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Mass casualty exercise tests hospital's ability to handle multiple trauma events

By Lori Newman
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center held a mass casualty exercise Oct. 22 to test the staff's ability to handle multiple trauma events within minutes of each other.

As part of the exercise, San Antonio Military Medical Center received, triaged and treated 47 simulated patients as they arrived from several incidents around San Antonio, to include an airline crash at San Antonio International Airport and two incidents involving a hazardous chemical.

"All of these events made it necessary to stand up the hospital's Emergency Operations Center and pre-determined triage locations around the facility," said Sgt. 1st Class George Wible Jr., emergency management noncommissioned officer in charge.

Patients from the airline crash arrived via ambulance bus with simulated burns, broken bones and assorted lacerations. As those

patients were being treated, more ambulances arrived with patients from a chemical plant explosion at a separate site.

"The explosion sent us patients who were exposed to a noxious agent. So we had to decontaminate them in the emergency room

decontamination room and call for the hospital decontamination team to stand up," said Lt. Col.

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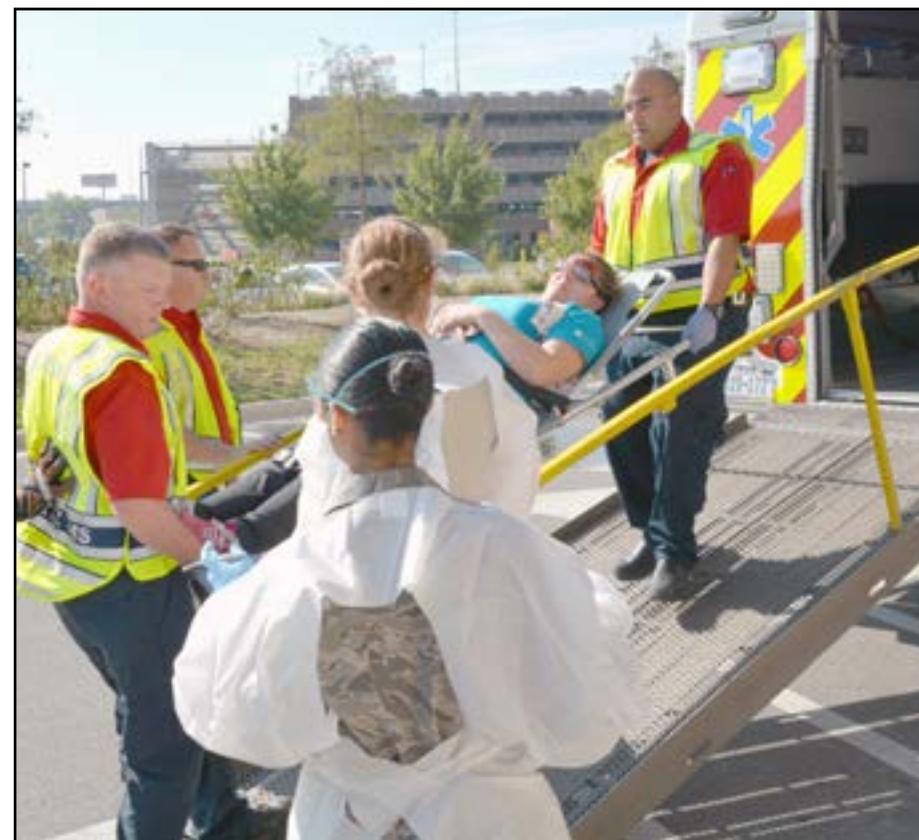


Photo by Rob Shields

Simulated trauma victims arrive at San Antonio Military Medical Center Oct. 22 as part of the mass casualty exercise to test the staff's ability to receive, triage and treat multiple trauma patients arriving within minutes of each other.

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'Joint Base San Antonio Proud Week' runs Monday through Nov. 14 across all locations

In an effort to reinforce installation stewardship as a key component of our culture of excellence, Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, has designated Monday through Nov. 14 as "Joint Base San Antonio Proud" Week.

This will be a week for all members of Team JBSA to showcase their pride across each of our four locations (JBSA-Randolph, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Camp Bullis, JBSA-Lackland) and join forces with other JBSA mission partners to improve the appearance of our installation.

In this budget constrained environment, we have had to cut back significantly in formerly contracted requirements (trash pick-up, weeding, pruning, general grounds maintenance) across JBSA.

As a result of installation support budget reductions that have occurred under sequestration, the base no longer has funding to perform these types of tasks. Therefore, we'll have to "return to the past" when we used a team approach to accomplish this effort, LaBrutta said.

"When I was an enlisted airman through staff sergeant, I was

required to perform details. During that period, we picked up trash, cigarette butts and took care of not only the grounds but the facilities we occupied. I learned a lot from that time in my career about pride, service and responsibility," LaBrutta said.

LaBrutta asks JBSA personnel to pitch in by picking up debris and trash as well as removing weeds and pruning bushes and trees around their assigned facilities, dormitories and work spaces.

In order to execute this massive effort, the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron will designate "self-help"

locations at JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Randolph to provide clean up and appearance improvement items for organizations to use.

Rakes, brooms, trimmers, trash bags, wheel barrels, gloves and safety goggles will be provided at the designated locations on a first-come, first-served basis to sign out. Organizations are asked to augment the items provided to help ensure adequate supplies for JBSA Proud Week.

Filled trash bags should be deposited in one of the designated dumpsters in your area. Additionally, dumpsters

will be available for green waste and regular trash. For items too large for organizations to safely transport, civil engineers will have curbside service available to assist in removing large debris.

For more information, contact your civil engineer customer support team representatives:

- JBSA-Lackland: 671-2339.
- JBSA-Fort Sam Houston/JBSA-Camp Bullis: 221-3471.
- JBSA-Randolph: 652-2242/3808.
- 502nd CES Operations Flight: 671-3015.

(Source: Joint Base San Antonio Public Affairs)

CAC/ID issued by appointment only starting Dec. 1

By Steve Elliott
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Public Affairs

Starting Dec. 1, all 502nd Air Base Wing Military Personnel Section Common Access Card and military identification issuance facilities will operate on a customer appointment system basis only.

This process will reduce overall wait times, while still allowing the capability to assist customers in emergency situations, according to Air Force Capt. Linda M. Arias, chief of the Military Personnel Section at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

"A group of seven

customer service subject matter experts from all JBSA locations have been working to implement this system to save time for people waiting to get their CAC or ID cards," Arias said. "We wanted to cut the wait time from four to six weeks to four to six days. In the best case, people will get an appointment the next day."

Customers will be served on an appointment-only basis and will schedule appointments at any of the 502nd ABW JBSA MPS facilities by visiting the RAPIDS Appointment scheduling website at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>.

• Select "Make Ap-

pointment."

- Select a state.
- Select a city. All appointment sites in your local area will populate.
- Select your desired location. A calendar will appear with all days highlighted in green that are available for scheduling an appointment.
- Select a date in green and fill in all information on the screen that follows. Contact information and the address for the chosen site are also on this page.

Hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Appointments will start at 8 a.m., in 15-minute increments, with the last appointment of the day at

3:15 p.m.

"Walk-in" customers will not be accepted; however, circumstances and needs will be assessed case-by-case to determine if an "exception to policy" is warranted.

The following categories will be considered exceptions to policy: wounded warriors, mission-critical military members, lost or stolen identification cards with proper justification, elderly or incapacitated military members and customers driving from distances of 100 miles or farther. Mission-critical military personnel in uniform (without dependents requiring service) will

have priority within these categories.

"Once your appointment has been scheduled, the screen that follows is your confirmation sheet. Be sure to print this page and keep it for your records," Arias said. "A confirmation email will also be sent to the email you provided. Along with your confirmation, there will be a page of information that explains what may be required in order for you to be serviced."

For more information on this process, contact your local DEERS/ID Card offices at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 221-0415; JBSA-Lackland, 671-4178 and JBSA-Randolph, 652-2276.



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News Briefs

Operation Home Cooking

Operation Home Cooking, the annual program that allows area families to take home an Air Force trainee from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland for Thanksgiving, kicked off Monday. The hotline is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 671-5453/5454/3701. The phone line is closed weekends and holidays.

Mission Thanksgiving

For information about the Army's 2014 Mission Thanksgiving at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, call 808-7001 or 808-7002. Mission Thanksgiving started more than 20 years ago when area families and the installation chaplains joined to start a program providing an opportunity for Soldiers to take a break from training and enjoy a Thanksgiving day within a family environment.

There Is Still Time For FEHB

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort

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ARNORTH ensures New England CBRNE response force tested and ready to go

By Army Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
Army North Public Affairs

A simulated large-scale disaster has hit New England. Thousands of people are displaced, injured and covered in contamination.

This multi-state disaster is of such a magnitude it overwhelms local first responders.

The local officials tell their state governor, "We need more help." Who's he going to call? The New England Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, that's who.

The Guardsmen who make up the New England CERFP were at the Rhode Island Fire Academy in Exeter, R.I., Oct. 21-26 to participate in a training and evaluation exercise to recertify the CERFP for another two years.

The exercise was overseen by evaluators from U.S. Army North's Civil Support Training Activity and the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center.

The New England CERFP is made up of nearly 200 Army and Air National Guardsmen from Rhode Island, New

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Robert Fruggiero (right), a decontamination evaluation analyst with U.S. Army North's Civil Support Training Activity, watches as Soldiers from the 861st Engineer Company, Rhode Island National Guard, transport a "victim" Oct. 22 during a training and evaluation exercise at the Rhode Island Fire Academy.

AETC COMMANDER VISITS JBSA-CAMP BULLIS

(Below) Tech. Sgt. Thomas Humphreys, 937th Training Support Squadron Aeromedical Evacuation Patient Staging Course supervisor, gives a tour of a C-130 Hercules, which has been converted into a medical training platform, to Gen. Robin Rand, commander of Air Education and Training Command, during a tour Oct. 29 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Rand visited the Medical Readiness Training Center, touring the compound's training facilities and meeting with Airmen.



(Below) Gen. Robin Rand, commander of Air Education and Training Command, visits with security force academy instructors during his visit to the 343rd Training Squadron Oct. 29 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Security Forces course instructors ensure apprentice security forces Airmen are taught elements of career-field orientation, weapons training, ground combat skills, basic air base defense tactics, law enforcement and additional survival tactics training to meet the needs of today's security forces Airmen.



Photos by Johnny Saldivar

(Above) Gen. Robin Rand, commander of Air Education and Training Command, addresses security forces Airmen in training during his visit to the 343rd Training Squadron Oct. 29 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Staff Sgt. Mark Styles (second from left), 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment (Mountain), New Hampshire National Guard, observes his Soldiers rehearsing the proper way to remove protective gear Oct. 22 at the Rhode Island Fire Academy in Exeter, R.I. The Soldiers were there as part of their re-certification training with the New England Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package.

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Hampshire and Maine. It consists of a mission command team, a medical team, a search and extraction/recovery team, a decontamination team and a security team.

The unit's evaluation and training was part of the FEMA Region I Homeland Response Force evaluation and training that took place at Joint Base Cape Cod, Mass.

While the units have been on mission since 2010, it is necessary for them to be re-certified every two years to ensure they are capable of carrying out the mission if called upon.

"The policy was established by the National Guard Bureau," said Jerry McGhee, JITEC chief exercise planner. "This is due to people rotating in and out of the units,

new equipment and new changes.

While the CERFP is capable of working independently, having the HRF set up 100 miles away added a level of complexity to the evaluation.

"As a commander, I like to have eyes on my troops but sometimes that is not always possible, so I rely on what I am being told to make decisions," said Col. Richard Johnson, commander of the Region I HRF.

Johnson said the CERFPs conduct training throughout the year so they are always ready if called upon.

During the first four days of the training the CSTA and JITEC subject-matter experts ran the unit through training to allow them to rehearse the objectives they would be evaluated on, the

last day was the evaluation day.

"To pass the evaluation and be certified the CERFP has to be able to process 40 ambulatory and 20 non-ambulatory patients through the decontamination process," said Sixto Martinez, a contractor working with CSTA. Martinez, who was evaluating the decontamination line, said it takes an average of 10 minutes to get one person completely through the line.

One of the many challenges faced by the members of the CERFP was keeping the pace up and staying hydrated while wearing full protective gear.

"Even when it is not hot outside, it gets hot in the suits," said Army Master Sgt. Michael Healey, 143rd Airlift Wing medic, assigned to Rhode Island Air Na-

tional Guard. "We constantly have to push water and rest. We aren't doing anyone any good if we become a casualty. We all work together to accomplish our task."

The units that comprise the New England CERFP include:

Search and extraction: 861st Engineer Company, Rhode Island National Guard.

Decontamination: Company C, 237th Military Police Battalion, New Hampshire National Guard; Third Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment (Mountain), New Hampshire National Guard; 143rd Airlift Wing, Rhode Island Air National Guard.

Medical: 157th Refueling Wing, New Hampshire National Guard.

Command and control: 521st Troop Command Battalion, Maine National Guard.

World's largest Candlewood Suites opens at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

The world's largest Candlewood Suites opened at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sept. 23 with a ceremonial ribbon cutting and open house, according to a press release from Lend Lease (US) Public Partnerships, a public-private community development firm.

Paul Cramer, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for installations, housing and partnerships served as keynote speaker at the event.

"The Secretary of the Army determined to obtain the best value for service members and families in terms of high-quality lodging operations and facilities that are sustained for years to come, we needed to competitively select a partner to operate and manage the Army's transient lodging facilities," Cramer said.

"The partnership that

has been created between the Army, Joint Base San Antonio, our partner and developer Lend Lease, and the hotel operator InterContinental Hotels Group, is a model that can be applied as an example across the government of what can be achieved when government and private sector work together."

The five-story, 153,685-square-foot Candlewood Suites is designed as an extended-stay model, with 310 studio and one-bedroom suites offering full kitchens and large work areas. Other amenities include a swimming pool with patio pavilion; business, fitness and laundry facilities; a 24-hour Candlewood Cupboard for food and snacks; daily hot breakfast and a free on-post shuttle.

The hotel is part of the Privatization of

Army Lodging program, an Army-led program launched in 2009 as a means to revitalize on-post lodging facilities for military members, their families and all government travelers.

"With brands like Candlewood Suites, Holiday Inn Express and Staybridge Suites, we are truly creating a new standard in on post hotels," said Marc Sierra, Lend Lease (US) Public Partnerships managing director.

"It wouldn't be possible without the Department of the Army's foresight, passion and commitment to push forward an innovative privatization program focused on providing both immediate improvements and long-term sustainment of hotel assets for the next 50 years," Sierra added.

(Source: Cohn Marketing)



Courtesy photo

Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Candlewood Suites hotel on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sept 23 were (from left) Paul Cramer, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for installations, housing and partnerships; Robert Naething, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army deputy commanding general); Col Steven A. Toft, commander 502nd Mission Support Group; Philip Carpenter, executive vice president, Lend Lease; Arthur Holst, vice president of operations, IHG Army Hotels; Rhonda Hayes, chief, capital ventures directorate, office of the deputy assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment; Ivan Bolden, chief, Army Public-Private Initiatives Division, office of the assistant chief of staff for installation management and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey S. Hartless, U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

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Sam Houston and San Antonio Military Medical Center Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs may be over, but Open Season 2014 is ongoing. Employees have from Monday to Dec. 8 to select new health benefits providers or make changes to their current health benefit plans. Air Force employees can call 808-0205, while Army employees can call 221-9638 or 221-2934. All employees may also go to the OPM website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp> for additional information.

ADAPT Relocates

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Clinic at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is located on the fifth floor. Visitors should proceed to Room 5B29 to check in. For more information, call 292-4452.

ID Cards/DEERS Office Move

The ID Cards main office formerly at building 367 has relocated to the first floor of building 2263, 2484 Stanley Road. Customers are serviced by appointments only, which can be made by visiting <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/hra/idcard.aspx>. Emergencies are handled on a case-by-case basis. For more information, call 221-0415/2278.

Passports, Visas Office Move

The passports and visas office formerly at building 367 has relocated to the basement of building 2263, 2484 Stanley Road. For more information, call 221-0347.

Army In/Out Processing

All Soldiers and their families arriving and departing Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston must report to building 2263, room 100A at 2484 Stanley Road. The office recently relocated from building 367. For info call 221-2076/0146.

Air Force Comptroller Office Relocation

Finance personnel services for Air Force military and civilian personnel relocated from building 4196 to building 2263, room 300. For more information, call 221-1415.

Army acquisition leader visits MICC officials

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

The principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology spent Oct. 21 with contracting officials at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Gabe Camarillo met with leaders from the Mission and Installation Contracting Command to discuss topics of interest across the command and Army contracting.

As principal deputy, he advises the assistant secretary and Army leadership on all matters relating to Army acquisition, procurement, research and development, and logistics.

Camarillo's responsibilities also include the development of policies, programs and processes for the execution of the Army's acquisition efforts.

MICC leaders and subject matter experts began the day by briefing Camarillo on metrics employed by the command that drive contracting operations.

MICC officials underscored improvements the command has experienced since the inception of metrics and how they

reinforce accountability and transparency.

Camarillo said that he learned a great deal about the superb contracting work that is being performed by the MICC.

"I'm impressed by how the MICC and its subordinate units are using contracting operations metrics to achieve desired results," he said.

The senior civilian deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for AL&T was also briefed on the MICC's greater operational role since the integration of deployable units in 2013.

The MICC's 614th Contingency Contracting Team from Fort Benning, Ga., deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in August in support of combat operations, and members of the 922nd Contingency Contracting Battalion at Fort Campbell, Ky., are preparing to depart soon in support of the government's response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa.

Melissa Garcia, a contracting officer from MICC-Fort Bliss, Texas, helped lead discussions with Camarillo on the command's use of reverse auctioning and the need to educate



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Gabbert (left) discusses the Mission and Installation Contracting Command's use of metrics to drive contracting operations with Gabe Camarillo Oct. 21 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Gabbert is the MICC commanding general and Camarillo is the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology.

small business representatives on the emerging contract vehicle. Reverse auctioning allows Army requirements to be solicited online through a fully automated process offering greater efficiencies for both MICC customers and contracting personnel, often at greater savings for the government.

Camarillo also heard about the command's small business outreach efforts and successes. In fiscal 2014, contracting officials across the command awarded more than \$2.4 billion in contracts to American small businesses.

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ARNORTH PROMOTES ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM



Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) and senior Army commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, makes opening remarks at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Adopt-A-School Program Fall Luncheon Oct. 29. The luncheon brought together 10 schools partnered with various units on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to discuss further developing programs with the schools. "This is probably one of the most important things we do here at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston," Wiggins said. "Today is about talking and getting at things we can do to help make our partnership better." The units participate in mentorship and other school programs to promote learning.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wynn Hoke

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Dana Munari, chief of Nursing Services, Department of Emergency Medicine.

Taking a page from world headlines, three of the simulated patients were likely infected with the Ebola virus, testing the staff's ability to deal with that situation effectively.

"It's a very complex scenario," Munari said, noting that the exercise as a whole tested the systems throughout the hospital much more robustly than in the past.

"Overall, as with any exercise, there were certain aspects identified as requiring improvement or additional attention, all of which will certainly be taken into account as we continue to improve our plans," Wible said.

"Regardless, these shortfalls were greatly overshadowed by the overall successful response, cooperation, and teamwork displayed by participating hospital staff, particularly those operating within the Emergency Department, Patient Administration, and as part of the Decontamination Team."



Photo by Robert Shields

San Antonio Military Medical Center received, triaged and treated 47 simulated patients as they arrived from several incidents around San Antonio, to include an airline crash at San Antonio International Airport and two incidents involving a hazardous chemical.

U.S. Army Installation Management Command revises overseas tour policy to enhance development opportunities

By Amanda S Rodriguez
IMCOM Public Affairs

A new U.S. Army Installation Management Command policy published Oct. 28 will open development doors to its general schedule employees in grades nine and above by reducing a backlog of employees past their five-year overseas tour rotations and placing them in stateside positions to create a leadership development cycle.

The IMCOM Enhanced Placement Program policy 690-15, which went into effect Monday, uses the Priority Placement Program mechanism to rotate overseas civilians past their five-year tour into positions stateside, opening overseas tour development positions to others.

The policy's outcome equates to growth, devel-

opment and advancement opportunities that shape IMCOM careers and support the re-shaping of America's Army, according to IMCOM Director of Human Resources Karen Perkins.

"This initiative supports the Department of Defense five-year tour limitation policy by enhancing placement opportunities of IMCOM overseas talent who have been extended beyond five years," Perkins said.

"It provides placement assistance to positions back in CONUS. As part of this strategy, the OCONUS vacancies created by the program will open up additional opportunities for our CONUS employees who wish to obtain experience in the overseas environment.

"This facilitated mobility of the IMCOM workforce is

a key component of LOE1 and the strategic human capital plan to facilitate talent management and leader/workforce development," she added.

IMCOM non-displaced overseas employees registered in PPP will now be matched to stateside placement opportunities within the command and receive increased priority.

The combination of strictly adhering to five-year overseas tour limits and increased placement opportunities for OCONUS employees in PPP will create succession for leadership professional development facilitating talent management throughout the command, according to policy proponents.

To take advantage of the opportunities, said Perkins, IMCOM employees, super-

visors and leaders should immediately familiarize themselves with the policy and procedures, available on IMCOM Sharepoint at https://home.army.mil/sites/operational/g1/ASD/docs/PolicyMemo_690-15_IMCOMEnhancedPlacementProgram.pdf.

Employees should carefully review and update resumes and, in overseas locations, work with local civilian personnel advisory centers staff to ensure proper coding and registration is completed.

IMCOM developmental assignment programs, Department of the Army career programs and specified garrison key leader selection processes remain in place.

For general information about IEPP, call IMCOM Human Resources at 466-0416 or the local CPAC.

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Additionally, he learned about the innovative solutions such as the Contracting Tactical Operations Center application being fielded across the MICC to better manage contracting operations and enhance customer support and contract management.

While in San Antonio, the principal deputy assistant secretary also had a chance to tour the Center for the Intrepid and see the Army's advances in providing rehabilitation for Soldiers who have sustained amputation, burns or functional limb loss.

Headquartered at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 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 year 2014, the command executed more than thirty seven thousand contract actions worth more than \$5.6 billion across the Army.

The command also managed more than 633,000 Government Purchase Card Program transactions in fiscal 2014 valued at an additional \$783 million.

Army surgeon general praises JBSA-Fort Sam Houston medical team members training to fight Ebola virus

By Army Sgt. 1st Class
Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

Military health professionals training to be part of the medical support team that may be called upon to respond to new cases of Ebola in the U.S. can take pride that the nation turned to military medicine when faced with a potentially devastating virus, the Army's top doctor said.

The Army surgeon general met with the Department of Defense 30-member team at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Oct. 24 to express her appreciation for their willingness to be part of the response to Ebola virus concerns.

Army Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho visited the San Antonio Military Medical Center, where the team is receiving specific and deliberate training. She took questions and lauded the group for their participation in DOD's unprecedented mission.

"I just wanted to be able to come by, to be perfectly honest, to look everyone in the eye and say 'thank you,'" she said. "Thank you very much for your agreement to do this."

Horoho said she, and fellow service surgeons general, Navy Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan and Air Force Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Travis, were "greatly appreciative" of their efforts.

"We are very, very proud of those who are serving in military medicine," Horoho said. "You should be proud that the nation, when it was most

concerned, turned to military medicine."

"I think that speaks volumes," she said. "I think it really shows not only do you have the reputation on the battlefield, you have the reputation in the United States to be able to deliver the highest quality of care."

That is done, Horoho said, "by what you do each and every day so I really just wanted to come by and say thank you very much."

The general encouraged the team, as it continues to train to proficiency, to "really focus on the team steps and communication."

Get used to communicating the nuances, Horoho said, and learning each other's strengths and weaknesses, and really keep an eye on each other.

"That's how you're going to be successful, and how you're going to come back healthy," she said. "So thank you very much and Godspeed to you."

Following the day's training, two team members expressed their gratitude for senior military leaders' commitment to ensuring they are trained and well supported.

Army Capt. Justin Kimmel, an Army nurse based at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, said the team felt reassured by visits from Horoho and the earlier visit from Army Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command commander.

"The biggest thing is



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho (center) answers concerns from members of the Defense Department's 30-member medical support team designated for response to any potential U.S. outbreaks of Ebola during training Oct. 24 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

knowing that the higher command is basically supportive of us and is willing to give us whatever resources we need to get the mission accomplished," he said.

"That they're thinking about not only how we're going to take care of the patients," Kimmel said, "but also if something were to happen for us, how we're going to be supported and how our families are going to be supported."

It's reassuring, he said, so that the team is able to focus more on the mission than having to worry about how they and their

families are going to be taken care of.

Kimmel said he felt "honored" that the nation has called upon military medicine in its time of need.

"I feel honored that America's putting that kind of trust in us," he said. "We're kind of like the 911 responders being called. It's one of those things that you pray it doesn't happen but you prepare - 'plan for the worst, hope for the best.'"

"So hopefully we never get that call," Kimmel said, "but it's better to have that kind of back

up; that responsiveness."

Air Force Capt. Stacey Morgan, SAMMC clinical nurse and Baltimore native based, said she feels better as the team's proficiency continues to grow.

"I'm feeling better every day," she said. "The first day was overwhelming putting on all of the gear. It's a little nerve wracking to think about the potential for infection and things like that."

"After another day of practice putting on all the gear and taking it all off," Morgan said, "I think everyone was feel-

ing a lot better. I know I am for sure."

Morgan said she was pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of the specialized joint team of DoD medical professionals.

"I'm very honored to be on this team, and I think that it is a mission that America is really looking at," she said.

"I hope that we can kind of calm some of the nerves and some of the stigma that's going on," Morgan added. "So hopefully we can kind of smooth things over a little and make the nation feel a little safer."

Texas National Guard unit parachutes into JBSA-Camp Bullis

By Bob Kiser
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Public Affairs

Members of a Texas National Guard unit started a recent weekend parachuting from a C-130 Hercules aircraft at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

First Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment, Airborne, 36th Infantry Division is the lone airborne infantry battalion in the Army National Guard, said to Maj. Max Krupp, battalion commander.

"There are other airborne entities in the Reserve component, but you will never see any other Army National Guard Unit have five or six C-130s in trail and put 400 paratroopers into the air," Krupp said. "That's what we do."

Part of the unit's mission is to conduct mass-tactical airborne insertions consisting of numerous Air Force aircraft in trail formation delivering the maximum amount of paratroopers to a previously denied area. That was simulated with a proficiency jump at JBSA-Camp Bullis for about 200 soldiers Oct. 24.

Krupp explained that every Soldier has their respective job – whether it is machine gunner, platoon leader or communications specialist – and jumps with a complement of equipment regardless of the mission.

"The average paratrooper, such as a rifleman, in addition to his own weight and about 85 pounds of parachute, probably jumps with 100 pounds of personal

equipment to include ammunition, water, food to sustain themselves and other mission essential equipment such as radios, optics, etc.," Krupp said.

It can take months to plan and execute large-scale airborne operations. From synchronizing with the Air Force, to the mechanics of what the jumpmaster team does in support of the jumpers and then the ground tactical plan that takes place after landing. There is no distinction between qualifications of reserve and active duty airborne Soldiers.

"If you are an airborne Soldier or paratrooper, you are required to jump at least once a quarter or four times a year in order

to maintain your proficiency and ensure you are safe enough to conduct these operations," Krupp explained.

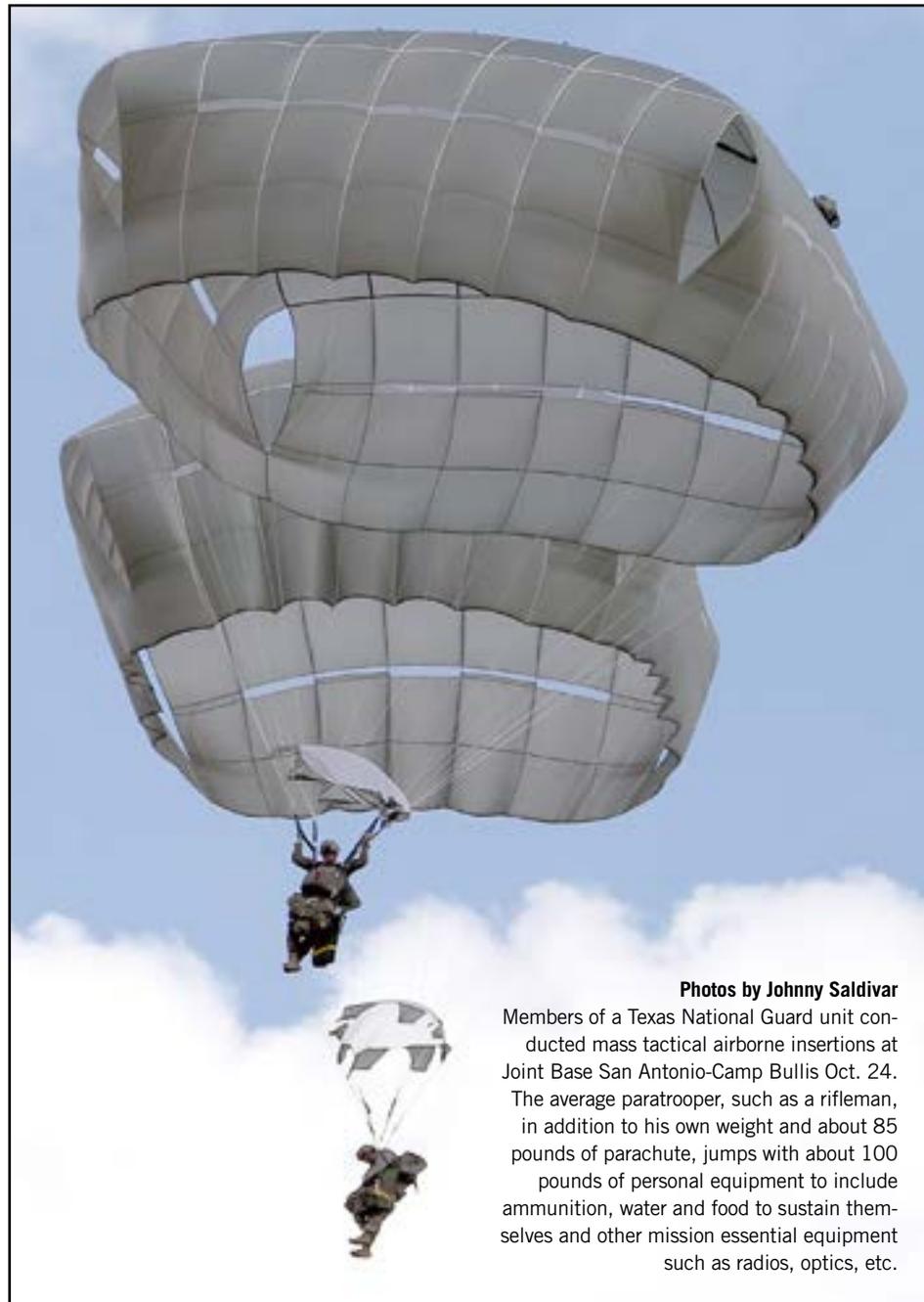
"I'm lucky enough to lead some of the best Americans and Texans that are available," Krupp said. "You'd be surprised. A lot of people don't want to do this type of work. Just looking at it with a camera to the sky looks picturesque, but there's a lot of work involved. It's not exactly a comfortable existence.

"Not only is it uncomfortable in the preparation to perform the airborne operation, but it's a lot of work and heartache and that's just to get delivered to your respective area," Krupp added. "And then the mission begins."



Paratroopers with the Texas Army National Guard 1st Battalion (Airborne), 143rd Infantry Regiment parachute onto a drop zone Oct. 24 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. The joint exercise provided relevant training opportunities for service members to train on both individual and collective team skills to help meet mission readiness requirements.

Army Staff Sgt. Paul Campos, medical company platoon sergeant with the Texas Army National Guard 1st Battalion (Airborne), 143rd Infantry Regiment, packs his parachute Oct. 24 after landing at JBSA-Camp Bullis.



Photos by Johnny Saldivar

Members of a Texas National Guard unit conducted mass tactical airborne insertions at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis Oct. 24. The average paratrooper, such as a rifleman, in addition to his own weight and about 85 pounds of parachute, jumps with about 100 pounds of personal equipment to include ammunition, water and food to sustain themselves and other mission essential equipment such as radios, optics, etc.

DOD travelers to receive 'Chip and PIN' credit cards starting in January

By **Claudette Roulo**
DOD News, Defense Media Activity

Starting in January, Department of Defense government travel card holders will begin receiving new "chip and PIN" cards, the director of the Defense Travel Management Office said Oct. 28.

In December, the department is due to wrap up a pilot program that started in February and involved about 600 users, Harvey Johnson said in a DOD News interview, adding that the pilot program has been successful so far.

The chip and PIN system already has been adopted in many parts of the world, because it offers additional security

to credit card users and merchants. Transactions involving these cards work something like an ATM withdrawal, in that the user inserts the card into a point-of-sale machine, and rather than signing for the purchase, the customer enters a four-digit personal identification number.

Point-of-sale machines read a chip embedded in the card – rather than the magnetic strip on the back – and the cardholder never has to hand the card off to a merchant. This two-step system protects against identity theft more effectively than the relatively easy-to-counterfeit magnetic strip and signature system.

Rollout to DOD users will begin with cardhold-

ers who have cards that will expire soon, Johnson said.

"So, as your card expires, you'll receive a chip and PIN," he explained. "If you're new to the Department of Defense, you'll receive a chip and PIN card."

Next up are cardholders who travel frequently, Johnson said.

By late summer 2015, all DOD travelers will have the chip and PIN card, Johnson said.

For now, chip and PIN cards are limited to people in the test population, but beginning in January, travelers will be able to request one if they will be traveling to a location where chip and PIN cards are dominant, Johnson said.

Army MWR presents Friday Night Jazz at Fort Sam Houston Theatre

By William Bradner
IMCOM Public Affairs

Jazz guitarist Nick Colionne and saxophonist Mindi Abair will perform live at the historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre at 8 p.m. Nov. 14. Reserved seat tickets are \$43 in advance and \$48 on the day of the show and at the door.

Nick Colionne is an acclaimed jazz guitarist whose style is described as urban and contemporary, combining jazz, rhythm and blues and funk sounds with rich baritone vocals.

Mindi Abair was the featured saxophonist on the 2011 and 2012 seasons of American Idol, performed with Paul Shaffer on the Late Show with David Letterman and



Photo by Jacquie Patrick

Jazz guitarist Nick Colionne headlines Friday Night Jazz at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre at 8 p.m. Nov. 14.

joined Aerosmith for their 2012 summer tour.

An outdoor patio with food and beverages will be set up for guests to socialize and mingle before the concert. The patio opens at 6 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m.,

and the show starts at 8 p.m. This event is open to authorized Department of Defense ID card holders and guests. For more information, call 466-2020 or visit http://out-housetickets.com/venue/fort_sam_houston_theater.

59th MDW recaptures thousands of dollars in orthotic services

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Carwile
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

In a climate where everyone is thinking of fiscal responsibility, the 59th Medical Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland considers it crucial to look for ways to save American taxpayer dollars while continuing to provide world-class health care.

This mindset is what led Staff Sgt. Taylor Hilliard, Business Innovation NCO in charge, to look at his regular job as an orthotic technician and ask questions about how much money was being spent on outsourced orthotic products.

“Our wing vice commander, Col. (Glenn) Yap, told me the clearest way to save money is to recapture leakage for services that are going

downtown,” Hilliard said. “So I asked if I could get a list of orthotic-related services that were being sent out.”

The San Antonio Military Health System provided Hilliard with a list that showed about \$700,000 worth of orthotic services are outsourced annually to medical firms in the local area. These products include anything from custom-made shoe inserts and leg braces to off-the-shelf, knee, ankle, wrist and back braces.

He then met with Master Sgt. Sean McClintock, the Orthopedic and Rehabilitation flight chief, to figure out why these services were not being done in-house.

“We met with the referral management office and looked at the policies and procedures we had

in place to decide what was being done here and what was sent downtown,” Hilliard said.

Working together, Hilliard and McClintock found ways to maximize the services that were available for patients on base and provided referral management with an expanded list of products and services that the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is able to provide.

“Wilford Hall’s orthotic lab is the only military outpatient lab in San Antonio,” Hilliard said. “While expenses for active-duty military members are typically covered, dependent family members aren’t covered for outsourced custom orthotic products, which can cost patients up to \$500 in out of pocket expenses.

“Plus, we are able to provide quality products with convenience for patients who work on or live near the base,” he said.

As a result of Hilliard’s innovative way to save money, the 59th MDW is now postured to reclaim about \$150,000 in TRICARE money for orthotic services within the next year.

“Because of his insight, the wing is in a position to redirect vital health care dollars,” said Maj. Janet Blanchard, chief of Business Innovation. “It’s just one example of our commitment. We were able to find a way to save money and enhance the patient experience. We have to continue to think outside of the box to build a climate that is patient-centered.”



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Carwile

Tech. Sgt. AnnaMaria Brown, 59th Medical Operations Group orthotic course supervisor, prepares a custom orthotic piece Sept. 4 at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The 59th MDW Orthotic Lab creates custom braces for all military members, as well as retirees and dependents, using different materials, depending on the amount of support and stability required.

4th ESC to host second comprehensive fitness Fit For Life course

By Army Staff Sgt. Nina J. Ramon
4th Sustainment Command
(Expeditionary)

Based on the success of its initial event three months ago, the 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will implement a second installment of its Fit for Life program in an effort to continue enhancing Soldiers’ resiliency and maximize physical fitness.

During the July 2014 F4L, more than 80 percent of the participants, which included enlisted personnel from throughout the command, showed marked improvements in their physical fitness scores while all expressed their enthusiasm for the value

of the program.

“One of the primary initiatives was to enable and empower participants with the ‘tools’ necessary to build a successful and realistic individual fitness and nutrition plan,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Moreno, Fit for Life lead coach/mentor. “Given participant feedback, I believe we achieved that.”

Mainly by word of mouth, an eagerness to participate in the program spread across the command, which encompasses five states, and is now being offered to officers as well.

The overall goal of Fit for Life is to encompass the whole body in an effort to not only assist in becoming a better individual Soldier,



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from throughout the 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) participate in a holistic and comprehensive approach to encompassing the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual domains program called Fit for Life. A diverse group of mentors and coaches from within the command, committed to assisting participants develop a personal plan to be stronger, healthier and ultimately “Fit for Life.”

but a better person overall for oneself, fam-

ily and the community. Similar to the initial

event, the second F2L program will encompass

the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual domains for Soldiers, but will also develop financial and resiliency plans and objectives in order to retain quality personnel who meet the Army standards.

“The program further emphasized disciplined initiative, teaching our Soldiers how to think rather than what to think,” Moreno said. “These types of skills are imperative in developing and growing our future leaders.”

The 4th ESC’s goal is to identify approximately 50 Soldiers within its command to participate in the upcoming program that is scheduled to take place Wednesday through Nov. 25 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Celebrate America's Military 2014 events continue throughout November

The schedule for Celebrate America's Military in San Antonio continues through Nov. 22. Since 1970, the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce has organized an annual tribute to our nation's military.

During CAM, the San Antonio community expresses appreciation to the men and women who serve and have served. It is one of the oldest and largest community-wide celebrations of the military throughout the U.S. and why San Antonio is known as "Military City USA."

Friday, 4-7 p.m.: Red, White and Brew, sponsored by the Alamo Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army takes place at the TownePlace Suites at 241 NE Loop 410, off Halm Boulevard. Event is free for service members. Call 687-4466 or visit <http://www.alamo-ausa.org/events>.

Friday, 7 p.m.: University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals vs. U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons men's soccer, Benson Stadium, 4301 Broadway. UIW hosts Air Force Academy. Free admission for military with ID and their families.

Saturday, 2 p.m.: University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals vs. McNeese State University women's volleyball, McDermott Convocation Center, 4301 Broadway. Military and their families receive free admission with their military ID. Parking is free with military ID.

Saturday, 8:30-10:30 a.m.: Military City USA "Thank You" Run,

Brooks City Base, 2510 Kennedy Circle. There is a \$30 registration fee for the 5K family fun run for adults, children, teams and corporate groups. Wounded warriors run free. Call 354-5164 or visit <https://runsignup.com/sathankyourun>.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon: U.S. Military Veterans Parade and wreath laying, 300 Alamo Plaza. Line the downtown streets and wave your American flag, showing your pride as you honor those veterans, past and present, who served or serve to defend our freedom and our nation. Visit <http://usmvp.com>. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, 3:30-9 p.m.: UIW Cardinals football vs. Sam Houston State, Benson Stadium, 4301 Broadway. The Cardinals play the nationally-ranked Sam Houston State Bearkats. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. UIW Athletics and Extended Academic Programs will host a pre-game tailgate starting at 3:30 p.m. for all members of the military and their family. Free admission for all members of the military with ID and discounted ticket price of \$7 for family members and guests of military with ID. Children 10 and under are free. Parking is free for military with ID.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.: San Antonio Spurs vs. New Orleans Pelicans, AT&T Center, One AT&T Parkway. The Spurs will host a Veterans Day celebration game for active duty and retired military service members. In partnership with the San

Antonio Chamber, the game will feature fitting recognitions of military members as well as discounted tickets for those who have worn or are wearing the uniform. Visit <http://www.attcenter.com>. Game-day ticket required. Call 444-5618 for more information.

Tuesday, 11 a.m.: Moment of silence and National Roll Call, sponsored by the University of Texas at San Antonio, Bill Miller Plaza, 501 Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. The UTSA Downtown Campus will honor service members with a wreath laying ceremony, moment of silence and National Roll. This event is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, 11 a.m.: The University of Texas at San

Antonio U.S. Army ROTC and U.S. Air Force ROTC Pass in Review, UTSA Main Campus, Sombrilla Plaza, One UTSA Circle. The Pass in Review is a long-standing military tradition that began as a way for a newly assigned commander to inspect his troops. The event is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.: Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony, San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo. Comprised of former slaves, freed men and Black Civil War veterans, the historic Buffalo Soldiers persevered through the most difficult conditions imaginable to become some of the most elite and most decorated units in the U.S. Army. The annual Bexar County

Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony at the San Antonio National Cemetery honors these past heroes with a keynote speaker, the reading of a memorial list, military honors and taps, and a benediction. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio.

Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.: Air Force Band of the West Veterans Day concert, Majestic Theater, 224 E. Houston St. Your United States Air Force Band of the West will feature its Concert Band in a grand performance on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2014 at the Majestic Theater at 7:00 p.m. This concert will feature the music of John Philip Sousa, John

Williams, Leroy Anderson, Gustav Holst, Carmen Dragon, William Owens and Maj. Glenn Miller with special guests, the Texas Children's Choir. This concert is free and open to the public. Ticket holders will be let into the Majestic Theatre at 6 p.m. Non-ticket holders will be able to enter at 6:45 p.m. For information, call 925-8763 or visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil>.

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: "Hiring Red, White and You," Freeman Expo Hall, 3201 E. Houston St. Join the Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Solutions Alamo and others for the 3rd Annual Hiring Red White and You Job Fair. This event is

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USAPHC leads Army efforts for public health accreditation

By Chanel S. Weaver
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Command Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Public Health Command has always been committed to upholding the highest standards of public health practice, preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health in Army beneficiaries.

To meet these commitments, the command is working with representatives from across the Army to enable Army preventive medicine departments to have their work validated by a third-party entity specifically focused on public health practice.

The Public Health Accreditation Board program is a voluntary national public health department accreditation effort and is the first, and currently the only, national accrediting body for governmental public health departments.

The PHAB is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving and protecting the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of tribal, state, local and territorial public health departments.

The PHAB and its accreditation program were developed in response to an identified need by public health practitioners and academicians for national performance standards and third-party validation of governmental public health practice. The program launched in fall 2011 after several years of consensus-based development.

“Achieving accreditation from PHAB represents a public health department’s commitment to meet standards of quality public health



Lauren Shirey, Army Public Health Command program evaluator, meets with the Irwin Army Community Hospital Department of Public Health accreditation team at Fort Riley, Kan., to discuss the accreditation process.

Photo by Kristen Bourland

practice,” said Lauren Shirey, accreditation lead and lead program evaluator at the U.S. Army Public Health Command.

One of the goals of PHAB accreditation is to certify that a public health department has the necessary capacity to assure or directly deliver the 10 essential public health services as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, outlined below:

1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.

5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.

7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.

9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services.

10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

Although an increasing number of state and local public health departments are accredited by PHAB and, as of early October, more than 300

more are in process, Army public health/preventive medicine facilities lack this third-party endorsement.

USAPHC is facilitating an interdisciplinary team of public health-affiliated representatives from across the Army, including Office of the Surgeon General, other MEDCOM, and USAPHC, in updating the PHAB Standards and Measures for Army use. The proposed Army-specific PHAB Standards and Measures are expected to be released for public comment in a 30-45 day period in December or January. The final Army version is expected to be published by PHAB in summer 2015.

“Our goal is to ensure that Army public health and preventive medicine departments interested in applying the national

public health department performance standards to their work and pursuing PHAB accreditation will have standards that are optimally suited to Army public health and that consistent definitions are used in doing so,” Shirey said.

USAPHC is also assisting the Fort Riley Department of Public Health (preventive medicine department) staff in their voluntary effort to achieve PHAB accreditation. This department is the first known Army entity to pursue PHAB accreditation. The Fort Riley team submitted its initial application to PHAB in August and is slated to submit their final application by summer 2015.

“We are conducting a case study of the process at Fort Riley, and sup-

porting them throughout the accreditation preparation and review process,” Shirey said. “Our goal is for Fort Riley to be a model for public health accreditation and continuous quality improvement at other sites across the Army,” Shirey said.

Although the entire process will take about two years to complete, USAPHC personnel said it is well worth the effort.

“We value consistency and quality in our work, continuous process improvement, performance management and third-party validation of our efforts, and the PHAB accreditation program offers a meaningful way for Army public health to demonstrate this,” said John Resta, director of the Army Institute of Public Health.

INSIDE THE GATE

Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run

The Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus is holding a pre-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run at 9 a.m. Nov. 15, starting at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center parking lot. This fun run is free and open to all DOD ID cardholders. No registration required. Call 808-5713 or 808-5709.

Tell Me a Story

The Family Life Program, in partnership with Parent to Parent, will host Tell Me a Story 5:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at the JBSA-Fort Sam

Houston Military and Family Readiness Center, building 2797. Tell Me a Story is an initiative created to empower our military children by using literature and their own stories through a fun learning experience. The featured book for this event will be "More Than Anything Else" by Marie Bradby. This book tells a true story of Booker T. Washington and his quest to learn to read. There will be a special guest to read the book to the children, as well hands-on activities and snack. Each family will also leave with a free copy of the event book. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, email PtoPJBSA@MilitaryChild.org.

Basketball Leagues

All students on the Medical Education and Training Campus are invited to play in the leagues that are now forming. League play

begins Dec. 9 and all letters of intent are due no later than Dec. 1. Letters of intent must be signed by the sports representative or unit commander. Units may have more than one team and females are encouraged to play. A coaches and rules meeting is scheduled for noon Dec. 4 in the training room at the Fitness Center on the METC. All games will be played at the Fitness Center on the METC. Call 808-5707 or 808-5709.

Take Aim at Sportsman's Range

Hours for the Sportsman's Range at JBSA-Camp Bullis are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. Cost to shoot is \$10 per DOD ID cardholder and \$15 per non-DOD ID cardholder. A DOD ID cardholder can purchase an annual pass for \$60. DOD cardhold-

ers may sponsor two guests. Call 295-7577.

Helping Us Grow Securely Playgroup

The interactive playgroup for parents and children up to age 5 meets 9-11 a.m. each Tuesday at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Teen Center. No registration required. Call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Spouses' Club of Fort Sam Houston Area

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area has a variety of events coming up such as monthly luncheons, community outreach and fun activity clubs like Bunko, a book club and bingo. The club is open to all ranks, all military services and Department of Defense civilians. Call 705-4767.



FOR SALE: Sony portable stereo set with five-CD player, double cassette player, built-in AM/FM Receiver, \$35; replica Tuscany-style secretariat (portable writing desk on four legs), flowery design inside and out,

four velvet-lined drawers, originally \$800, sell for \$165; Thomasville solid light wood cocktail table, 39 inches wide and 17 inches tall, with matching end table, 27 inches wide and 23 inches tall, excellent condition, \$125; Thomasville off-white sofa table with beveled glass on top, excellent condition, \$65; bamboo and rattan footstool, excellent condition, \$25. Call 491-0534. **FOR SALE:** 2000 Alpenlite Hillcrest fifth-wheel recreational vehicle, 33 feet long, \$16,500. Call 659-6741.

FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

FRIDAY

9-10 a.m. – Veterans Day celebration/Take A Vet To School Day, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road. 7:30 p.m. – Varsity football vs. Luling, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road.

MONDAY

School holiday/staff development day.

TUESDAY

School holiday.

WEDNESDAY

All day – Book Fair, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road. 6-8 p.m. – Lasagna supper, Cole High School cafeteria, 1900 Winans Road.

THURSDAY

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School reports go home. All day – Book Fair, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road. 5 p.m. – Middle School boys basketball Vs. Comfort, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road. 5:30-7 p.m. – 4th grade math night, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, Rooms 36, 37 and 38 blue ramp, 4531 Nursery Road. 6:30 p.m. – Fall musical, Cole High School, 1900 Winans Road.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Distinguished Veterans Artists Show

Through Jan. 4, 2015, the Institute of Texan Cultures at the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 801 E. César E. Chávez Blvd. in San Antonio, hosts the 5th annual Distinguished Artist Veteran art show. Organized by VSA Texas, the state organization on arts and disability,

this show is comprised of new works by disabled American veterans from Texas. More than a dozen men and women who served our country, from the Korean War to present operations, are represented. The arts are a therapeutic tool for many of our returning military personnel. Institute hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (65 and over); \$6 for children (3-11); and free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification. For more information, call 458-2300 or visit <http://www.TexanCultures.com>.

Veterans Day In Hondo

Hondo Commemorative Air Force hosts a free Veterans Day celebration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the South Regional Airport at 1600 Ave. M in Hondo, Texas. Activities include a "missing man" formation flyover, static aircraft displays, Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles aircraft who will give free rides to children ages 8-12, silent auction, keynote speaker, cake, live music and more. Gates open at 9 a.m. and the ceremony and other events are open to the public.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. Active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.

Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.

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designed to connect employers seeking qualified candidates with Texas Veterans and their family members seeking employment. Call 581-1087 or visit <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/vetsvcs/hiring-red-white-you.html>.

Thursday, 7-9 p.m.: U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus, Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, 1 Trinity Place. The musical ambassadors of the Army from Washington D.C., perform

patriotic music. To get free tickets, visit <http://www.armyfieldband.com/tickets>. For more information, visit <http://usarmy.arnorth.mbx.executive-services@mail.mil>.

Thursday, 7 p.m.: UTSA Military Appreciation Football Game, Alamodome, 100 Montana St. UTSA vs. Southern Mississippi. All veterans and active military will be honored during the UTSA vs. Southern Mississippi football game. Come out early and tailgate! Help us show our soldiers the

appreciation by giving the gift of fun to them and their loved ones. Gift your donated tickets for military members at \$12 per ticket for Sections 120-121. This event is open to the public. For tickets, call the UTSA Athletics Ticket Office at 458-UTSA (8872).

Nov. 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's Salute to Veterans ceremony and celebration, MacArthur Parade Field. Events include French Legion of Honor presentations to

U.S. World War II veterans, a U.S. naturalization ceremony and a celebration with food, drinks and musical entertainment. Free and open to the public. Dress is casual for civilians and the required duty uniform for military personnel. Access JBSA-Fort Sam Houston through Harry Wurzbach Road gate. Visit <http://www.arnorth.army.mil> for information.

Nov. 15, noon to 8 p.m.: GrillsGiving, Grilling With a Mission, Mission County Park, VFW Boule-

vard and Padre Drive, between South Presa Street and Roosevelt Avenue. Join us for CPS Energy's inaugural GrillsGiving at Mission County Park. Participants and guests will enjoy a festival like atmosphere, including a competitive barbeque cook off, local food truck favorites, live music, artisans and activities for the kids. Kids under 12 are free! Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/grillsgiving-at-mission-county-park-grillin-with-a-mission-tickets-13271867513>.

Nov. 22, 8 p.m.: San Antonio Symphony Veterans Day Concert "Salute to Service," Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, 1 Trinity Place. The San Antonio Symphony will again partner with the Air Force Band of the West for their annual patriotic "Salute to Service" show in San Antonio. This event has grown in years past, and space is limited. This concert is free and open to the public. Call 554-1004 or visit <http://www.sasymphony.org/> for more information.