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(From left) Paul Dvorak, Tim Szuszkas and Mike Ball work together to clear tree limbs and branches from a vacant lot on McWilliams Road, adjacent to the Southwest Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center, building 6120, May 9 on JBSA-Camp Bullis as part of the Joint Base San Antonio Pride Week activities. Dvorak is director of Installation Support, Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis, Szuszkas is JBSA-Camp Bullis supply supervisor and Ball is the JBSA-Camp Bullis Deputy director for Installation Support. For more photos, see page 11.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt.
Howard Watkins



Army South, Chilean Army work to strengthen relationships

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

The U.S. Army South deputy commander recently traveled to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to witness the induction of the Chilean Army commander into the U.S. Army War College International Fellows Hall of Fame.

As a testament to the strong and enduring relationship between the U.S. and Chilean armies, Army South deputy commander Brig. Gen. Orlando Salinas was on



(From left) Brig. Gen. Orlando Salinas, U.S. Army South deputy commander; Bob Pelegreen, Army South Security Cooperation Division deputy chief and Gen. Humberto Oviedo, Chilean Army commander, meet prior to a ceremony May 12 at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Oviedo became the 48th member of the U.S. Army War College International Fellows Hall of Fame and the first from a South American country.

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Exercise extra caution for 'Critical Days of Summer'

By **Chuck Hagel**
Secretary of Defense



Chuck Hagel

Summer is a welcomed season of respite, renewal and a busy travel time in the United States and around the world.

It is also a time when we all must exercise extra caution.

Last year, the Department of Defense lost 83 service members to motor vehicle and sports and recreation accidents between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Before we begin the "Critical Day of Summer," military and civilian leaders across the DOD must reinforce the importance of safety and the need for good judgment to their teams.

Safety is about doing the right thing for the right reasons, from wearing seatbelts to making sure to never drink and drive, to simply saying "no" to risky situations.

We all must redouble our efforts to promote safety and responsibility throughout the DOD. We can and must do this together.

Memorial Day safety: Make a plan, always do the right thing

By **Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens**,
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As our Army continues its transition to a peacetime force, this Memorial Day will be especially poignant for the Soldiers and families who have served and sacrificed the past 13 years.

Some have lost husbands, wives, sons or daughters, while others have lost battle buddies considered brothers or sisters.

During war, we are all touched by loss, but the spirit of the American Soldier lives on in each of you. Thank you

for your service and continued dedication to this great nation and the memory of those who have fought so bravely for it.

While we encourage you to enjoy the long weekend ahead, please remember to play it safe in all you do.

The arrival of summer brings with it many enjoyable activities, but those do not come without risk. Already this fiscal year, more Soldiers have died on motorcycles, on the

water and in catastrophic falls than 2013.

Leaders, stay engaged and know what your Soldiers' plans entail, there is no way for you to know

if you never ask.

Soldiers, take ownership of your personal safety and make smart risk decisions while looking out for your buddies. Safety is really pretty simple – make a plan and always do the right thing.

Thank you again for all you do for our Army every day. We wish you all a happy and safe Memorial Day and holiday weekend.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

Follow safety tips for 'Critical Days of Summer'

By **2nd Lt. Luke Nimmo**
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

Summer is almost upon us and once again the Air Force 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign will be in effect from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. This year's theme is: "Double checks, not second thoughts."

To many, summer time is vacation time; where military members and families spend their off time swimming, boating, taking family vacations, playing sports and participating in various

high-risk activities.

Despite summer being known for celebration and recreation, there's an underlying danger that comes from bad choices.

"Driving long hours and more miles than your body has energy for, drowning during a water sport activity or suffering from dehydration and sunburn during recreational sports, are just a few of the dangers people tend to overlook during the largest vacation period," said Tech. Sgt. Travis Yates from the 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office at

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

According to the Air Force Safety Center officials, summer historically sees an increase in off-duty injuries and fatalities.

Many of these accidents occur from reckless driving, sport injuries, heat-related injuries, water sport accidents and more.

There were 321 injuries throughout Air Education and Training Command in the 2013 Critical Days of Summer season, one of which resulted in a death from

a motorcycle accident. Throughout the Air Force, 21 Airmen died during the 2013 summer months.

Some measures the safety offices recommend are:

- Drink plenty of water.
- Apply sun screen to protect skin from harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
- Keep a close eye on children and pets during all outdoor activities.
- Be prepared for unintended fires while using grills, smokers, campfires or any other source

of heat for cooking or leisure.

- Be aware of high outdoor temperatures and plan accordingly for longer outdoor activities.

- Wear the proper safety equipment appropriate for high-risk activities.

"Remember, personal safety is the responsibility of each individual and is a vital part of all activities, both on- and off-duty," Yates said. "Use your situational awareness, common sense and the wingman concept to have an accident-free summer."



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News Briefs

'Flags at Fort Sam' for Scouts

The Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America sponsors the "Flags at Fort Sam" event honoring American heroes at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery's assembly area at 5 p.m. Friday. The cemetery is located at 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. The assembly area is located on the far east side of the cemetery near the administrative offices. Enter using Nursery Road, but do not park off Harry Wurzbach Road. The scout uniform is recommended and participants should have water, sunscreen, a hat and bring a screwdriver and mallet to help place flags at gravesites. For more information, visit <http://www.AlamoAreaBSA.org/FlagsatFortSam>.

Transition Assistance Program Training

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Army and Career Alumni Program team conducts mandatory training on the Veterans Opportunity for Work to Hire Heroes Act Wednesday at the Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797, 3060 Stanley Road. There are two sessions: 10-11:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. The training is recommended for unit commanders, command sergeants majors and first sergeants. Units can submit the names of those attending to the ACAP office at 221-1213.

Temporary Closure of SAMMC Commercial Gate Entrance

The San Antonio Military Medical Center's commercial vehicle entrance gate at Interstate 35 will close for three weeks, starting at 6 p.m. Thursday. The closure will allow repairs to be made to the concrete driveway. The gate will reopen to commercial traffic at 6 a.m. June 20. Since many hospital staff members use the gate to exit the installation at the end of the day, higher traffic volume is expected at the two other gates during the closure. Commercial vehicles will use the Beach Gate on Binz-Engleman Road during the closure and minimum disruption is expected, according to the BAMC Provost Marshal. For more information, call 221-3514.

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Burn survivor inspires through paintings, views

By Steven Galvan
USAISR Public Affairs Officer

"Who? Who am I? Yesterday's gone. Today's today. Tomorrow's another day. So why worry? Only time will tell who I am."

It's a phrase created by burn survivor and artist Lupe Munoz and words that he lives by every day. It's that positive spirit that helped Munoz overcome the hardships of a serious gas explosion more than 36 years ago.

Munoz endured 55 surgeries during a year-long stay at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center in 1976 after a butane-filled hole he was working in exploded, burning 65 percent of his body.

"I was down 20 feet and had to climb a ladder to get out," he said.

Munoz was conscious throughout the entire ordeal. While being transported to a hospital in Lubbock, he was able to see how charred the fire had left him, confirmed by the looks



Photo by Steven Galvan

Burn survivor Lupe Munoz stands next to one of the 10 paintings he displayed May 5 at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center during National Nurses Week.

of dismay from his co-worker, who was at the top of the hole and was also burned.

"I knew I was going to die," Munoz said. "When I got to the emergency room, the doctors asked me who I would like to call because things weren't looking good for me. I said my mom."

Munoz made what he thought was going to be the last call to bid farewell to his mother.

"I told her that I had gotten burned in an explosion and it was

probably going to be the last time I talked to her," he said.

After a three-day stay at the hospital, Munoz was transported to San Antonio on a helicopter for specialized burn care. During his stay at the burn center, he passed the time coloring with crayons. Coloring and drawing were things he had always enjoyed as a child. Little did he realize that this would be the start of a new career.

In 2009, a friend

introduced Munoz to an art program offered at the Salvation Army.

It was in this program his artistic passion and talent truly emerged. Since then, Munoz has sold numerous paintings – an accomplishment which has surprised him.

"I never imagined it would get to this," he said.

Despite his disfigured hands, Munoz has created inspiring paintings that caught the eye of a newspaper reporter who wrote and had the story published in the San Antonio Express News. A staff member at the Burn Center read the inspirational story which gave him an idea.

"Obviously he has overcome his circumstance," said Lt. Col. Paul Mittelsteadt, burn center chief of nurses. "That led me to think that we at the burn center had a record number of burn center nurses submit scientific posters about performance improvement initiatives to the American Burn Center

Association Annual Meeting recently and wanted to 'show them off' (during National Nurses Week). Displaying those alongside Mr. Munoz's art, shows how nursing innovations impacts patients who then enrich our lives."

Munoz accepted the invitation and shared his views on life and his talent as a painter by displaying 10 of his paintings at the Burn Center during the 2014 National Nurses Week observed at the San Antonio Military Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 6-12.

"He is amazing," said burn center physical therapist assistant Sarah Zayas. "It was an honor meeting and talking to him."

Munoz's take home message is simple: despite what life throws at you, you have to stay positive.

"Everything eventually falls into place," he says, "and when the time comes, whatever you are doing at that time is who you are."

U.S. Army Dental Command welcomes new leader

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Dental Command welcomed Col. Don Grimes as their new commander and bid farewell to outgoing commander Col. Thomas Tempel Jr. at a May 14 change of command ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field.

The ceremony includ-

ed a change of responsibility between Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Osorio, the interim command sergeant major, and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Leon Archer.

Soldiers representing the U.S. Army Dental Command from around the world participated in the ceremony. The five regional subordinate commands represented included the Southern, Western, Northern,

Europe and the Pacific Regional Dental Commands, and the U.S. Army Dental Laboratory.

The Army Dental Command is also in charge of 25 dental activities, 18 dental clinic commands and oversees 130 dental treatment facilities worldwide, providing care in all specialty areas of dentistry.

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Photo by Ed Dixon

Col. Don Grimes (left) accepts the U.S. Army Dental Command colors from Maj. Gen. Brian Lein, deputy Army surgeon general and deputy commanding general for operations for U.S. Army Medical Command, at the May 14 change of command ceremony held at MacArthur Parade Field. Standing at far right is Col. Thomas Tempel, who relinquished the duties of the command.

Every Dollar Counts campaign

Your ideas a call to action to cultivate culture of innovation, efficiency, savings

Airmen of the United States Air Force:

Last year, in response to budget sequestration, we launched the Every Dollar Counts campaign. Since that launch, your innovative ideas and money-saving efficiency changes saved our Air Force hundreds of millions of dollars during these challenging fiscal times.

From public-private partnerships at base level to centralized engine repair Air Force wide, your ideas are saving precious resources all across the enterprise. To each Airman who took the time to

send in an idea, influence change or create a new efficiency in your shop: thank you – job well done! But we can't stop now ... we must do more.

Now is the time to leverage the success of last year's campaign and continue to cultivate a culture of innovation, efficiency, and savings. This letter is our call to action to Make Every Dollar Count.

Our goal is to take as many of our efficiencies and savings initiatives as possible and multiply them across the entire spectrum of operations. From large-scale initiatives, such as implement-



Deborah Lee James
Secretary of the Air Force

ing cutting-edge energy practices or acquisition process improvements, to base-level actions, such as video teleconferenc-



Gen. Larry O. Spencer
Air Force Vice Chief of Staff

ing and contract review, everything counts.

Our current initiatives are just the beginning. We challenge each of you

to develop initiatives in your own areas of expertise. If there was ever a time for out-of-the-box ideas, it's now. Each of us must be "all in, all the time" to make this work.

There are two programs available to submit your great ideas to increase cost savings across our Air Force. You may submit ideas online to our Airmen Powered by Innovation website at <https://ipds.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or by contacting your local Air Force Smart Operations for the Twenty-first Century Office. All ideas will be actively processed by the Office of the Under

Secretary of the Air Force for Business Transformation.

As you know, there are consequences of this fiscal climate we cannot change, but we must do our very best to improve the things we can and ensure we are good stewards of every taxpayer dollar. Let's all take ownership – each active duty, Reserve, Guard and civilian Airman – to improve what we can control and to Make Every Dollar Count.

"Make Every Dollar Count: All In, All The Time."

Center for the Intrepid recognized for exceptional teamwork, maximizing effectiveness of rehabilitation

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center's Center for the Intrepid was recently awarded the 3rd Quarter Army Medical Command Wolf Pack Award.

Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, the Army Surgeon General and commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command, recognized and congratulated the Center for the Intrepid staff via video teleconference May 7.

Gregg Stevens, the Army Medical Department Civilian Corps chief, presented the award on her behalf to Army Col. Donald Gajewski, CFI

director. BAMC Commander Col. Kyle Campbell, BAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Tabitha Gavia and Southern Regional Medical Command Commander Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan were also at the event.

The CFI staff was recognized for its exceptional teamwork with patients to maximize the effectiveness of rehabilitation to get back to military or civilian life.

An outpatient rehabilitation facility, the CFI was conceived by the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and was built by the donations of more than 600,000 Americans.

Consisting of 63 full time staff members,

including seven Veterans Health Affairs and two Veterans Benefit Administration staff, the center cares for more than 3,500 outpatients a month. Its collaboration between the patients and staff has proven the teamwork methodology of success.

"There is no doubt that we have an amazing team. None of us; however, would dream about receiving this award without our patients being present," Gajewski said. "We have the privilege of taking care of some of the most amazing people you could ever hope to meet.

"Our patients motivate us on a daily basis. They make us better

clinicians. They make us better human beings," Gajewski added. "On behalf of the team at the CFI and especially the patients who have come through our doors, I am honored to receive the Wolf Pack Award."

The Wolf Pack Award is a quarterly award created by the Army Surgeon General and the Chief of the Army Medical Department Civilian Corps to recognize exceptional teamwork by an integrated group of military and civilian members focused on excellence in support of Army Medicine.

The CFI will compete for the annual 2014 Wolf Pack of the Year Award later this year.



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Gregg Stevens, the Army Medical Department Civilian Corps chief, presented the Wolf Pack Award on behalf of Army Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho to Army Col. Donald Gajewski, Center for the Intrepid director May 7. The CFI staff was recognized for its exceptional teamwork with patients to maximize the effectiveness of rehabilitation to get back to military or civilian life.

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Fort Sam Houston Army Birthday Ball

The Fort Sam Houston Army Birthday Ball is at 5:30 p.m. June 14 at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway. This is an unofficial event conducted for entertainment of the military and civilian personnel who choose to attend. Dress and uniform requirements are formal attire for civilians and the Army service uniform with bow tie or the Army mess blue or dress mess uniform or service equivalent for all active duty military of other services. Tickets are \$70 each and \$140 for couples. To buy tickets, visit <http://2014fsh-armyball.weebly.com>. For more information, send email to jbsaarmyball@gmail.com. Last day to buy tickets is May 30.

Lane Closures On Garden Avenue

Garden Avenue between Wilson Road and Hardee Road will be rebuilt this summer to restore the pavement. The construction, which will occur through Sept. 11, will not allow two-way traffic during that time. Access to driveways along both sides of Garden Avenue will remain open the entire time. The contractor will work on one side of the street while the other side will remain open for one-way traffic. After that lane is completed, it will open up and the other lane will then be rebuilt. Motorists are encouraged to follow the signs posted for the detour route.

Hardee Road Closure

Phase II construction on Hardee Road will require the closure of the intersection of Stanley and Hardee Roads. Access to the Army Medical Department parking lot will be through the intersection of Scott and Hardee Roads. Motorists are encouraged to follow the detour route to Schofield Road. The AMEDD parking lot north of Hardee Road will remain open and accessible from the Scott Road side. Construction should be completed by July 7.

Scott Road Closure From Taylor Road to Schofield Road

Scott Road between Taylor Road and Schofield Road will be closed to through traffic through June 27 to remove and overlay the existing asphalt pavement with new asphalt pavement and replace damaged curbs. Motorists are encouraged to follow the signs posted for detour route.

Brooke Army Medical Center Auxiliary holds annual welfare reception, awards grants

By Robert Shields
BAMC Public Affairs

The Brooke Army Medical Center Auxiliary held their annual welfare reception May 2 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center to recognize and honor auxiliary volunteers and the welfare committee for their fundraising work to support BAMC's service mission. Grants to various BAMC departments and the Fisher House were also distributed during the reception.

The BAMC Auxiliary has donated more than \$41,500 through their welfare distribution to help support 37 BAMC departments throughout the facility.

For example, the Center for the Intrepid aquatics department received body boards and various therapy aids; physical therapy received a stationary bicycle; bone marrow transplant received educational books;

the neonatal intensive care unit received light diffusers, wall decals and preemie books; the ostomy clinic received ostomy models; and the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Unit received crochet project supplies for their patients and caregivers.

The BAMC Auxiliary also presented BAMC Fisher House manager Inge Godfrey with a \$57,000 check during the event. The funds were raised from their annual Fisher House charity golf tournament April 14.

"We at the BAMC Auxiliary send a special thank you to the BAMC staff, who provide world-class care to our service members, retirees and their families," said BAMC Auxiliary president Alice Holt.

"Remarkable things are happening in military medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center and the BAMC Auxiliary



Courtesy Photo

(Front row, from left) Brooke Army Medical Center Commander Col. Kyle Campbell and Fisher House Manager Inge Godfrey accept a \$57,000 check from the BAMC Auxiliary team as BAMC Auxiliary volunteers Geraldine Smith-Haley, Abigayle Patterson, Kathleen Witten and Alice Holt look on.

stands in awe of what you do. We are humbled to have the opportunity to support your efforts."

The BAMC Auxiliary is an organization for active duty, retiree and widowed military

spouses in the San Antonio area. Their mission is to support the patients of Brooke Army Medical Center and the military community through service projects, fundraising and special events

The next welfare distribution begins in November. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.bamcauxiliary.org> or send an email to info@bamcauxiliary.org.

412th Contracting Support Brigade supports local bicycle rodeo

By Maj. Eric Shepherd
412th Contracting Support Brigade

Eight members of the 412th Contracting Support Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston spent May 2 assisting Lamar Elementary School students during the school's bicycle rodeo.

As part of the brigade's community outreach program, volunteers helped students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade

perform their riding skills by maneuvering their bikes through a challenge course, while their peers and parents cheered them on.

The course tested the students' riding skills in the areas of balancing, steering, performing a figure eight and maneuvering.

Lt. Col. Sylvia Farmer, 412th CSB executive officer, leads the outreach program for the brigade. She said it is a way for government employees to give back

to their communities and expose the public to possible careers within the government.

From tiny bikes with training wheels to 10-speed racers and mountain bikes, the children descended upon the course and were able to show off their bikes to their friends.

After the event, a winner from each age group was identified to participate in an annual city-wide competition.



Photo by Maj. Manuel Prado

Staff Sgt. Brian Roussel assists a student during Lamar Elementary School's Bicycle Rodeo May 2. Roussel is a contract administrator with the 412th Contracting Support Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

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NATIONAL NURSES WEEK RECOGNITION



Photo by Robert Shields

Army Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan (right), commander of Southern Regional Medical Command, listens to Army 1st Lts. Crystal ChangVazquez and Leopoldo Rivas Jr. as they explain their poster presentation on "Patient Controlled Analgesia Policy Change" during the National Nurses Week recognition event May 8 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Medical Mall. This is one of 16 unit practice council and four clinical nurse transition program evidence-based practice project posters featured between Brooke Army Medical Center and the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research staff.

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"Bicycle education is important at this young age. We educated the kids on how to perform preventative maintenance and safety checks on their bikes. We then inspected the bikes before the rodeo," said Cassandra Mora, 412th CSB acquisition management office. "A bicycle is usually a kid's first form of transportation. It's great the San Antonio Police Department is

taking a proactive role in keeping kids safe on the streets."

Maj. Manuel Prado, 412th CSB Acquisition Management Office, brought his bicycle tools and air pump to the rodeo to help the children correct any safety deficiencies. He also inspected the children's helmets to ensure they were worn properly.

"Bike maintenance is critical to both safety and performance," Prado said. "I wanted to

make sure students had a positive experience. Inspecting their bikes for deficiencies was essential for both safety and performance."

Staff Sgt. Ryan Johnson, a 412th CSB contracting specialist, volunteered to judge the balance obstacle on the course.

"I had a great time at the bike rodeo," Johnson said. "Giving back to the community is an important part of service to our nation as a Soldier."

Sallie Mae ordered to pay \$96.6M for violating troops' rights

Justice Department officials announced an enforcement action May 13 against the nation's largest servicer of federal and private student loans, which was found to be systematically violating the legal rights of U.S. service members.

Sallie Mae, also known as Sallie Mae Bank and Navient Solutions, is ordered to pay \$96.6 million in

restitution and penalties, officials said, adding that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation also reached a settlement with the companies that addresses allegations of student loan servicing misconduct.

"I commend Attorney General Eric Holder, FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg, and the staff at the Department of Justice and

FDIC for taking action to protect student loan borrowers," said Holly Petraeus, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau assistant director, who leads the CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs.

"I have been concerned for some time about the way that military personnel are treated by their student loan servicers," Petraeus

said in a statement. "The men and women serving this country should receive quality customer service and the legal protections afforded to them. Instead, Sallie Mae gave service members the runaround and denied them the interest-rate reduction required by law. This behavior is unacceptable."

The Justice Department's civil rights division has initiated a number of enforcement actions in recent years to pursue those who don't fulfill their legal obligations under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Petraeus said.

"I applaud their actions, which have put millions of dollars back in the pockets of service members," she added.

The enforcement action should serve as warning

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not only to the student loan servicing industry, but also to all institutions that provide or service loans to the military, Petraeus said.

“Federal agencies will be vigilant about holding all financial institutions accountable for providing the protections that our service members have earned through their service to our nation,” she added.

A 2012 CFPB report found that service members faced serious hurdles in accessing their student loan benefits, including the provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that cap the interest rate on pre-existing student loans and other consumer credit products at 6 percent while the service member is on active duty. Servicers were not providing them with clear and accurate information about their loan repayment options.

The CFPB heard from

military borrowers, including those in combat zones, who were denied interest-rate protections because they failed to resubmit unnecessary paperwork.

These kinds of obstacles prevent service members from taking advantage of the full range of protections they have earned through their service to this country, officials said.

The CFPB has partnered with the Defense Department to create better awareness of the rights and options for service member student loan borrowers.

Officials noted that the CFPB began accepting student loan complaints in March 2012. Service members who have an issue with their servicers should submit a complaint to the CFPB.

To submit a complaint, consumers can:

- Go online at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint>;

- Call the toll-free phone number at 855-411-CFPB (2372) or TTY/TDD phone number at 855-729-CFPB (2372);
- Fax the CFPB at 855-237-2392; or
- Mail a letter to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 4503, Iowa City, IA 52244

Additionally, through “Ask CFP,” or by calling 855-411-CFPB (2372), consumers can get clear, unbiased answers to their questions, officials said.

Local base legal assistance offices can help service members submit claims to the CFPB and in dealing with their loan servicing companies.

Service members on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston can call 808-0169; on JBSA-Lackland, call 671-3362/3393; and on JBSA-Randolph, call 652-6781.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Local military honored at Armed Forces River Parade

By Larry Coffey
Navy Medical Education and
Training Command Public Affairs

Active duty military representing all Joint Base San Antonio locations were greeted by cheers, salutes and handwritten thank you signs May 17 during the third annual Armed Forces Day River Parade in downtown San Antonio.

The parade of 25 floats was led by Parade Grand Marshal Dr. Granville Coggs, a member of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American aviators to serve in the U.S. armed forces.

Five floats represented the military services – one filled with Soldiers, joined by members of the 323rd Army Band “Fort Sam’s Own;” a second manned by San Antonio-area Sailors and the Navy Band’s contemporary ensemble, the “Cruisers,” from Washington, D.C.; and a third with Airmen joined by the U.S. Air Force Band of the West from JBSA-Lackland.

There were also floats from the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard, another carrying the 2014 Fiesta military ambassadors and additional floats from veteran’s organizations,



Sailors from several of the 11 Navy commands in the San Antonio area join the Navy Band’s Washington, D.C.-based contemporary ensemble, the “Cruisers,” for the third annual Armed Forces Day River Parade May 17 at the San Antonio River Walk.

local businesses and community groups.

The small flat-hulled barges typically function as water taxis and tour boats, and hold approximately 40 people. On this day, they filled another role highlighted by red, white and blue patriotic decorations.

Each float made its appearance on cue from under a small bridge, appearing in front of television cameras and a special VIP seating area filled

with more than 300 Army, Navy and Air Force junior enlisted personnel, primarily from training commands and schools located at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Lackland.

The parade was televised via syndication in more than 50 markets across the U.S., on the Pentagon Channel, at Armed Forces Radio and Television Service outlets overseas and via closed circuit television systems on board Navy ships.

The five military floats were decorated and provided by the Paseo Del Rio Association, which puts on the River Parade and 23 other River Walk events annually.

“It’s my favorite event of the year,” said Paseo Del Rio Association executive director Nancy Hunt of the parade. “It’s our way of showing the military that we really appreciate them. It’s been one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done.”



Members of the 323rd Army Band “Fort Sam’s Own” led off the military service floats for the Armed Forces Day River Parade May 17.



The 2014 Fiesta military ambassadors greet the crowds lining the banks of the San Antonio River Walk May 17.

Photos by Larry Coffey

A WEEK TO TAKE PRIDE IN JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON, JBSA-CAMP BULLIS



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Howard Watkins

Mike Ball, deputy director for installation support, Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis, uses a chainsaw to cut apart tree limbs from a vacant lot on McWilliams Road, adjacent to the Southwest Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center, building 6120, May 9 on JBSA-Camp Bullis as part of the Joint Base San Antonio Pride Week activities.



Photo by Barry R. Napp

U.S. Army Environmental Command employees Terri Bright (left) and Janice Sterling (right) trim trees and shrubs Friday around building 2264.



Photo by Ed Dixon

Joanne Douglas and Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Butcher trim a tree outside the 93th Training Group headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 9.

Master Sgt. Kevin O'Neal with the 502nd Security Forces Squadron sweeps leaves and debris from outside the 502nd SFS building May 9 on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston as part of the Joint Base San Antonio Pride Week activities.



Photo by Ed Dixon



Photo by Steve Elliott

Felipe Jimenez, 502nd Air Base Wing technical director, digs up the roots of weeds in the gravel May 9 outside the wing headquarters building.



Tim Szuszka, Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis supply supervisor, helps clear tree limbs May 9 from a vacant lot on McWilliams Road, adjacent to the Southwest Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center, building 6120, on JBSA-Camp Bullis.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Howard Watkins

Navy students at the Medical Education and Training Campus conduct a foreign object debris, or FOD, walkdown May 15 to clean the campus of trash and spruce up the area as part of Joint Base San Antonio Pride Week activities.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Paul Martin

Heavy equipment operators from the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron pick up leaves and debris May 9 from outside the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Post Office, building 368.

Photo by Ed Dixon



Army contracting, decision-making authority expands to lower levels

By Ryan Mattox
MICC Public Affairs

The appointment of four new principal assistants responsible for contracting at Mission and Installation Contracting Command contracting support brigades and a field directorate office is establishing greater authority and decision-making at lower command levels.

During the last several years, MICC officials brought many of those contracting actions to the headquarters level.

“We are going to power down all those authorities that used to be at the headquarters level down to the brigades and FDO,” said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Gabbert, MICC commanding general. “With that comes this individual accountability and while we

are going to accept risk as an Army by letting go of the controls, powering those authorities down calls for individual accountability.”

In January, Heidi Shyu, assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology in her capacity as the senior procurement executive, appointed Gen. Dennis Via, Army Materiel Command commanding general, as head of the contracting activity for AMC.

That decision led to the consolidation of heads of the contracting activities to one within AMC and its subordinate units. The reason for this change, as articulated by Shyu, is that this restructuring will, “... improve performance, enable more effective customer support and strengthen oversight

across the enterprise.”

As the HCA, Via’s scope of authority is to promote and require standardized contracting policies and procedures throughout AMC.

One of Via’s first acts as the HCA was to appoint four individuals to act on his behalf for responsibilities of the HCA capable of being delegated, except for those requiring general officer or senior executive service approval, for the MICC. Those responsibilities are described in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the Defense FAR Supplement, the Army FAR Supplement, and other acquisition directives and regulations.

The four new PARCs for the MICC are: Col. Timothy Strange, 412th CSB commander, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort

Sam Houston; Col. Antonio Brown, 419th Contracting Support Brigade commander, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Col. Timothy Starostanko, 418th CSB commander, Fort Hood, Texas; and Tim Tweed, MICC Field Directorate Office-Fort Eustis director, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

Two deputies to these CSBs were also appointed to act as PARCs in the absence of their PARC. They are April Miller, the 412th CSB director at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; and Clay Cole, the 418th CSB director at Fort Hood. George Cabaniss Jr., deputy to the MICC commanding general at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, retains his authority as MICC headquarters PARC.

The PARC is the senior staff official for delegable contracting functions with-



Photo by Ryan Mattox

Col. Tim Strange (center) discusses contract actions with Andrea Vigliotti (left) and April Miller May 13 at the 412th Contracting Support Brigade on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Strange is the 412th CSB commander and Miller is the deputy to the commander. Vigliotti is the acting chief for the Mission and Installation Contracting Command-Fort Sam Houston Mission Division.

in the contracting activity. The PARC, once assigned, acts on HCA duties that are delegated

The MICC commanding general issued the policy memorandum “Clearance Requirements for Acquisition Related Actions” on April 7, 2014, outlining responsibilities of PARCs for obtaining clearance

from the commanding general or deputy to the commanding general on contracting actions valued higher than \$100 million and those that require approval at the HCA level or higher, and which authorities will remain with the MICC headquarters PARC.

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CHILE from P1

hand May 12 during the induction ceremony for Gen. Humberto Oviedo, the Chilean Army commander, as he became the 48th member of the hall of fame and the first from a South American country.

“Chile has been a phenomenal partner in our region and their army has truly emerged as one of the world leaders within our area of responsibility,” Salinas said. “This ceremony is indicative of the bond between our armies.”

Several of Oviedo’s colleagues from the AWC class of 2000 were in attendance during the ceremony, including retired Maj. Gen. Simeon Trom-

bitas, the former commander of Army South.

“The personal relationships which began more

than 14 years ago are further inculcated by today’s ceremony,” Salinas said. “These relationships

are important and the bonds that were established here will last a lifetime.”

Oviedo said his time at the U.S. Army War College is something that has positively influenced him during his rise to the top position in the Chilean Army.

“More often than you’d imagine, as the commander of the Chilean Army, I’ve had to fall back on what I’ve learned here in order to search for better solutions to solving problems,” Oviedo said.

In addition to the educational benefits, Oviedo stressed the importance of friendships that were forged during his time at the institution.

“The greatest contribu-

tion of the United States Army War College, apart from the valuable knowledge I acquired, was the opportunity to make contact with different teachers and students over a wide cross-section of diverse areas, origins and nationalities,” Oviedo said. “No matter the distance or time that has passed, the friendships I made here facilitate the interaction between our countries and our military institutions.”

During the ceremony, the auditorium was filled with current students both from the U.S. and from other nations around the world. Salinas said it was a great opportunity for them to see the importance of the relationships established at

the War College.

Speaking to an audience that included his family members, friends, fellow Chilean officers and current faculty members and students, Oviedo described his time at the college as an experience he will continue to carry with him throughout his military career and beyond.

“I promise to be an honorable and favorable representative of the United States Army War College and I will act as its representative both in my country and when abroad,” said Oviedo. “Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this prestigious educational establishment and for making me part of this history.”



Photo by Robert R. Ramon

Gen. Humberto Oviedo (center), Chilean Army commander, meets with members of the U.S. Army War College staff May 12. Oviedo traveled to Carlisle Barracks, Pa. to take part in a ceremony in which he became the 48th member of the U.S. Army War College International Fellows Hall of Fame and the first from a South American country.

Army, Air Force interns hold research day

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

The San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium held its third annual Research Day competition at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

The event included 37 Army and Air Force interns in physician training programs from SAMMC and the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. Each presenter showcased research in their specialties including internal medicine, urology, diagnostic radiology, general surgery, pediatrics and orthopedic surgery.

The competition included an oral and poster presentation with fellows and residents presenting their original research along with

another group of residents presenting unique clinical vignettes in the hospital's medical mall.

"SAUSHEC Research Day is an opportunity for resident and fellow trainees to present their original research and interesting clinical vignettes in both a podium and poster format," said Michael Morris, associate program director for research, internal medicine residency chair, and SAUSHEC research subcommittee member.

"These presentations represent numerous hours of research activity aimed at medical innovations and discovery to provide improved health care for military personnel on and off the battlefield, as well as other DOD beneficiaries."

There are nearly 600 Graduate Medical Educa-

tion Army and Air Force physicians and more than 100 Graduate Allied Health Education providers in training.

GME include various fields of medicine in 36 different programs and GAHE has 22 programs at Brooke Army Medical Center, WHASC and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

The first, second and third place winners in each category were recognized and honored in Internal Medicine residency conference room by Dean of SAUSHEC Woodson Jones, BAMC Commander Col. Kyle Campbell, Deputy Commander for Clinical Service Col. Joseph Chozinski and SAUSHEC Associate Dean Air Force Col. Randall Zernach.

Residents' research

podium competition winners: first place, Air Force Capt. Richard B. Knight, urology; second place, Air Force Maj. David J. Oettel, diagnostic; third place, Air Force Capt. Lauren A. May, diagnostic radiology.

Fellows' research podium competition winners: first place, Air Force Maj. Diane C. Homeyer, infectious disease; second place, Air Force Capt. Gayle D. Haischer-Rollo, neonatology; third place, Air Force Lt. Col. Leslie A. Wood; pulmonary/critical care.

Resident research poster competition winners: first place, Army Capt. Christina M. Hylden, orthopedic surgery; second place, Army Capt. Thomas A. Mitchell, general surgery; third place, Air Force



Photo by Robert Shields

Air Force Capt. Ross Graham presents his resident research and clinical vignette poster titled "Intra-articular Morphine versus Lidocaine for Acute Knee Pain" during the 3rd Annual San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium Research Day April 24 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center medical mall. The research competition included an oral and poster presentation with fellows and residents presenting their original research along with another group of residents presenting unique clinical vignettes.

Capt. Thomas A. Heafner, general surgery.

Clinical vignette poster competition winners: first place, Air Force Capt. Alexandra J. Smith, in-

ternal medicine; second place, Air Force Capt. Augen Batou; internal medicine; third place, Air Force Capt. Erika O. Bernardo, pediatrics.

INSIDE THE GATE

Pool Opens for Summer Fun

Friday, the Aquatic Center opens for the season at 4 p.m. It features a 50-meter Olympic size swimming pool, water slides, aqua rock wall, lap lanes and a kiddie pool. The pool is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Cardholders may sponsor up to two guests. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Daily and summer passes are available for purchase. Pool is available for private parties and unit training. The Aquatic Center is open Monday-Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. on non-school days and 4-8 p.m. on school days. Call 221-4887.

Friday Night Jazz Returns

Friday, tickets for the next Friday Night Jazz concert at the Fort Sam Houston Theater May 23 are on sale. Featured artists include the Jeff Lorber Fusion, with special guest saxophonist Jimmy Haslip of the Yellowjackets. This event is open to authorized Department of Defense ID card holders and guests. For more information, call 466-2020. Tickets on sale at http://outhousetickets.com/Venue/Fort_Sam_Houston_Theater.

Annual Military Golf Classic

Saturday through Monday, patrons are invited to play in the Memorial Day Military Golf Classic roundabout starting with a scramble Saturday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph; Sunday at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with a modified alternate shot; and Monday at JBSA-Lackland with a best ball competition. Shotgun start time is 8 a.m. for all 3 days. Register at any JBSA Golf Course through May 17. Call 222-9386.

H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. This interactive playgroup group is for parents and children under age 5. Registration is not required. Call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Family Readiness Group Support Assistant Training

Wednesday and Thursday,

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This training will orient and inform FRSA's about the roles and responsibilities of their position. The FRSA plays a key role in assisting the efforts of commanders and FRG volunteer leaders in their support of service members and their families. Call 221-1868 or 221-0946.

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Information about how to become a volunteer and track your hours. Call 221-2336 or 221-2705.

Army Family Advocacy Program Unit Training

Wednesday, 2-4 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Mandated Army Unit Family Advocacy Training IAW AR608-18 regarding domestic and child Abuse identification, reporting, and prevention. Also covers Lautenberg Amendment, restricted and unrestricted reporting and victim compensation. Sessions consist of 30 minute increments, starting at the half hour. Call 221-0946 or 221-2705.

Trails and Tales of Fort Sam Houston

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This tour offers the newcomer an opportunity to become familiar with the installation and visit sites of our historic post. Transportation is provided. Call 221-1681 or 221-2705.

STOMP Workshop

A two-day Specialized Training of Military Parents workshop will be held June 2-3 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. This workshop will guide families, with special needs children, through multiple complex systems that exist in the military, educational programs, and within their community. Call 221-0497.

Father's Day Basketball Tournament

The Military & Family Readiness Family Life Program in conjunction with Child, Youth and School Services is hosting a Father's Day basketball tournament June 13, 6-8 p.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Middle School Teen Center. There will be eight-minute quarters in two side court games with a winner's game following. A fitness expert will provide a short presentation and light healthy snacks will be available. Must be a DOD ID cardholder to participate. Prizes will be awarded. Call 221-0349 by June 6.

2014 EFMP Arts and Dance Camp

These free four-day camps will be offered at all three JBSA locations for Exceptional Family Member Program special needs children, ages 6 to 18. June 9-12, 9 a.m. to noon at Freedom Chapel JBSA-Lackland, call 671-7636 to register; June 23-26 and July 21-24, 9 a.m. to noon at the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, call 221-1616 or 221-2962 to register; and July 8-10, 9 a.m. to noon at Chapel Fellowship Hall, JBSA-Randolph, call 652-5321 to register. These camps are facilitated by VSA Texas, a member of the international network of VSA, an affiliate of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Camp Bullis

The fish pond at JBSA-Camp Bullis is closed until further notice. For more information, call 295-7577.

Salado Park for Family Fun

Salado Park is perfect for family outings and events and is located adjacent to Salado Creek. The 13-acre park has 10 picnic areas, two large patio areas and a covered pavilion. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance at the Outdoor Equipment Center and includes picnic tables and the BBQ stand. The park also features a volleyball court and playground areas. The park is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 221-5224.

Youth Tennis lessons offered

The SKIES Instructional Programs offers tennis lessons for youth 6 to 18 years of age. Cost per youth is \$40 to \$80. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 2-5 p.m. Classes are taught on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the tennis courts, located at the corner of Scott and Hardee Roads. Call 221-3381 or 221-4871.

Volunteer Sports Officials Needed

The Joint Base San Antonio

sports and fitness programs are seeking volunteers to officiate intramural sport games at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph. 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.

Massage Therapy at Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center is offers massage therapy sessions. There will be a licensed massage therapist on site helping patrons to release and unwind from the rigorous routine of the workday. Various packages and discount prices are available. Call 221-1234.

New Squadron Commanders and First Sergeants Program

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 in promoting mission and family readiness. Call 292-5967.

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.

JBSA Travel

The Force Support Squadron's Information, Tickets and Travel office has a new website catering to the military community's travel needs at <http://www.jbsatravel.com>. It's a one-stop location for booking air, hotel and car rentals. Patrons who need more information can fill out a travel request online and a leisure travel agent will contact you with all the information to make

your vacation dreams a reality. Call 671-3133.

SKIESUnlimited Classes

SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381.

Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, building 1705. Cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6; 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10; and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381.

Harlequin Youth Academy

Tuesday and Wednesday 5-6:30 p.m., ages 5-18 Instructors are world-travelled performers who have worked at Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld and a number of international cruise lines. Multiple child and military discounts available. Military affiliation not required. For more information, call the Harlequin Dinner Theatre at 222-9694.

Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. Call 221-3828.

Library Story Time

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

Game Time at the Library

Gamers can play Xbox, Wii, PS3 and classic board games at 5 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

Green to Gold Program Briefing

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC conducts a Green to Gold Program brief at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month, excluding training/federal holidays at the Post Education Center, building 2248, room 207C. The purpose of the brief is

to educate active duty Soldiers on the benefits, options, and qualifications of the Army Green to Gold Program. Call the UTSA recruiting officer at 458-5607, St. Mary's University recruiting officer at 436-3415 or the 5th Brigade at 295-2005 or 295-0429.

Army Substance Abuse Program

The Army Substance Abuse Program is located at 1835 Army Blvd., building 2007, and serves all branches of the military, including active duty service members, trainees, Reservists on active duty and those in the Warrior Transition Battalion. The program office is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 295-4094.

Tobacco Cessation Class

Class meets Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m. at the Primary Care Clinic, building 1179. Call 916-7646.

Tobacco Cessation Support Group

A support group meets the third Friday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. in the Brooke Army Medical Center Pulmonary Clinic, third floor, Consolidated Tower. Call 916-7646.

Walking Groups

A morning group meets from 5:30-8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Freedom Park, behind the Warrior and Family Support Center. An afternoon group meets from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus. Call 916-7646.

ZUMBA® Classes

Zumba® classes are \$3 per class, Monday from 6-7 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 5-6 p.m. Classes are free Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 5:15-6:15 a.m. and are held at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Call 808-5709.

Yoga at SAMMC

A yoga class is held noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Friday in the Pediatric GME conference room (TN-122) at San Antonio Military Medical Center. Mats are provided, but participants should bring their own, if they have one. Call 916-7646.

AMEDDC&S from P3

"It is not about what they have done, but about what they have not done," said Maj. Gen. Brian Lein, deputy Army Surgeon General and deputy commanding general for operations of the U.S. Army Medical Command, as he spoke about the accomplishments of the command under the Tempel's leadership. "They have led the way in the readiness of the Soldier through initiatives increasing wellness from 20 percent to more than 47 percent."

Lein noted that the command returned more than a billion hours of training time back to the commands, increased dental readiness to new levels, increased the readiness of the Soldier and better prepared dental teams to deploy.

The command also instituted an on-boarding program, cutting in-processing time from just under a month to 12 days, providing better stability for Soldiers and families, with a more predictable scheduling process which opens up thousands of new appointments.

"Combining care with dieticians and other health care providers has markedly reduced the risk of cavities as well as



Photo by Ed Dixon

Col. Thomas Tempel (center), outgoing commander of the U.S. Army Dental Command, is pinned to the rank of major general at a promotion ceremony held May 14 at the Fort Sam Houston Post Theatre. Assisting with the pinning ceremony is (from left) retired Army Lt. Gen. Frank Ledford, former Army Surgeon General; Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, Army Surgeon General and commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Command; and Tempel's parents, retired Army Maj. Gen. Frank and Elaine Tempel.

improving health," Lein said. "We are following the Army Surgeon General's vision of transforming from a healthcare system to a system for health.

"Don, as you assume the mantle of leadership again, may you continue to demonstrate the humility, integrity and commitment that has brought you this far," Lein said to Grimes. "Lead from the front and know that your family has your back as they have done for the past 34-plus years."

"You can't imagine how honored I am to

take the reins of this outstanding organization," said Grimes, who began his Army career as a 91B medic in San Antonio.

Grimes enlisted in the Army in 1975 and served as a Special Forces Medic in the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). In 1981, he graduated from the Reserve Officer Training Corps and as an infantry second lieutenant, he served as a detachment commander in the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Utah Army National Guard.

Upon return to active

duty, he served as a dental officer in numerous positions overseas and stateside. Grimes was the staff officer to the dental corps chief's office, Office of The Surgeon General, Falls Church, Va., and became the deputy corps chief in 2013.

Later the same day, Tempel was promoted to major general at a ceremony held at the Fort Sam Houston Post Theater.

Tempel's new assignment is special assistant to the Army Surgeon General.

MICC from P14

For these new PARCs, appointment is not just about awarding contracts any more, it is now about being the decision-making authority for a list of situations from contract closeouts to unauthorized commitments.

"The most pronounced effect of this decentralization of authority is that the decision-making and approval authority for

most acquisition decisions are now vested in the CSB and FDO PARCs," said Albert Jacob, director of policy and at the MICC headquarters. "The clearance process ensures that the MICC CG and DCG maintain oversight related to contract actions typically valued at \$100 million or above. The MICC headquarters, CSB and FDO staff are still required to coordinate those actions that require

approval of the HCA or higher."

Some authorities will remain at the headquarters level and not be delegated to the CSB and FDO level. Those are the overseeing and assessing of the contract management review program, establishing acquisition policy and standardizing procedures.

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. The command also managed more than 780,000 Government Purchase Card Program transactions in fiscal 2013 valued at an additional \$880 million.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 2301 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
11:01 a.m. - Contemporary "Cross-roads"

Brooke Army Medical

Center Chapel

Building 3600,
3551 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

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

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

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>.



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Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide or CO is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine, such as a furnace, heater or generator, is not working or vented properly. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.

Learn what you can do to protect your family from the dangers of CO.

- Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of CO.
- Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of debris.
- Remove vehicles from the garage immediately after starting.

Fact - More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning.

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