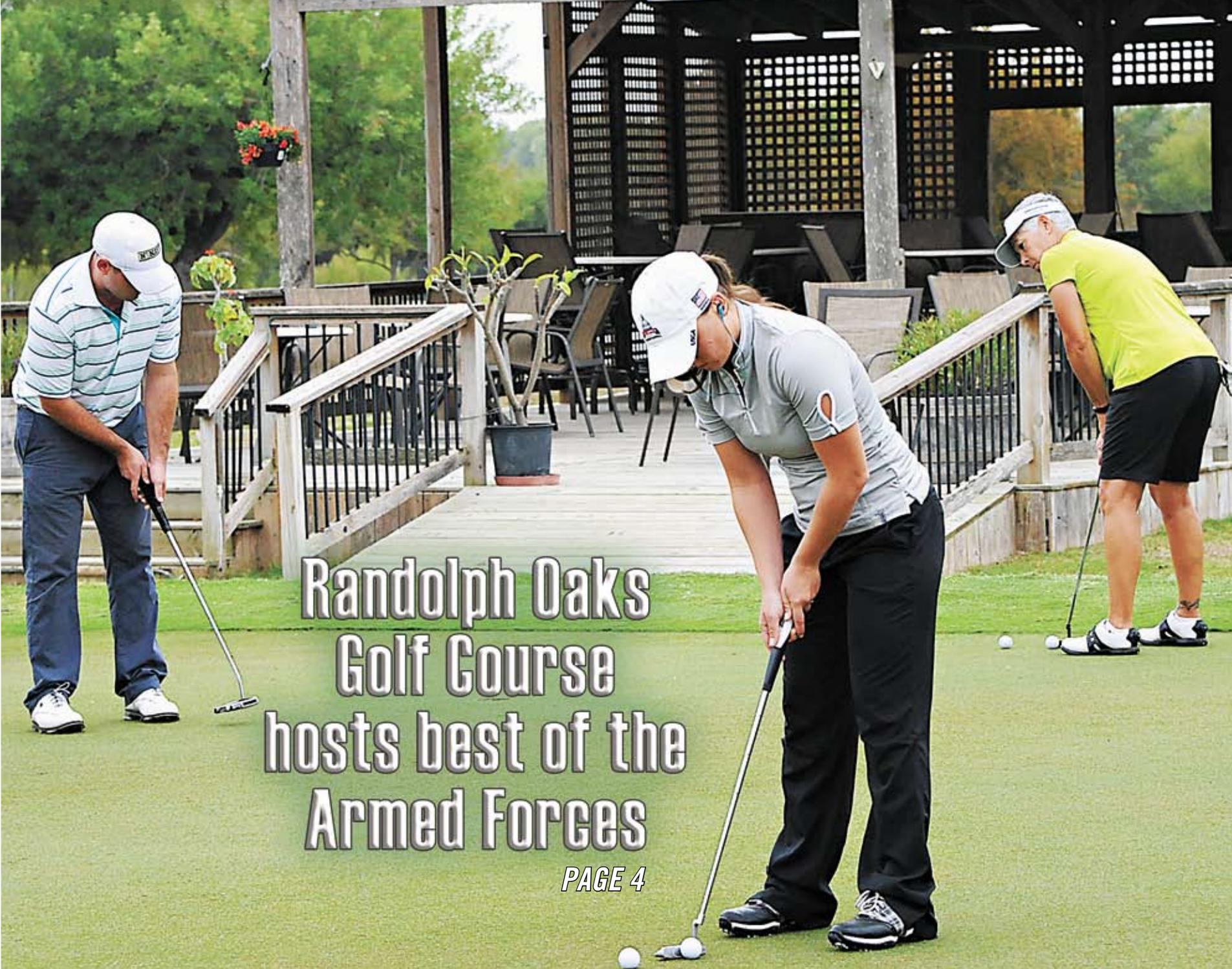




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COMMENTARY

Online vigilance helps reduce risk

By Master Sgt. Sonny Cohrs
23rd Wing Public Affairs

I received at least five emails last week warning me to secure my social media settings and be aware of what I post on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Why? Do you not like to see what I had for dinner last night? Too many #selfies? Are photos of my dog eating a Popsicle offensive? (In my defense, he's a really awesome dog.)

No. The warning is because there are potential threats against Americans, including service members and their families, in our homeland. Brutal, violent attacks on innocent civilians have happened here before, and, sadly, may happen again.

However, danger doesn't always come in the form of 140 characters on Twitter. The metadata in your smart phone often includes times, locations and even GPS coordinates – valuable information for our adversaries.

Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards, says we are “personally responsible” for what we post online and that “the use of social media and other forms of communication that allow you to communicate with a large number of people brings with it the increased risk of magnifying operational security lapses.”

But what can you do to protect yourself from magnifying these security lapses? Remember your operational security training, always remain vigilant, and, yes, double check your social media settings and practices. It's also important to become a difficult target. Will “checking in” at your favorite restaurant make you a target for so-called “lone wolves” supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant? Possibly. Will posting the dates of



Courtesy photo/Master Sgt. Sonny Cohrs

The Air Force reminds us not to post information about deployment departures, locations, and on-going operations. However, even a simple photo of your family pet can reveal personal information in the metadata, especially when taken with a smart phone.

your weeklong family vacation make you a target for criminals to break into your house and rob you? That's more likely, so be smart about what you share online.

The Air Force reminds us not to post information about deployment departures, locations and ongoing operations. Additionally, you should always screen your followers and refrain from checking in at places or allowing your friends to tag you at locations. It should go without saying, never, ever post personally identifiable information online, such as your address, phone number or birthday.

As advised, I checked my personal

security settings on various social media sites and found I have some house-keeping for my digital identity. Chances are, you do too. Should I delete my social media accounts? Should you? That is a personal decision everyone needs to make, but remember once you post something online there is no taking it back. It's out there for the world to see, regardless of your intended audience.

Personally, I continue to use social media because it is the easiest way to keep up with family and friends across the globe, especially when deployed. I will, however, routinely check my security settings and remember to be smart about what I share. This year, my birthday passed with minimal well-wishes online because I removed it from my profile. That's a small price to pay.

Historically, we learned “loose lips sink ships” as a way to remind ourselves of OPSEC measures. Today, this principle is even more vital because most people have the internet in their pocket.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said, “Fundamentally, public opinion wins wars.” In a way, the battle against ISIL takes place in the realm of public opinion. Our adversaries showed how they can effectively leverage social media to instill fear in millions of people when they beheaded Westerners and posted the videos to YouTube.

As a public affairs professional, it is my job to help tell the story of American Airmen and I will continue to do this because I am proud of the accomplishments we achieve each and every day.

It's important for the American people to see us accomplish our duties competently, effectively and proudly – without putting the mission or our wingmen at risk.

ON THE COVER

(Left to right) Navy Lt. Eric Stinson, Army Spc. Alexa Boucher, and Army Col. Shauna Snyder compete in the second part of the trial rounds for the 2014 Armed Forces Golf Championship Nov. 4 at Randolph Oaks Golf Course on Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. For the complete story, see page 4.

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DAR's contributions to JBSA-Randolph span base's history

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

An awards ceremony that honored four of the 12th Flying Training Wing's finest instructor pilots last week continued a tradition at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph that started nearly 60 years ago.

However, the organization that has supported the 12th FTW's education mission since 1958 with its Texas Armed Services Award left an imprint still visible here long before that.

The Daughters of the American Revolution's contributions to JBSA-Randolph date back to 1932, Col. Matthew Isler, 12th FTW commander, said during the awards ceremony Nov. 5 at the Parr Club. Back then, the JBSA location was a fledgling Army Air Corps facility known as Randolph Field.

"If you look around the base, probably the primary characteristic are the trees," he said. "But back in 1930, when you look at the pictures, there wasn't a tree around."

The farmland that had been transformed into Randolph Field changed quickly thanks to the San Antonio de Bexar Chapter of the DAR.

"In 1932, the Daughters of the American Revolution came out and said, 'Let's fix that,' and they put 104 of these live oaks down the main drags and they're still here today," Isler said. "They increased that to 120 total, and we're doing some important work to keep those



Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Susan Tillman, Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution recording secretary, speaks to attendees of the annual DAR award ceremony honoring four of the 12th Flying Training Wing's best instructor pilots Nov. 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. DAR has contributed to JBSA-Randolph heritage and community since 1932 through various contributions such as the trees that line Harmon Drive.

healthy and a vibrant part of our community."

The San Antonio de Bexar Chapter donated the training facility's first trees to commemorate the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, according to

"Tour of Historic Randolph," published by Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Office of History and Research in 1995. The trees line the North Circle area, including the Taj Mahal, Military Plaza and South Park. That gift was just the beginning of "a long partnership that's grown throughout the years," Isler said.

The Texas Society of the DAR continued the organization's commitment to JBSA-Randolph and other military installations when it instituted the Texas Armed Services Award, which initially honored Randolph's Instructor Pilot of the Year.

"The Daughters of the American Revolution are dedicated to promoting patriotism," Susan Tillman, Texas Society DAR recording secretary, said. "One of the many ways Texas DAR members do this is by recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of active military members serving on Texas military bases. The idea of presenting an award at Randolph was adopted by Texas DAR members at their state conference in 1958 with the first award being presented to the outstanding instructor pilot that same year."

In 1992, Randolph recognized the contributions of the DAR by planting and dedicating a young live oak tree to the organization on the south lawn of Chapel I as part of an Earth Day ceremony.

The next year, the DAR expanded their awards to in-

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Armed Forces best golfers take a swing at championship title

By Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

Battling wet and windy weather, the top 72 golfers from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps came together to compete in the 2014 Armed Forces Men's and Women's Golf Trials and Championship Nov. 3-9 at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

This event marked the first time the championship was hosted at Randolph Oaks Golf Course, but it was also a first for the services' trials and championship to be held at the same location.

The purpose of using a single location for the entire event was an effort to be more financially efficient, Doug Quirie, Air Force Golf team coach, said.

With two of the usual top AF players missing from this year's competition and the additional 5 inches of rain within a two day period approaching the final rounds; a mix of factors opened the floor for new victors.

"This is the first time all four services have had a chance to look at the golf course and not have a home-field advantage," Quirie said. "This really leveled the playing field for this year's competition."

The competition wasn't only unique for its location or weather conditions, but also for where the victors will be headed next.

Navy Lt. Nicole Johnson, Air Force Maj. Linda Jeffery, Army Sgt. Kaleb Nichols, AF Senior Master Sgt. Spencer Mims, Army Capt. Joseph Cave, Army Spc. Jordan-Tyler Massey, AF Staff Sgt. Kyle Wesolowski, and Navy Lt. Will Boyd, the championship players who make up the 2014 Armed Forces Golf Team, will be heading to represent the U.S. in the eighth International Military Sports Council World Military Golf Championship Nov. 13-21 in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In previous years, the Air Force has claimed the Armed Forces championship men's event with the last 10 titles, while the Air Force women's team won from 2006-2010 successively.

This year, Massey and Jeffery have earned the Army and Air Force bragging rights in their respective



Photo by Melissa Peterson

Sgt. Glen Miller, member of the 2014 Marine Armed Forces golf team, competes at the 2014 Armed Forces Golf Championship Nov. 7 at Randolph Oaks Golf Course. This is the first time the trials and championship rounds have taken place at the one location.

men's and women's divisions until next year.

"It's been a tough week with the weather and the fast greens, but it's been fun," Massey said. "The world championships are going to be awesome, and I'm curious how we are going to cross the language barrier and mix our different cultures throughout the event."

The event concluded in the evening of Nov. 9 with a banquet wherein the victors were announced and guest speaker Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, encouraged the players for their next stage of the completion.

"This is about friendships through sports, but also about partnerships," LaBrutta said. "For those of you going on to Bahrain, remember that you represent all of us serving in uniform, along with all Americans and their families."

Whatever the outcome at their up-

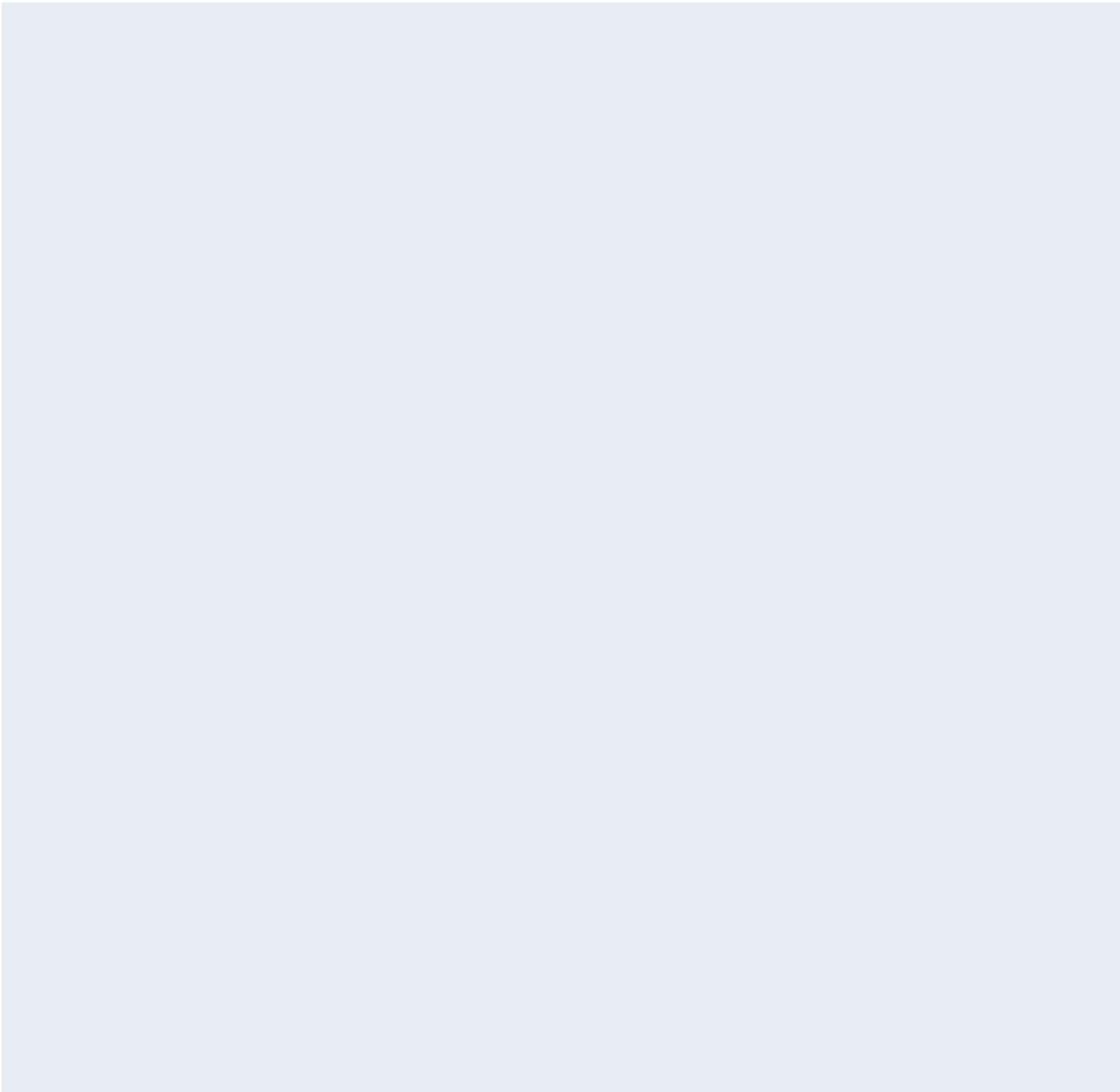


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Brig. Gen Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, makes opening remarks at the 2014 Armed Forces Golf Championship opening day ceremony Nov. 3. At the end of this competition, the best six men and two women were chosen to continue on to represent the U.S. at the eighth International Military Sports Council World Military Golf Championship, which began Thursday and continues until Nov. 21 in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

coming competition overseas, this year's Armed Forces team can arrive with heads held high knowing that out

of 72 to arrive and compete at JBSA-Randolph, they were the eight left standing.



Key spouse reaches out through social media

By Master Sgt. Andy Stephens

Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

“There is no greater calling than helping those who serve our country.”

Tanya Reber, the Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service key spouse, called this simple message her mission statement as she adapts one of the Air Force’s unit family readiness programs to the Air Force recruiter community. Unlike many key spouse programs that support a single location, Reber hopes to take the key spouse support system worldwide for Air Force recruiters everywhere.

“Our recruiters are assigned to recruiting stations worldwide and many are accompanied by their families.”

Reber said. “They may live in a military community, but can still be geographically separated from other recruiters and only recruiters know what to expect in the field. Like other spouses of active-duty personnel, recruiter spouses often put their careers and education on hold for these assignments but, with today’s technology, spouses can network like never before. I hope all spouses will reach out to each other so we can create a lasting online community to support our recruiters and their families.”

Every recruiting squadron is expected to have a key spouse of their own and Reber is trying to reach out to all of them.

She added that spouses today are very fortunate to receive education opportunities without incurring debt, but many spouses do not know about additional resources to support them and their families. As the HQ AFRS key spouse, Reber combines her human resources education with her social media management skills to create an online clearinghouse via Facebook for information for spouses.

During the day, Reber works for the Defense Language Institute as a scheduler for English language courses for military personnel from other countries. Because her employer encourages volunteerism toward military morale programs, Reber volunteers as a moderator for Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph’s Military Family Readiness Center.

As a moderator, Reber uses Facebook to push information out to families on education and career opportunities and has now created a Facebook page for recruiter spouses. The AFRS Key Spouse Program allows Reber to combine her social media savvy with her love of problem-solving and desire to help other military families through the key spouses in their squadron.

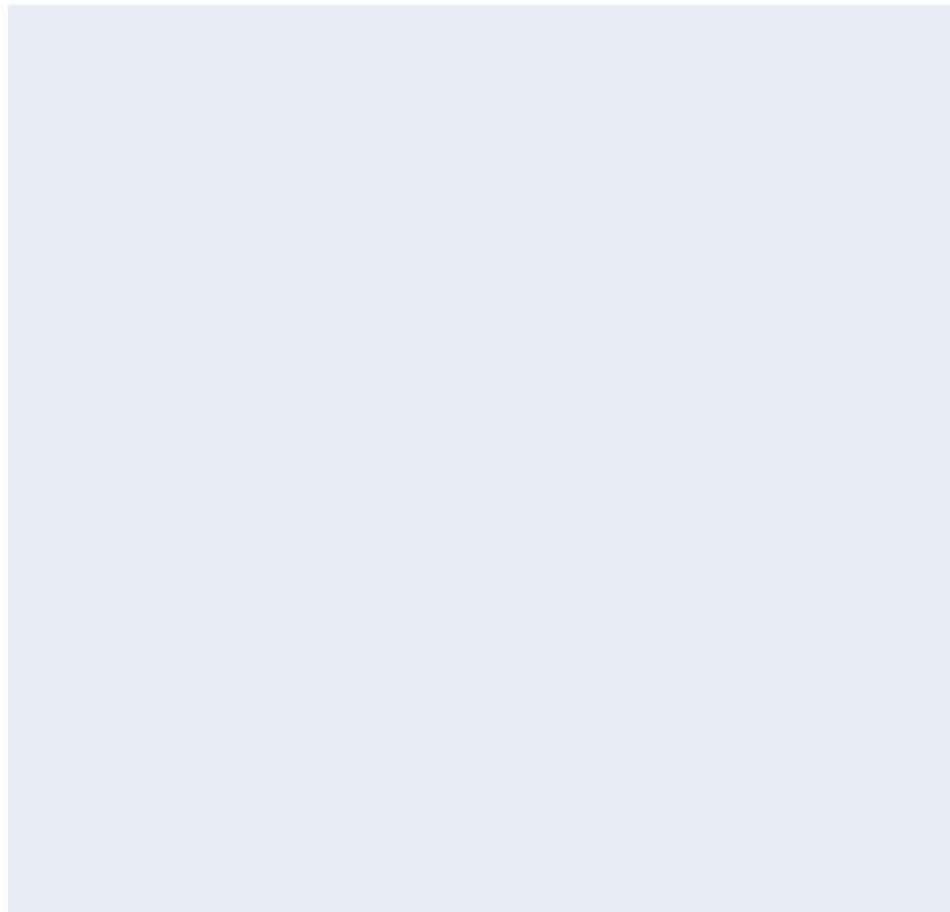
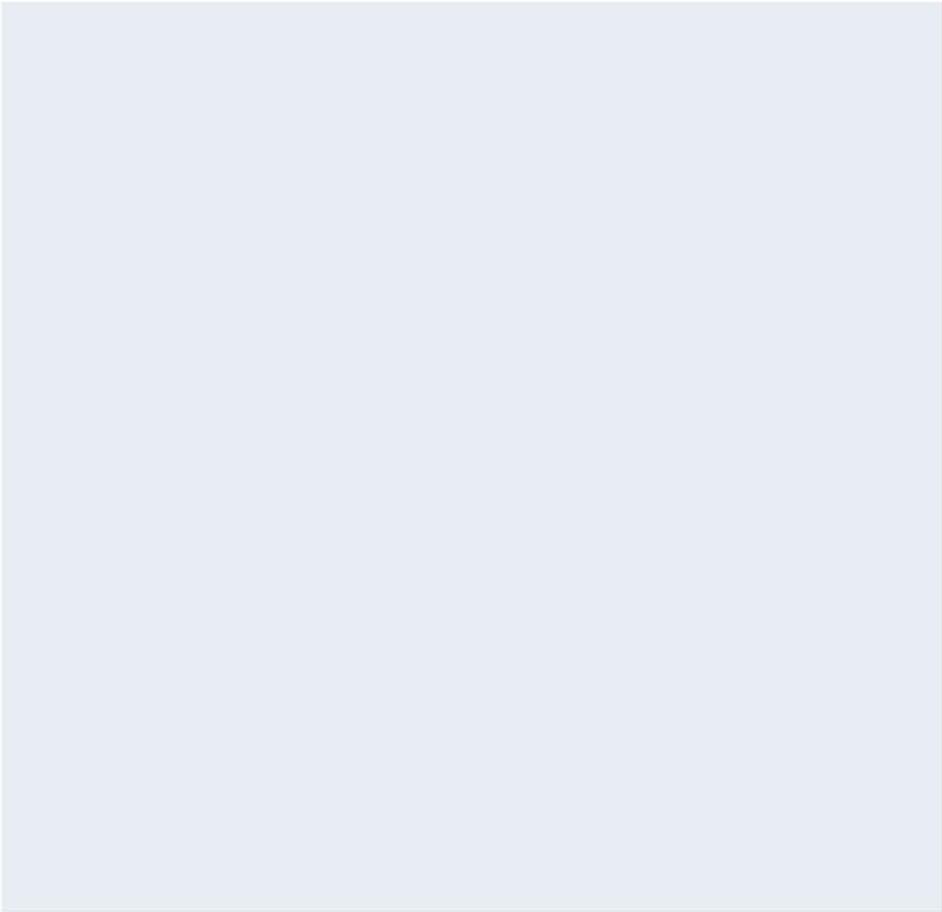
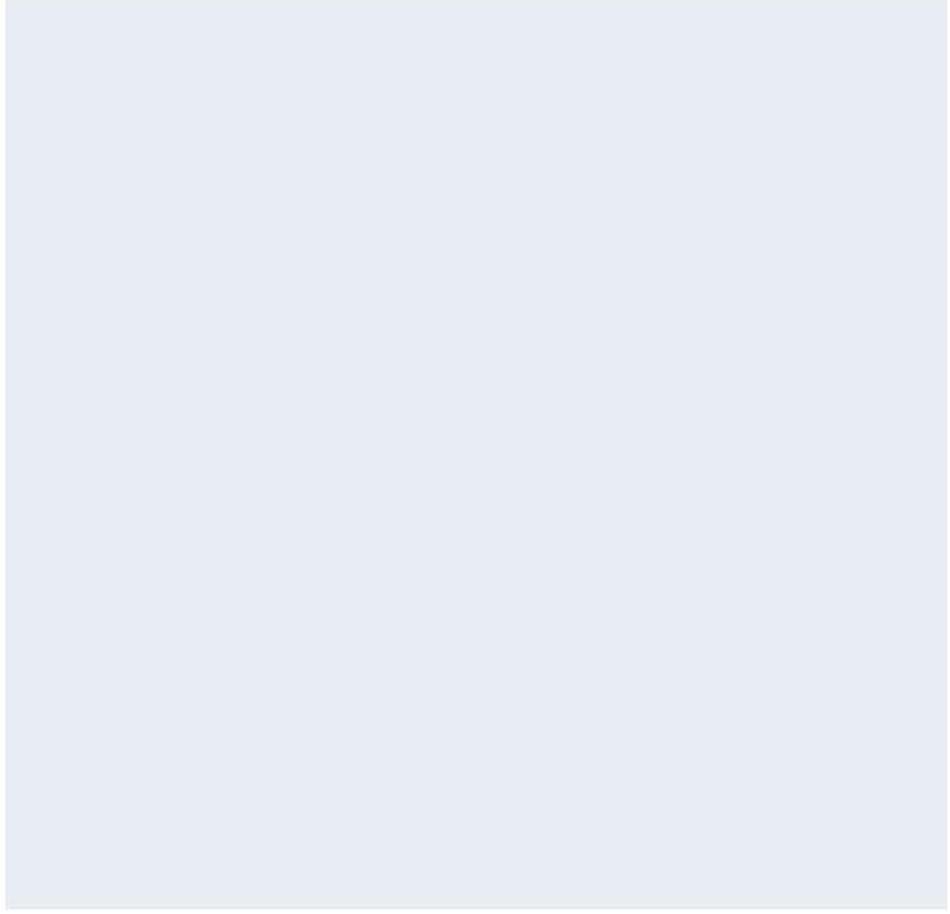
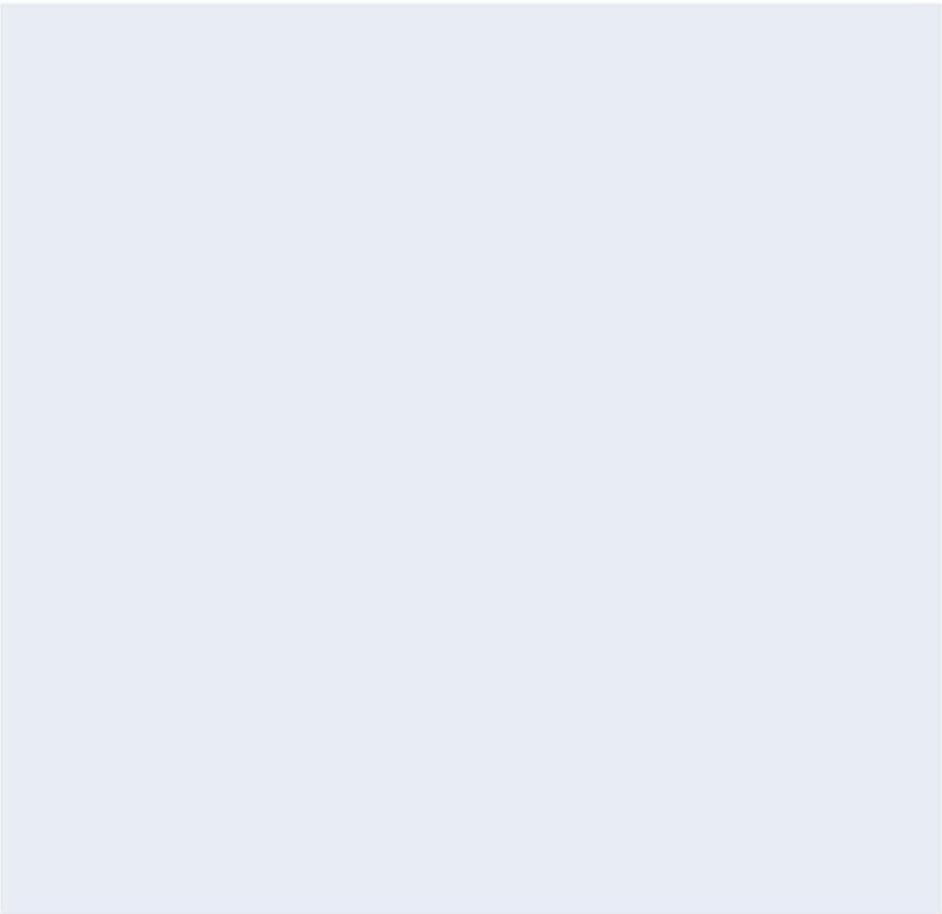
“We want the spouses to reach out, exchange information and share their experiences so that we can create that online community for everyone’s benefit,” Reber said. “If someone has a question, I love to do



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Hillary Stonemetz

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Reber, Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service client systems technician, and his wife, Tanya Reber, Headquarters AFRS key spouse, use teamwork to accomplish the mission. The couple combines social media concepts and delivery to create an online information exchange for the spouses of personnel assigned to the headquarters. They also want to reach out to AFRS spouses worldwide.

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'Free Coffee with Commanders' debuts at 359th Medical Group

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

An event that debuted last week at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Medical Clinic is giving beneficiaries and staff members an opportunity to speak one-on-one with 359th Medical Group leaders in an informal setting.

During the inaugural "Free Coffee with Commanders" event Nov. 4, more than a dozen patients and staff members conversed with Col. Dana James, 359th MDG commander, and other group leaders, sharing their ideas about what they like about the clinic and what improvements they would like to see.

"The purpose of the event is to attract our beneficiaries and our staff by offering a free cup of coffee at Green Beans Coffee located in our lobby, then speak with them about the care they are receiving, what we are doing well, where we can improve and anything else they would like to talk about," Tech. Sgt. Rolando Guerrero, 359th Medical Operations Squadron Physical Therapy Flight chief, said.

Guerrero said he came up with the idea for the event following an innovation think tank he attended at the 59th Medical Wing at JBSA-Lackland.

"A few weeks later, our group commander, Col. James, sent an email ask-

ing for innovative ideas, and I replied with the 'Free Coffee with Commanders' event," he said. "She responded quickly to make it happen and that I had her full support."

Guerrero has been leading Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century "lean" process improvements at the clinic for more than two years.

"Our medical group has been using the lean methodology to improve our processes and enhance our customer experience," he said. "This event takes advantage of one of the five lean principles. The ultimate goal is to use the information we receive from the customer and tailor our processes to meet their expectations."

James said she was pleased with the initial coffee with commanders.

"Our priorities are a positive patient experience and safe, quality care, and the general feedback was that we're doing both really well," she said. "We will continue to get feedback and find ways to improve."

Opening up the event to staff allows them to "let leadership know what we can do to better serve them," James said.

Retiree Francis Glowacz, a retired Air Force technical sergeant who said he's "happy as a lark" about the facility, also had good words about the free coffee event.



Photo by Johnny Saldivar

Col. Dana James, 359th Medical Group commander, discusses patient care experience with Francis Glowacz, retired Air Force veteran, and his wife, Henrietta, Nov. 4, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The 359th MDG held a "Free Coffee with Commanders" event to offer patients and staff a free cup of coffee and an opportunity to discuss patient care experiences with medical group leaders.

fee event.

"I think it's fantastic that they're taking an interest in the retirees coming here," he said.

Ida Ebalaroza, 359th Medical Operations Squadron licensed vocational nurse, said she hopes the event will continue.

"It's great to get together and be able

to discuss things up-close and personal," she said.

Guerrero said he sees the event "evolving slowly, just like any other new idea.

"We hope that as people understand what we are trying to accomplish, more people will attend future 'Free Coffee with Commanders' events," he said.

Virtual process expedites DD214 delivery

By Janis El Shabazz
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Retiring and separating military Airmen will get their Department of Defense Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," sooner now that DD214s are delivered electronically, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

In the past, the Total Force Service Center was printing, folding and addressing envelopes to mail 39,000 forms each year using the hard copy delivery method. In 2010, with an eye toward efficiency and improved service to Airmen, AFPC began testing electronic delivery of DD214s to service members while still offering the option of hard copy delivery.

Airmen could retrieve their DD 214 electronically using a secure identification and password, and AFPC also

mailed paper copies to them.

The parallel delivery test spotlighted numerous benefits of electronic versus hard copy delivery, resulting in the decision to stop automatically mailing hard copies.

"Electronic delivery is secure, protects privacy and allows veterans the ability to view and print the document wherever they are, at a time and location convenient to their needs," said Bob Tullgren, AFPC retirements and separations branch. "Virtual delivery brings this process into the 21st century and will save the Air Force more than \$130,000 annually."

Service members will still be able to request the form be issued to the central office of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to the appropriate state veterans department.

"The TFSC contacts retiring or separating Airmen upon completion of the

official DD214 and provides instructions for virtual DD214 retrieval," Tullgren said. "It is important to note that the unabbreviated Copy 4 is only available for 60 days. After that request, they can only retrieve Service Copy 2 using the myPers website."

To retrieve the virtual DD214, service members must first email the Manpower and Personnel Service Desk at afpoa.a1.sd@us.af.mil (include full name, military pay date, date of rank and a good contact/phone number) to request a secure user name and password.

Former active duty Airmen who retired or separated on or after Oct. 1, 2004, can also request copies of records such as DD214s, performance reports and other information. Mail or fax a Standard Form 180 to AFPC at the following address:

AFPC/Automated Records Manage-

ment System-DD214

550 C St. West

JBSA-Randolph, TX 78150

Fax: 210-565-4021

Current members, and veterans who separated or retired on or after Oct. 1, 2004, can also access their records online by registering for a premium account on www.eBenefits.va.gov.

eBenefits is a central location for service members, veterans and their families to research, find, access and manage their benefits and personal information. Airmen can apply for benefits, view benefits status, download the DD 214 and other personnel documents, and browse a catalog of other resources that provide information about military and veteran benefits.

For more information about other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

***Congratulations
to the
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Distance Learning
Fall 2014 graduates***



Photo by Desiree Palacios

U.S. Air Force members from throughout Joint Base San Antonio receive their Community College of the Air Force degrees Nov. 7 at a ceremony in the Fleenor Auditorium at JBSA-Randolph. The CCAF is a federally-chartered degree-granting institution that serves the U.S. Air Force's enlisted total force.

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Staff Sgt. Robyne Fields
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Tech. Sgt. Adrena Lewis
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JBSA Sexual Assault Prevention, Response

To report a sexual assault, call the 24/7 Joint Base San Antonio Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Hotline at 808-7272 or the Department of Defense Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247.

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Flea market

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Outdoor Recreation hosts a flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the JBSA-Randolph Child Development Program parking lot. Sellers can rent one table for \$15, with additional tables at \$4 each, at Information, Tickets and Travel in the Community Services Mall, building 895. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts or food and beverage items is not permitted. For more information, call 652-5142.

Turkey Trot

In support of the "Great American Smoke Out," the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts its annual Turkey Trot 5K 11 a.m. Thursday at the fitness center. All participants will be entered in a drawing to win a turkey. For more information, call 652-7263.

Tree-lighting ceremony

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's tree-lighting ceremony is 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Taj Mahal, building 100. The event includes entertainment, light refreshments and a visit from Santa. Washington Circle traffic will be re-routed beginning at 4 p.m. For more information, call 565-3993.

Storage for contingency/deployment entitlement

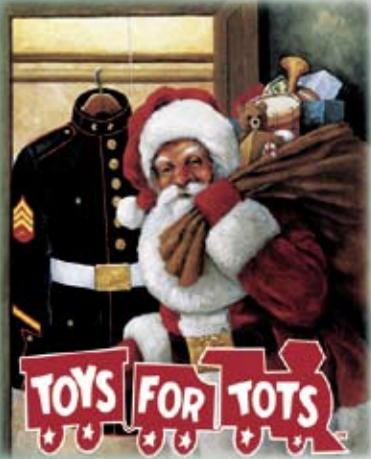
Effective immediately, storage for contingency/deployments of 90 days or longer is not authorized, if the member concurrently receives Basic Allowance for Housing in the commuting area of the permanent duty station, per Air Force Instruction 24-501, Personal Property Moving and Storage, paragraph 1.6.2.2, dated Oct. 10.

This is a major change from the previous entitlement, which authorized storage at government expense by utilizing squadron funds without regard to BAH entitlement provided to the service member. Any future requests received by the installation transportation officer from commanders for storage based on a deployment must reflect the member is not receiving BAH for local housing. There is, however, a grandfather clause to allow continued storage at government expense for members who have approved storage even though they are receiving BAH. For further clarification or questions contact the Personal Property Processing Office JBSA-Lackland, at 671-2821, PPPO-JBSA Fort Sam Houston at 221-1605 or PPPO-JBSA-Randolph at 652-1848.

2014 Toys for Tots Campaign

The annual U.S. Corps Marine Reserve toy drive has begun and will run on base from Nov. 1 – Dec. 17. Collection boxes are located at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Exchange main entrance and within various organizations on base.

Toys will be collected for children from 0-14 years. Toy donations must be new and unwrapped and stuffed toys must be in the original container. All toy and monetary donations collected go to assist families in the local area. If interested in having a collection box for an organization, call Tech. Sgt. Barrett Magee at 652-0891.



Operation Home Cooking benefits trainees

Operation Home Cooking, a program that allows area families to host a basic trainee and a Wingman for Thanksgiving from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, begins Nov. 3. The hotline opens up that day and hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday and it is closed weekends and holidays.

For more information, or if interested in participating in Operation Home Cooking, call 671-5453/5454/3701.

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Vigilance: keeping situational awareness during the holidays

By Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs



The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Anti-Terrorism Office is advising all Department of Defense members and dependents to remain vigilant against possible threats to their safety during the holidays.

This advisory comes following a force protection message from U.S. Northern Command directing DOD personnel traveling to or from Canada, or operating in Canada, to observe a heightened uniform posture. The message was a response to recent attacks on Canadian service members and Parliament.

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency also recently issued an advisory to their employees reminding them to “be vigilant at home and work, during travel and in their communities, by using individual protective measures.”

While these advisories are not made because of a specific threat, they are aimed at increasing awareness.

“It is at this time of the year our guard is lowered while we spread holiday cheer and joy,” said Mance Clark, JBSA-Randolph anti-terrorism officer. “There are criminal and terror elements who seek targets of opportunity, taking advantage of the unexpected. So as we enter this festive season, please let’s not forget your situational awareness and remain vigilant, reporting suspicious activity and maintaining sound security practices.”

In order to be less vulnerable, service members have been advised to avoid wearing their uniform in public when unnecessary, be aware of their surroundings, be mindful of what they post on social media and to disable geo-tagging on their digital photos.

“We don’t want people to be afraid to use social media,” said Capt Victoria Hight, Air Force social media deputy chief. “We just want them to do so in a smart way. If your account is properly secured, you shouldn’t be afraid to say you’re a member of Academy class whatever or that you served in the U.S. Air

Force or even post photos in uniform. But without those proper security settings, those are things you should avoid posting because anybody can see it.”

Below are just a few crime prevention tips to practice while at home:

- If you take a holiday trip away from your home, set an interior light to activate by an automatic timer, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and stop all deliveries like mail or newspapers.

- Don’t display holiday gifts in plain view where they can be seen from a window.

- Be cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment, even if just for a few minutes.

- Avoid leaving empty boxes from purchases out on the curb for trash pickup. Crush them and place them out

in recycling bins.

- Be wary of strangers soliciting charitable donations. They may attempt to take advantage of people’s generosity during the holidays. Ask for identification and how donated funds are used.

- Be careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse under your arm. Keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket, not a back trouser pocket and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a credit/debit card or check when possible.

- Lock your packages and gifts in your vehicle’s trunk. Keep your vehicle’s doors locked and windows closed.

- Shop before dark. Coordinate shopping trips with a family member or friend, and never park in an unlit area.

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Air Force radio special features TV’s ‘Nashville’ cast

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Millions of TV viewers know them as Deacon Claybourne, Scarlett O’Connor, Avery Barkley and Layla Grant from “Nashville.”

On this year’s “Red, White and Air Force Blue Christmas” radio special, Master Sgt. Harry Kibbe chats with cast members Charles “Chip” Esten, Clare Bowen, Jonathan Jackson and Aubrey Peeples. All four artists recorded tracks along with fellow cast members for the soon-to-be-released “Christmas With Nashville” album. They also discuss what it’s like to live, work and perform in Nashville and how the TV show blends fiction with reality.

“For all of us, acting and music are both of our passions. They are just two things we really care about,” Bowen said. “Yes, we play these characters that are musicians, but we were musicians before and we’re all developing our own sound outside the show as well.”

Esten added that line of reality and fiction has been completely blurred by the TV show.

“The great thing about the songs in

the show is that they aren’t like buttons on a shirt,” he said. “They’re part of the fabric. They’re woven right into the very scene itself. It’s not like you’re doing a scene and now let’s sing a song that has nothing to do with it. It’s deeply a part of it.”

Now in its 13th season, a “Red, White and Air Force Blue Christmas” was recorded in early October at Spotland Productions in Nashville and produced by Air Force Recruiting Service.

Big Machine Label Group worked with ABC to arrange the actors’ appearance on the Air Force special. The record label is responsible for releasing sound tracks from the TV show including “Christmas With Nashville,” the cast’s first holiday album. It was produced by Jay DeMarcus of the band Rascal Flatts.

“This year’s show is unique because instead of one great artist, we feature four really talented entertainers,” Kibbe said. “Their music is great and they were very open and fun in the interview. It’s definitely one of the best times I’ve had in the studio.”

According to Ken Raimondi, broadcast manager at AFRS, the Air Force

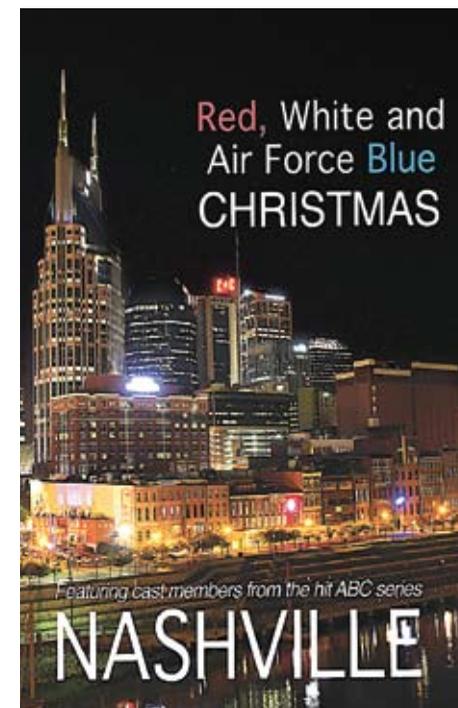
has enjoyed a long relationship with the country music industry.

“The Air Force has produced music programs in Nashville with country artists for decades. The country community has continually welcomed us with open arms,” he said. “They provide their time and talents to us at no charge. They see it as a service to the troops and we are very thankful for their continued participation with us.”

Esten echoed those sentiments.

“Historically, country music is intertwined with our men and women who serve. They have a great relationship and the artists are so caring and so wonderful about the military, and rightfully so,” he said.

The Air Force special will be sent to more than 3,000 country stations in the United States by mid-November. Also, the show will be distributed to the American Forces Network so troops in deployed locations will be able to listen to it. The one-hour public service program, designed to help ease the programming load for station program directors during the holidays, includes



U.S. Air Force graphic/Steve McCray
The cover of this year’s “Red, White and Air Force Blue Christmas” radio special highlights the Nashville skyline.

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breaks for stations to sell commercial time.

Artists who've appeared on the holiday show include Blake Shelton, Lady Antebellum, Faith Hill, Darius Rucker, Reba McEntire and George Strait.

"If you'd like to hear the show on your local station, please call them and let them know. We'd love to expand our reach,"

Raimondi said. "We're also considering a podcast in the future that we hope will give our show a wider reach."

As a service member who's been stationed overseas during the holidays, Kibbe said the Nashville cast's involvement in this year's "Red, White and Air Force Blue Christmas" does make a difference to the men and women in uniform serving around the world. He thanked the actors for taking time to be a part of the program.

"I'd like to turn that around and to anyone listening [military]," Esten added. "We're the ones to thank you, thank you for your service especially during the holidays. God bless you all."

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the research. If there's a problem, let's find a remedy together."

Her husband, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Reber, is a client systems technician for Headquarters AFRS. He said that he and his wife work together to understand the nuances and pitfalls of Internet-based communications – he focuses on the technology aspect and she focuses on the social media delivery. They also work together raising their two sons.

"We learned how to balance what was

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clude the outstanding instructor navigator, the outstanding student pilot and the outstanding student navigator, according to the 12th FTW history office. Last year, the DAR accepted and approved the renaming of the awards in the student categories for the remotely piloted aircraft instructor of the year and the non-powered flight instructor of the year.

At this year's ceremony, Isler, who assumed command of the 12th FTW in June, emphasized the wing's mission.

"Everything we do in the wing is about instruction," he said.

Isler, who was honored by the DAR as outstanding instructor pilot 22 years

needed, both for our jobs and our home," he said. "We split the household chores and tradeoff between cooking and cleaning so we can both pursue our own careers. And I have time to spend with the kids. That always feels good."

Reber said the success of both the recruiter's and family's goals can be assured by balancing the workload of both. The mission always come first, she said, but families are equally important because recruiters are just as much par-

ents as they are Airmen.

"There are more than 1,000 recruiting personnel serving the Air Force worldwide," said Brig. Gen. James C. Johnson, AFRS commander. "Reaching out to all of them will be very challenging, but I think the benefits of Tanya's outreach initiative will be substantial and contribute to greater resiliency."

The AFRS Key Spouse Facebook page is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AFRSHQKeySpouse/>.

ago, then presented his organization's awards. Recipients were Capt. Jeffrey Nelson, 435th Fighter Training Squadron, Instructor Pilot of the Year; Capt. David Habben, 451st Flying Training Squadron, Instructor Combat System Officer of the Year; Staff Sgt. Mitchell, 558th Flying Training Squadron, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Instructor of the Year; and Capt. Leonard Spigiel II, 306th Flying Training Group, Non-Powered Flight Instructor of the Year.

Tillman, who represented the Texas Society of the DAR during the ceremony, described the national organization's mission, calling it a "volunteer women's

service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

"As descendants of the founders of this country, we are proud to continue our longstanding support of a strong national defense," she said.

Tillman also extended the Texas Society's gratitude to the award recipients.

"We are honored to present the Texas Armed Services Awards to the outstanding instructors of the year," she said. "We offer our salute and our deepest gratitude to each of you for your faithfulness and service."