IOs, because they’re actually tasked with presenting evidence during the [Article 32 hearing] as they’re acting as counsel to the government or to the accused.”

The fiscal 2014 National Defense Authorization Act gives the services one year to phase in this change to Article 32, stipulating that where practicable, judge advocates conduct the investigations.

This one-year period provides needed time for the staff judge advocates to figure out if they have enough judge advocates to fill the requirement to cover all the Article 32 hearings and determine which installations are struggling to meet the requirements, Kiel said.

Another impact to courts-martial practice is the new requirement for a special victims counsel to provide support and advice to the alleged victim, Kiel said.



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The National Defense Authorization Act brings sweeping changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, particularly in cases of rape and sexual assault.

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Community Town Halls

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior Army commander for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis and 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA Commander Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta host a Community Town Halls to discuss issues affecting JBSA on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m., at the JBSA-FSH Evans Theater. LaBrutta will host additional town halls on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6 p.m., at JBSA-Randolph's Fleenor Auditorium; and on Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m., at JBSA-Lackland's Bob Hope Theater.

Former SECDEF Book Signing

Former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates hosts a book signing from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange for his book titled "Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War."

Weingarten Rights: Union Representation During Investigatory Interviews

The Labor Relations Statute entitles a bargaining unit employee to representation by the union during an examination, by an agency representative, in connection with a matter under official investigation if that employee reasonably believes disciplinary action may result. If the employee requests union representation, no further questioning will take place until a representative is present. For those stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, call Todd Dallas at 652- 4658; at JBSA-Lackland, call Patricia Chaplin at 671-4528; and at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call Charles Brady at 808-0205.

Project Graduation Talent Show

The Project Graduation committee at Cole High School is sponsoring a baked spaghetti dinner, basket auction, bake sale and talent show at 5 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Cole Middle/High School cafeteria. Cost is \$5 per person, with children 3 years of age and under free. Contact Lori Campbell at loricampbell489@gmail.com or call 276-0613 to purchase tickets and for more information.

Technology Expo

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Network Enterprise Center

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937th Training Group quartet wins AETC awards

By Lt. Col. Sally Kelly-Rank
937th Training Group
Deputy Commander

Four members of the 937th Training Group were recently named as the 2013 Air Education



Official photo

Lt. Col. Holly Ginn, the 937th Training Group's chief nurse executive, was selected for the AETC Outstanding Excellence in Nursing Leadership award.

and Training Command award winners.

Lt. Col. Holly Ginn, the group's chief nurse executive, was selected for the AETC Outstanding Excellence in Nursing Leadership award.

Under her direction, the group launched the first disease management course, training 150 nurses per year and impacting the health of 2.4 million beneficiaries.

Ginn also teamed with the AETC consultant to develop the first joint psychology nurse course, securing additional seats for Navy nursing students while cutting course vacancy by 50 percent and saving \$40,000.

In addition, she supported a staff shortfall by filling in as a guest lecturer for the nurs-



Photo by 2nd Lt. Christopher Diaz

Capt. Katherine Kasch, a former 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, is interviewed by Matthew Heineman, Our Time Projects documentary film producer, Jan. 14, 2011. Kasch was deployed to the 10th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, Ramstein Air Base, Germany from Pope Air Force Base, N.C. Kasch received the Dolly Vinsent Nurse of the Year Award.

ing service management and epidemiology prevention and infection control courses. Her efforts averted the cancellation of four courses and saved the Air Force Medical Service \$106,000.

Capt. Katherine Kasch, an aeromedical evacuation nurse and medical readiness instructor at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis, was selected as AETC's recipient of the Dolly Vinsent Flight Nurse of the Year Award.

A combat aerovac veteran with three prior overseas deployments, Kasch provided in-flight care to injured service members during Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. She flew more than 200 hours on 26 missions and transported 182 wounded patients to their final stateside destinations.

Kasch also led an 18-member instructor team in 13 field training exercises integrating realistic scenarios and training 520 medics,

earning her a reputation as a battle-hardened nursing professional and aeromedical evacuation flight nurse.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas W. Roomsburg, a nuclear medicine instructor at

the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, was selected as the AETC Outstanding Diagnostic

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Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Patterson

Tech. Sgt. Thomas W. Roomsburg, a nuclear medicine instructor at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Hosuton, was selected as the AETC Outstanding Diagnostic Imaging NCO of the Year.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Asante Duncan

Tech. Sgt. Kimberly A. Sylvester was recognized as the AETC Laboratory NCO of the Year and is the 937th TRG Phase II Medical Training director.

AER begins accepting scholarship applications

Army Emergency Relief has opened its scholarship application period for the 2014-15 school year.

Applications from spouses and dependent children of Soldiers will be accepted from now until May 1, officials said.

This year, scholarships will be awarded based solely on financial need, said Tammy LaCroix, manager for Army Emergency Relief, or AER's scholarship programs.

In previous years, some scholarships were awarded based on scholastic achievement and leadership, LaCroix said. For instance, if students could demonstrate leadership – such as serving as class president, leading a Scout troop or serving in an ROTC leadership position – that in itself was worth a \$500 scholarship. If their grade point average was above a 3.5 GPA, that could be worth another \$500.

Those types of \$500 scholarships have been eliminated

however, so that larger awards to needy family members can be granted.

Last year AER awarded 4,629 scholarships, totaling more than \$10 million to spouses and children of Soldiers. That included scholarships to 1,148 spouses and awards to 3,481 children.

Those scholarships are helping send students this year to about 1,400 schools, ranging from Harvard to Alabama State to American Military University. Some of the students are attending university classes online and a few are going to vocational or cosmetology schools, LaCroix said.

About 9,000 applications were received last year online, LaCroix said, adding that the number kept her and another staff member quite busy.

“Last year was our first year using a new online application process,” LaCroix said. “By upgrading the scholarship application software, we were able to streamline the entire process

and more efficiently serve our applicants.”

The most common reason for applicants to be turned down was incomplete packets, according to LaCroix. Application packets should include school transcripts, the Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA, and the Soldier's Leave and Earnings Statement.

More information on the application process and necessary documentation is available on the AER website at www.aerhq.org. The entire application package must be submitted by May 1, LaCroix said.

Only spouses and dependent children of active-duty Soldiers are eligible for the scholarships, LaCroix said, but added this includes dependents of activated Army Reserve and National Guard troops, as long as they will remain on active-duty for the 2014-15 school year.

(Article courtesy Army Emergency Relief)

Stage II water restrictions in effect for JBSA

Stage II water restrictions are now in effect at all Joint Base San Antonio military installations.

The aquifer level at the Bexar County index well J-17 read 643.5 feet above sea level Tuesday. Stage II restrictions are enforced when water levels in the Edwards Aquifer drop below 650 feet.

Stage II restrictions include adherence to the following conservation guidelines:

Housing residents and facility managers must ensure that lawns are watered only once a week. The major difference between Stage I and Stage II restrictions is that watering is now only allowed between 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. on designated watering days.

Watering days are based on the last digit of addresses or facility building numbers:

- If address/facility number ends in 0 or 1, Monday is the watering day.
- If address/facility number ends in 2 or 3, Tuesday is the

watering day.

- If address/facility number ends in 4 or 5, Wednesday is the watering day.
- If address/facility number ends in 6 or 7, Thursday is the watering day.
- If address/facility number ends in 8 or 9, Friday is the watering day.

Other major notes for Stage II restrictions include: new landscaping should be avoided unless material is already on order, government vehicles washing is allowed only twice per month and personally owned vehicles may be washed only on landscape watering days. Drip and bucket watering are allowed, but only during the times specified above.

For more information, visit the San Antonio Water System conservation website at <http://www.saws.org/conservation>. To report misuse, call the JBSA Water Conservation Hotline at 466-4420.

(Source: 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron)

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hosts a technology exposition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Sam Houston Community Center. The event is open and free for all military, civilians and contractors. More than 20 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in test equipment, electronic design, advanced video conferencing and much more. For a list of exhibiting companies, call 443-561-2412. To preregister, visit <http://www.FederalEvents.com>.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston MLK Day Observance

The U.S. Army Dental Command hosts the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Warrior And Family Readiness Center, located at 3060 Stanley Road, building 2797. The guest speaker is Col. James A. Lewis, chief counsel for the U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

WHASC Pain Clinic Closure

The pain management clinic at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is closed. All pain management services will be rendered at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. For appointments in January and February, call 292-7160.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Workshop

The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop is for those who want to feel more comfortable, confident and competent in helping to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. ASIST is open to all Department of Defense cardholders, including family members, and meets the Army requirements for suicide gatekeepers. All ranks are encouraged to attend. ASIST is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes small group discussions and skill practice based upon adult learning principles. Training will be conducted the last Thursday and Friday of every other month at Dodd Field Chapel until the end of fiscal year 2014. Attire is civilian clothes, with no uniforms. Training dates are: Jan. 30-31, March 27-28, May 29-30, July 24-25 and Sept. 25-26. For more information, call 221-2093.

MICC supports Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise at Fort Bliss

By Daniel P. Elkins
Mission and Installation Contracting
Command Public Affairs Office

More than 100 Soldiers and civilian members from throughout the Mission and Installation Contracting Command are among the more than 500 individuals taking part in Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise 2014. The exercise began Jan. 4 and runs through Jan. 31 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The purpose of the exercise is to train and assess operational contract support capabilities for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, U.S. Northern Command, Army North and service components against a variety

of exercise scenarios that have been developed during workshops over the past several months.

MICC members supporting the exercise also will train and assess operational contract support capabilities.

“The core themes of this exercise are to train operational contract support and warrior tasks for Department of Defense contracting officers and to improve OCS capabilities to include contract support integration, contracting support management and contractor management,” said Col. Tim Strange, commander of the 412th Contracting Support Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and OCSJX-14 executive director.

“This exercise also focuses on growing the next generation of contracting leaders from all services and to develop the next generation of military leaders who are well versed in all aspects of OCS.”

OCSJX-14 is the premier exercise designed to prepare uniformed and civilian operational contract support professionals to deploy and support any contingency, humanitarian or operational mission. Officials anticipate approximately 530 OCS professionals will participate in OCSJX-14.

The exercise also provides DOD contracting and support professionals training on joint skills and warrior tasks

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Courtesy illustration

IMCOM welcomes new command sergeant major



Photo by Olivia Mendoza
Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey S. Hartless (left) is congratulated by Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, upon becoming the IMCOM senior enlisted advisor. Hartless replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, who is retiring after 32 years of service.

By Neal Snyder
U.S. Army Installation Management
Command Public Affairs

Pledging to “give everything I have” to Soldiers, their families, civilians, veterans and wounded warriors, Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey S. Hartless assumed the responsibilities of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command’s most senior enlisted advisor in a ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre Dec. 12.

Hartless takes over for departing IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice. Rice is retiring after 32 years of service in the U.S. Army.

Formerly command sergeant major of IMCOM’s Europe region, Hartless said the headquarters is to focus on supporting the regions and the garrison command teams. The garrisons are “the tip of the spear” in delivering services, he said.

His experience in IMCOM-Europe will now benefit the command as a whole, accord-

ing to Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commander. “We are blessed to have Command Sgt. Maj. Hartless on our team,” he said, calling Hartless “the perfect leader at the perfect time.”

Ferriter gave the noncommissioned officer’s sword to Hartless after receiving it from Rice, symbolically passing responsibility in front of a theater filled with garrison commanders and command sergeants major in town for IMCOM’s annual leadership conference, as well as family members, friends and headquarters staff.

The role of IMCOM command sergeant major carries great responsibility, Ferriter said. Leading IMCOM takes total dedication to our Soldiers, civilians and their families. “Command Sgt. Maj. Rice carried the load as if it were easy, and when it got hard he would look over and ask me if he could carry some of my load,” he said.

Beginning his farewell remarks, Rice stepped to the American flag and touched

its fringe. “This is what it’s all about,” he said. “We get to dedicate our lives to defending this great nation.”

“This certainly isn’t about what we’re doing here (holding a ceremony), it’s about the unfailing leadership shown by our (garrison) command teams,” Rice said.

Hartless was born in Lynchburg, Va., and graduated from Amherst County High School in 1981. He entered the U.S. Army in April, 1983, completing Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

During his 29 years, Hartless has served with the 75th Ranger Regiment; Special Operations Aviation Regiment; 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); 173d Airborne Brigade; 503rd Infantry; United States Army Garrison, Fort Polk; Warrior Transition Brigade; Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and United States Army Garrison Vicenza, Italy. He has completed multiple combat tours.

4TH ESC HHC CHANGE OF COMMAND



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nina J. Ramon

Capt. Martin Contreras, 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) medical operations officer, passes the 4th ESC unit colors to 1st Sgt. Marin Perez, 4th ESC Headquarters and Headquarters Company first sergeant (far right) while 4th ESC chief of staff Col. Daniel A. Keller (left), and Capt. Pamela L. Elliott, 4th ESC HHC commander, look on during the company's change of command ceremony Sunday. During the ceremony, Elliott relinquished command of the company to Contreras. Elliott is the Edwards County Sheriff in her civilian career.

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that include control of contracting operations and contract planning, execution and administration.

The Expeditionary Contracting Command is Army Contracting Command's lead organization for operational contract support and designing and guiding the exercise. The 412th CSB is ACC's lead to execute the concepts for the OCSJX-14.

Additional MICC organizations providing personnel in support of the exercise include the 418th CSB at Fort Hood, Texas; 419th CSB at Fort Bragg, N.C.; MICC Field Directorate Office-Fort Eustis, Va.; and MICC-Fort Belvoir, Va.

Training has evolved from a multi-service annual exercise to include participants representing various services

and agencies throughout DOD, other federal agencies and foreign coalition partners.

They include the Defense Contract Management Agency, Joint Chiefs of Staff Logistics and Directorate for Joint Force Development, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, Army Sustainment Command, Army Contracting Command, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Expeditionary Contracting Command, and the Contingency Acquisition Support Model Program Office. Air Force participants include representatives responsible for contingency and functional area management, contracting instruction and business systems.

More than 380 trainees and cadre participated in the 2013

exercise. Among them were MICC Soldiers as well as civilian personnel who supported the joint event as teachers, mentors or coaches.

The MICC is responsible for providing contracting support for the warfighter at Army commands, installations and activities located throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico. In fiscal 2013, the command executed more than 43,000 contract actions worth more than \$5.3 billion across the Army, including more than \$2.1 billion to American small businesses.

The command has also managed more than 780,000 Government Purchase Card Program transactions this fiscal year valued at an additional \$880 million.

METC

Preventive Medicine: Soldiers and Sailors keeping service members healthy

By Lori Newman
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Preventive medicine personnel in the military may spend their day testing water to make sure it's safe to drink, controlling an infestation of cockroaches or making sure field kitchens are sanitary.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Schram, a student in the preventive medicine program at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, said he chose preventive medicine because it affects everyone on a military installation.

"You have to work with a lot of people and have points of contact throughout the base to do your job successfully," he said.

Soldiers and Sailors attend METC training to master the myriad skills needed to become a preventive medicine specialist/technician.

The training is four months long for Army and six months for Navy students.

The first 11 weeks of the program is consolidated. After that, the students break into service-specific tracks where they learn the requirements for preventive medicine personnel in the Army and Navy.

The consolidated training includes an introduction to preventive medicine, opera-

tional preventive medicine, food service sanitation, water safety, entomology and the deployment environmental surveillance program.

During the entomology portion of the course, students go out to Salado Creek on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to practice what they have learned. They are then given different scenarios such as an outbreak of malaria or an infestation of cockroaches. The students must work together to address the problems presented and find solutions based on what they have learned.

At the end of the exercise, the students give a brief of their findings and solutions to the class and instructor.

"The students have to put everything together and it tends to make more sense to them when they are done," said Maj. Michelle Colacicco-Mayhugh, Army service lead.

"Once students complete the entomology course, they receive certification as Department of Defense pesticide applicators, which is required by the Environmental Protection Agency."

The students also receive the ServSafe manager certification from the National Restaurant Association after completing the food service sanitation course. The Army students also receive a certificate of completion for basic industrial hygiene from the Army Medical Department



(From left) Pfc. Keith Hall and Pfc. Garrett Perlinger perform surveillance for mosquito larvae at Salado Creek on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Center and School and the Navy students receive shipboard sanitation certification.

During the Army-specific portion of the training, Soldiers take classes in health physics, basic industrial hygiene and complete a capstone situational

training exercise. The exercise requires the Army students to put together everything they have learned to address specific preventive medicine issues in a given scenario.

During the Navy-specific portion of the training, Sailors

take classes in communications, statistics, epidemiology, microbiology, parasitology, occupational safety and health, environmental sanitation, public health administration, shipboard sanitation and complete a capstone exercise.

Photos by Lori Newman



Petty Officer 3rd Class Johnny Levasseur removes specimens from a tick drag.



(From left) Petty Officer 2nd Class Kari Ezepeleta and Spc. Nate Sturgis check a water sample for insect specimens.



(From left) Petty Officer 3rd Class Andre Dixon and Seaman Chris Johnson collect an insect specimen to identify.



Spc. Nate Sturgis conducts tick surveillance as part of the preventive medicine program.



(From left) Seaman Joshua Jenkins, Pfc. Brenee Richard and Pfc. Keith Hall calibrate a 2-gallon pesticide sprayer.

"Most of the course is didactic because there is a lot the students have to learn, but in every sub-portion of the course, there is some amount of hands-on training," explained Colacicco-Mayhugh.

Army Spc. Marcos Ramirez

said he chose the preventive medicine program because he wanted to learn a new skill that he could apply in the Army and in the civilian sector as well.

"I've been thinking about becoming an industrial hygienist to enforce (Occupational Safety

and Health Administration) laws," Ramirez said. "That's what I plan to do after I leave the Army."

Both Schram and Ramirez agree that water safety is very interesting. "I didn't know there was that

much to learn about water to keep the community and the environment safe," Schram said.

"Making sure Soldiers get water that isn't contaminated is a really important part of staying healthy in the field,"

Ramirez agreed.

"The fundamental job they take with them when they leave here is to make sure the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines they are working with are healthy so they can accomplish their missions," Colacicco-Mayhugh said.

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For example, the special victims counsel must inform the victim of any upcoming hearings – pre-trial confinement, parole board, clemency and so on – and inform the victim that he or she can choose to attend any of those. The victim also will be notified in advance of trial dates and be informed of any delays.

Furthermore, Kiel said, the special victims counsels may represent alleged victims during trial, ensuring their rights are not violated, as under the Rape Shield Rule, for example. The Rape Shield Rule, or Military Rule of Evidence 412, prevents admission of evidence concerning sexual predisposition and behavior of an alleged victim of sexual assault.

Kiel provided an aside regarding the Rape Shield Law and how a high-visibility case a few months ago involving football players at the U.S. Naval Academy influenced changes to Article 32 by Congress.

In that case, the defense counsel had the victim on the stand for three days of questioning about the alleged victim's motivations, medical history, apparel, and so on during the Article 32 hearing, he related. The cross-examination was perceived by the public and Congress to be disgraceful and

degrading, and potentially violating the federal Rape Shield Rule.

With passage of the fiscal 2014 National Defense Authorization Act, alleged rape and sexual assault victims are no longer subject to that kind of interrogation at the Article 32 hearing, he said.

Before the new law, alleged victims of sexual assault were ordered to show up at Article 32 hearings and frequently were asked to testify during those hearings as well.

"Congress thought that wasn't fair, since civilian victims of sexual assault didn't have to show up or testify," Kiel said.

"Now, any victim of a crime who suffers pecuniary, emotional or physical harm and is named in one of the charges as a victim does not have to testify at

the hearing," he added.

Article 60

Like Article 32 changes, modifications to Article 60 are to be phased in over the course of 12 months. Article 60 involves pretrial agreements and actions by the convening authority in modifying or setting aside findings of a case or reducing sentencing. A convening authority could do that in the past, and some did, though rarely.

Changes to Article 60 were influenced last year by a case involving Air Force Lt. Col. James Wilkerson, a former inspector general convicted of aggravated sexual assault, Kiel said. The convening authority, Air Force Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin, overturned the findings of guilt.

"That got Congress stirred up," Kiel said.

In the new law, legislators said the convening authority can no longer adjust any findings of guilt for felony offenses where the sentence is longer than six months or contains a discharge. They cannot change findings for any sex crime, irrespective of sentencing time.

One way a commander still can modify a sentence is, "if the trial counsel comes forward and says, 'This particular accused was very helpful in securing evidence or cooperating with the government in prosecuting someone who was accused of committing an offense under the UCMJ.' That is a trigger for the convening authority to be able to modify a sentence," Kiel said.

The other way a convening authority can modify a sentence, even

involving rape and sexual assault, is if a pretrial agreement is in place, he said, meaning that the case could close, but the pretrial agreement would still take effect.

Congress realized that Article 60 was still needed to continue the option for pretrial agreements, Kiel said. Had Article 60 been done away with altogether, he added, that "would have likely meant all courts-martial would have gone to full contest, and that would have

bottlenecked the entire process."

Voiding Article 60 also would have meant that all alleged victims of sexual assault likely would have to testify.

"Sometimes, victims supported the pretrial agreement, supported the potential sentence and supported the fact that they didn't have to testify – when it was in their best individual interest," Kiel said.

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JBSA officials select 2014 Military Ambassadors

By Airman 1st Class Kenna Jackson
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Ten service members from across the three Joint Base San Antonio locations were chosen to represent their respective military services as part of the 2014 Military Ambassadors program.

“Military ambassadors are representatives of the military community,” said Bill Gaines, 502nd Air Base Wing civic outreach chief. “The program strengthens military relationships with the local community while educating the public

about the armed services and their missions. They are chosen for their communication skills, demonstrated self-confidence and outgoing personalities. In short, they promote an outstanding image of JBSA and their service organizations.”

Throughout the year, the 10 service members represent their service and JBSA at events throughout South Texas, including nearly 50 activities associated with Fiesta San Antonio April 10-27.

According to Gaines, Fiesta, which began in 1891, is one of the nation’s premier festivals, with an economic impact of more than \$284 million for the Alamo City.

“Taking part in the event not only allows the military ambassadors to play integral roles for the installation’s community relations program, but it permits the continuation of a tradition that goes back to 1891 when the granddaddy of Fiesta events, The Battle of Flowers, began,” Gaines said.

“During the event, the Army provided its band to lead the first parade in horse-drawn carriages and supplied a number of carriages for others participating in the parade,” Gaines said. “In the 1960s, both the Fiesta San Antonio Commission and local military commanders decided there should be a single point of contact – a military coordinator.”

This year’s military coordinator is Gen. Robin Rand, Air Education and Training commander.

Although the program is aimed primarily at Fiesta, the ambassadors are traditionally invited to parades, federal holiday ceremonies, pageants, hospital visits, and other significant events.

The ambassadors’ first event is Feb. 14, for the National Salute to Veterans Day at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital.

“Being named an ambassador for my service is an honor and a privilege,” said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Anderson, 323rd Training Squadron military training instructor and an Air Force military ambassador. “As ambassador I want to reinforce public trust in the military services. I can’t wait to get started.”

2014 Army military ambassadors



Sgt. Doreen Suerte Fajota and
Sgt. 1st Class John Gurisko

Sgt. Doreen Suerte Fajota, from Bacolod City, Philippines, is assigned to Company C, Brooke Army Medical Center as the NCO in charge of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at San Antonio Military Medical Center. Fajota’s job is to oversee the day-to-day operations of all clinical services, assist in clinical procedures for approximately 31,200 patients annually, manage placement, accountability, readiness, training and administrative actions for 168 military and civilian staff members.

Sgt. 1st Class John Gurisko, from River Rouge, Mich., is the NCO in charge of the Army South G-3 Exercises Humanitarian and Civic Assistance Branch. Gurisko is responsible for support to the HCA Branch by planning for two operational planning teams, tracking training requirements, accountability and performance within the section and supporting the branch chief in day-to-day functions of the branch as needed.

2014 Navy military ambassadors

Petty Officer 2nd Class Luz Vazquez, from Lamont, Calif., is a Navy enlisted recruiter. Vazquez is responsible for the enlistment of officers and enlisted members for active service in the regular and reserve Navy components.

Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Fountain Jr., who hails from Callahan, Fla., is the mission NCO in charge and a cryptologic technician for the Naval Information Operations Center Texas Command. Fountain provides daily leadership and administration oversight for about 30 members who support the national mission.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Luz Vazquez and
Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Fountain

Photos courtesy Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

2014 Air Force military ambassadors



Staff Sgt. Kathryn North and
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Anderson

Staff Sgt. Kathryn North, who hails from Greenfield, Ind., is assigned to the 382nd Training Squadron Diagnostic Imaging Section as an instructor. North provides instruction on theory of basic electricity, atomic theory, production of X-rays, radiographic technique, radiographic film and chemical processing, radiographically oriented anatomy and physiology, theory of and practice in operation of fixed and mobile radiologic equipment, routine and special radiographic positioning, theory of and practice in accomplishment of, special radiographic techniques and introduction to special radiographic procedures and the associated equipment. As an instructor, she also continues the professional development of 121 Air Force trainees.

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Anderson, who hails from Belmont, N.H., is assigned to the 323rd Training Squadron as a military training instructor, where he conducts basic military training and shifts civilians into the Air Force way of life. Anderson is also responsible for training newly assigned military training instructors who have completed the Military Training Instructor School.

2014 Marine Corps military ambassadors



**Sgt. Dawn Callaway and
Sgt. Dustin Johnson**

Sgt. Dawn Callaway, from Princeton, Texas, is assigned to the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion as a financial manager. Callaway is responsible for performing accounting, budgeting and all other financial management relevant duties for appropriated funds in support of the battalion. She also provides leadership guidance, supervision and counseling to junior Marines and financial guidance to outlying companies within the battalion.

Sgt. Dustin Johnson, whose hometown is Brodhead, Wis., is assigned to the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion as a battalion dive and amphibious chief. Johnson plans and executes dives and amphibious operations and also maintains the equipment relevant to those operations.

2014 Coast Guard military ambassadors



**Chief Petty Officer Wanda Tarasiuk and
Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Chance**

Chief Petty Officer Wanda Tarasiuk, from Fajardo, Puerto Rico, is assigned to the Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit in Texas. Tarasiuk analyzes and reports highly technical information of strategic and tactical importance to fleet commanders and national intelligence agencies while deployed on board Coast Guard vessels.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Chance is a San Antonio native and production recruiter for the Recruiting Office San Antonio. Chance's main duties as production recruiter consist of processing applicants for accessions into the Coast Guard, marketing the Coast Guard to potential recruits and the public, representing the Coast Guard in various military ceremonies and conducting military funeral honors.



Military Knowledge

Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-0918.

Employment Orientation

Wednesday, 1-2 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-0427.

Army Family Advocate Program Unit Training

Wednesday, 2-4 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-0349.

Family Readiness Forum

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. 221-0946.

Army Family Advocate Program Unit Training

Thursday, 8-10 a.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-0349.

PowerPoint Level 1

Jan. 24, 9-11 a.m., Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-2517.

New Squadron Commanders and First Sergeants

JBSA Family Advocacy Program is required to provide new squadron commanders and first sergeants a desk side briefing within 90 days of their arrival or assumption of command per DD 6400.1, even if temporary or as an additional duty. The briefing includes information on FAP services/classes to assist them in promoting mission and family readiness. Call 292-5967 for an appointment or for more information.

Computer Lab

The computer lab is available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday at Military and Family Readiness, building 2797. Call 221-2705 or 221-2418.

How We Roll

Monday through Friday, 9-11 a.m. at Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus, the "How We Roll" program provides parents and strollers use of the

indoor track. Mondays from 9-10 a.m., a fitness trainer is available for assistance and instruction. Call 808-5709.

Fitness on Request Kiosk

The Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus hosts an innovative group fitness system including free virtual classes ranging from 20 to 60 minutes. Call 808-5709.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office located in the Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395, Chaffee Road, is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Call 808-1378.

Sportsman Range

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



Photo by Robert Shields

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel conducts a town hall meeting Jan. 8 at the Center for the Intrepid. During his first official visit to Brooke Army Medical Center, Hagel visited with wounded service members, presented coins to outstanding staff members and spoke at the town hall meeting.

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"Let me assure you that all disabled families – all of you in this room – will be exempted from any adjustments in the rate of growth," Hagel said to the group. "We're not going to do anything that would inhibit the progress of this

institution."

The new law suggests that working-age military retirees would see their pensions increase at a slower pace, with cost-of-living adjustments pegged to the rate of inflation minus 1 percentage point. Once they turned 62, they would go back to receiving adjustments

pegged to the full rate of inflation.

He stated that the law will not take effect until 2016 and that the administration and Congress have two years to fix the law and grant an exemption for disabled vets.

"We'll make it work – we'll fix it – and we'll do it so it doesn't hurt."

2014 tax season opens Jan. 31; e-file or Free File can speed refunds

By Lea C. Crusberg
Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service plans to open the 2014 filing season Jan. 31 and encouraged taxpayers to use e-file or Free File (<http://www.irs.gov/Filing>) as the fastest way to receive refunds.

The new opening date for individuals to file their 2013 tax returns will allow the IRS adequate time to program and test its tax processing systems. The annual process for updating IRS systems saw significant delays in October following the 16-day federal government closure.

"Our teams have been working hard throughout the fall to prepare for the upcoming tax season," IRS Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel said. "The

late January opening gives us enough time to get things right with our programming, testing and systems validation. It's a complex process, and our bottom-line goal is to provide a smooth filing and refund process for the nation's taxpayers."

The government closure meant the IRS had to change the original opening date from Jan. 21 to Jan. 31, 2014. The 2014 date is one day later than the 2013 filing season opening, which started on Jan. 30, 2013, following January tax law changes made by Congress on Jan. 1 under the American Taxpayer Relief Act. The extensive set of ATRA tax changes affected many 2012 tax returns, which led to the late January opening.

The IRS noted that several options are available to help taxpayers prepare for the 2014 tax season and get their refunds as easily as possible. New year-end tax planning information has been added to IRS.gov this week.

In addition, many software companies are expected to begin accepting tax returns in January and hold those returns until the IRS systems open Jan. 31. More details will be available in January.

The IRS cautioned that it will not process any tax returns before Jan. 31, so there is no advantage to filing on paper before the opening date. Taxpayers will receive their tax refunds much faster by using e-file or Free File with the direct deposit option.

The April 15 tax



deadline is set by statute and will remain in place. However, the IRS reminds taxpayers that anyone can request an automatic six-month extension to file their tax return. The request is easily done with Form 4868, which can be filed electronically or on paper.

IRS systems, applica-

tions and databases must be updated annually to reflect tax law updates, business process changes and programming updates in time for the start of the filing season.

The October closure came during the peak period for preparing IRS systems for the 2014 filing season. Programming,

testing and deployment of more than 50 IRS systems is needed to handle processing of nearly 150 million tax returns. Updating these core systems is a complex, year-round process with the majority of the work beginning in the fall of each year.

About 90 percent of IRS operations were closed during the shutdown, with some major work streams closed entirely during this period, putting the IRS nearly three weeks behind its tight timetable for being ready to start the 2014 filing season.

There are additional training, programming and testing demands on IRS systems this year in order to provide additional refund fraud and identity theft detection and prevention.

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Imaging NCO of the Year.

Roomsburg was instrumental in facilitating Navy nuclear medicine expansion. Coordinating with the METC and local-area hospitals, he ensured the establishment of a Phase II training site to ultimately save \$300,000 in permanent change of station costs annually.

As the nuclear medicine program director, he overcame a curriculum manager shortfall, rebuilding a 773-hour course, 12 lessons and 2,500 slides while

ensuring training met industry standards. The sergeant also completed six semester hours and earned Community College of the Air Force degrees in radiology and nuclear medicine. Roomsburg is also the sole nuclear medicine instructor certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Tech. Sgt. Kimberly A. Sylvester was recognized as the AETC Laboratory NCO of the Year. As the 937th TRG Phase II Medical Training director, she identified and resolved compliance

issues with the medical force development and formal training division, which led to the revitalization of four training programs at 14 separate sites.

Sylvester also partnered with local medical facilities to secure three additional training sites, adding eight students to the 12-week rotation while saving \$9,600 a year.

The sergeant also averted a shortfall in the histopathology apprentice program by coordinating ordering and receipt of \$132, 000 in specialized equipment,

which resulted in a 200 percent training capacity increase.

In addition, Sylvester developed an instructor internship training regimen, personally directing 400 teaching hours, and ensuring the tri-service METC staff was fully qualified.

The 937th TRG is the larger of only two medical training groups in the Air Force and has the mission to “Train and Develop the World’s Finest Medics,” accomplishing the mission by partnering with the Army and Navy at the METC.

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Other changes to courts-martial practice were made.

Prior to the new law, the convening authority could consider the military character of the accused in considering how to dispose of a case, Kiel said.

Congress decided that should have no bearing on whether or not the accused has committed a sexual assault or other type of felony.

Also, he said, previous to new law, “sometimes the [staff judge advocate] would say, “Take the case to a general court-martial,’ and the convening authority would disagree and say, ‘I’m not going forward.’” Now, he said, “if the convening authority disagrees, the case has to go to the secretary of the service concerned, (who) would have to decide whether to go forward or not.”

In the case of an alleged rape or sexual assault in which the staff judge advocate and the convening authority decide not to go forward because of a lack of evidence or for any other

reason, that case has to go up to the next-highest general court-martial convening authority for an independent review, Kiel said.

So if the case occurred at the division level in the Army, for example, and a decision was made at that level not to go forward, then the division would need to take the victim’s statements, its own statements for declining the case, and forward them and the entire investigative file to the next level up – in this case, the corps.

At the corps level, the staff judge advocate and the corps commander would then review the file, look at the evidence and make a determination whether or not to go forward, Kiel explained.

If it’s decided to move forward the case would be referred to the corps level instead of sending it back down to the division, he added. This, he explained, avoids unlawful command influence on the case’s outcome.

Articles 120 and 125

The UCMJ’s Articles 120 and 125 now have mandatory minimum punishments: dishon-

orable discharge for enlisted service members and dismissal for officers, Kiel said.

Article 120 deals with rape and sexual assault adults or children and other sex crimes, and Article 125 deals with forcible sodomy.

In addition, the accused now must appear before a general court-martial with no opportunity to be tried at a summary or special court-martial, Kiel said.

A summary court-martial is for relatively minor misconduct, and a special courts-martial is for an intermediate-level offense.

Furthermore, Congress highly encouraged the services not to dispose of sexual assault cases with adverse administrative action or an Article 15, which involves nonjudicial punishment usually reserved for minor disciplinary offenses, Kiel said.

Rather, Kiel said, Congress desires those cases to be tried at a general court-martial and has mandated that all sexual assault and rape cases be tried only by general court-martial.

Prior to the fiscal 2014 National Defense

Authorization Act, there was a five-year statute of limitations on rape and sexual assault on adults and children under Article 120 cases. Now, there’s no statute of limitations, he said.

Congress repealed the offense of consensual sodomy under Article 125 in keeping with previous Supreme Court precedent, Kiel said, and also barred anyone who has been convicted of rape, sexual assault, incest or forcible sodomy under state or federal law from enlisting or being commissioned into military service.

What’s Ahead

Congress could make even more changes that address sexual assaults in the military as early as this month, Kiel said.

Later this year, changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial should be signed by the president after review by the services, the national security staff, the Defense Department and other agencies, he added.

The updated manual would codify all the changes, although some already are in effect, he said.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

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

Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 5584 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel
Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Contemporary Service
11 a.m.- Contemporary “Crossroads”

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

Building 2200, 2301 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday
Main Post (Gift) Chapel
4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

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

JEWISH SERVICES

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

ISLAMIC SERVICE

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

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

BUDDHIST SERVICES

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

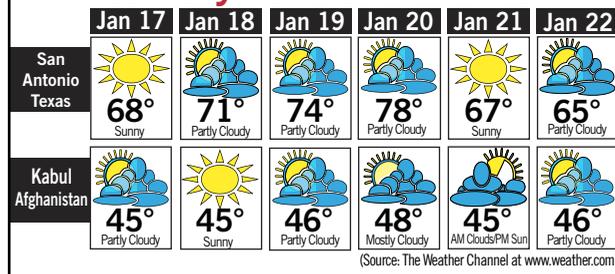
CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass
Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

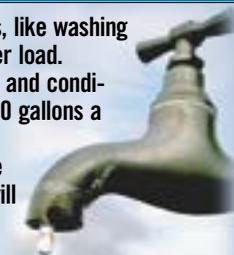
For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain’s website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.

Weekly Weather Watch



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

1. Choose new water-saving appliances, like washing machines that save up to 20 gallons per load.
2. Turn off the water while shampooing and conditioning your hair and save more than 50 gallons a week.
3. Aerate your lawn. Punch holes in the lawn about six inches apart so water will reach the roots rather than run off the surface.
4. Select the proper size pans when cooking. Large pans require more water for cooking than may be necessary.
5. Turn off the water while shaving. This can save more than 100 gallons per week.



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