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COMMENTARY

Look past 1947 for Air Force roots

By Chief Master Sgt. Matt Proietti
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

The Air Force officially turned 67 in September, but my uncle Gino thinks it's older.

He's 90, and the lone surviving brother of my father. Both of them served in World War II, as did two of their siblings. My father was in the Navy, as was his eldest brother, Europeo (his real name, I swear). Gino and my late uncle Dario were both aircraft mechanics in the Army Air Forces.

Out of all of the times I talked to them about their GI years, though, neither one ever said he'd been in the Army. They were "in the Air Force."

Maybe it's a genetic thing I share with them, but I agree that Air Force history predates Sept. 18, 1947, and think we should do a better job of recognizing that. The problem is, of course, what to use as a starting date for such remembrances? Since we formed from the Army, my gut feeling is that we should lay claim to its heritage dating back to 1775.

That's just me, though. How about we look back to the founding of the Union Army Balloon Corps during the Civil War? It was a military force in the air, after all. Still not likely to gain much support? OK, let's fast forward a few decades.

What about 1907? That's when the Army Signal Corps established its Aeronautical Division responsible for "air machines." Perhaps 1908, when Orville Wright made a series of flights for federal officials near Washington, D.C. These demonstrations confirmed that the latest airplane built by Wright and his brother, Wilbur, met strict government specifications, and the resulting \$25,000 contract included training of the first two military pilots. Still not convinced? Then let's aim for the March 5, 1913, founding of the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, which still exists today at Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

Some curmudgeons will say military flight prior to World War I is just too far back to include in any kind of U.S. Air Force history. Well then, let's begin at the Great War, which allows us to acknowledge the flying exploits of men such as Maj. Carl Spaatz and Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. Spaatz, a West Point graduate, gets extra credit for being the first Air Force chief of staff three decades later

and for his remains being interred at the Air Force Academy.

If that is still Army history, though, surely we can trace our roots to the pioneering air campaigners of the 1920s and 1930s like Generals Billy Mitchell and Hap Arnold, whose early, deliberate steps eventually led to a separate flying service.

Mitchell died in 1936, well before that realization, but Congress awarded him a special Medal of Honor a decade later for "outstanding pioneer service and foresight in the field of American military aviation."

Arnold, who served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in World War II as head of the Army Air Forces, was retired from the military when the Air Force branched off from the Army.

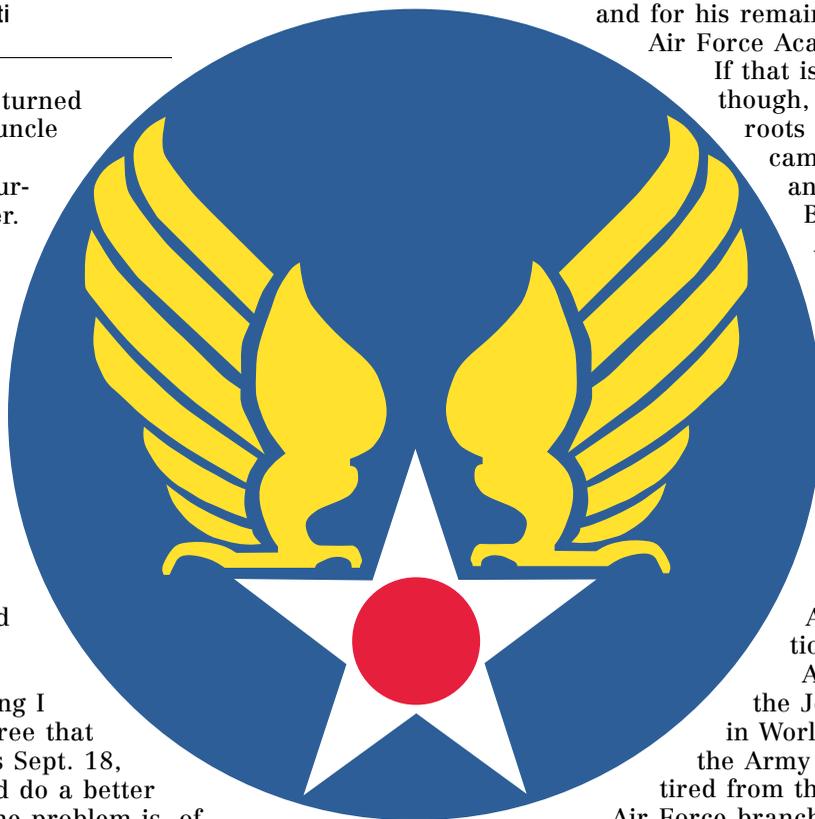
He was made a five-star "general of the Air Force" in 1949, even though he technically never served a day in that service.

Somewhere in here is the right starting point for recognizing Air Force history. Maybe I'm a bit too sensitive to criticism about the Air Force being the youngest of the military branches. Disparagement of its youthfulness was first directed at me before I even put on its uniform for the first time. I enlisted as a high school senior and continued to work at a pizza shop as I waited to leave for boot camp. An old Marine who was a regular customer was delighted to hear that I was joining "the service" – until I told him which one.

"The Air Force!" he spat. "Those Johnny-come-latelies? Where were they when ..." and he proceeded to recite a list of proud leatherneck campaigns back to the First Barbary War. It was clear he expected an answer from 17-year-old me. I cleared my throat and asked him how it would have been possible to have an Air Force before man invented flight. A disgusted look crossed his face. He grabbed his pizza and stormed off into the night.

I've been in the Air Force for 30 years and the longer I'm around, the more I think like my uncles.

The Air Force may have officially separated from the Army Sept. 18, 1947, but it existed – in spirit, innovation and tradition – well before that. Once it started, there's been no stopping it.



ON THE COVER

Senior Airman Kelyn Maunu, 802nd Security Forces Squadron patrolman, knocks over a cone with water pressure during the firefighter fitness challenge portion of the Battle of the Badges competition Saturday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Camp Talon. For the complete story, see page 8.

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19th Air Force activates under AETC

In a ceremony Wednesday, Air Education and Training Command re-activated, a streamlined, 19th Air Force. The new numbered Air Force unit will be headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph under the command of Maj. Gen. Michael Keltz.

"Activating 19th (Air Force) under AETC will allow for appropriate command and control, efficient management of limited resources, consistency across installations and will clarify responsibilities between the major command and subordinate units," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James.

The 19th Air Force was inactivated in 2012, in the hopes of gaining efficiencies. However, a review of mission oversight and execution, directed by Rand, showed a need for realigning responsibilities to reinforce proper command relationships and training oversight.

"This restructuring within AETC will move all formal aircrew flying training missions under General Keltz's command," said Air Force

Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. "AETC has a wide range of responsibility when it comes to training and educating Airmen. Our flying training mission requires a significant level of coordinated oversight to ensure our Airmen in the skies remain the best in the world and 19th Air Force will take on that responsibility."

The 19th Air Force includes 19 training locations, 10 regular Air Force wings supported by six Guard and Reserve wings, approximately 32,000 personnel and more than 1,350 aircraft of 29 different models. No new positions or authorizations, including the commander's, will be created as a result of the new NAF. The infrastructure and manpower of 19th Air Force will be drawn from previously existing resources. The major general command position shifted from AETC's directorate of intelligence, operations and nuclear integration.

(Information courtesy of the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs)

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.



Photo by William Belcher

Lt. Gen. Robert Otto (left), Headquarters United States Air Force deputy chief of staff, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, 25th Air Force commander, furl the Air Force ISR Agency flag. Shanahan relinquished command of the agency and assumed command of 25th AF during the organization's re-designation ceremony Monday on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's Security Hill.

25th Air Force: New chapter in a storied legacy

By Wayne Amann
25th Air Force Public Affairs

As the Air Force's premier intelligence organization approaches its 66th Anniversary, it will mark the occasion under a new unit name and structure.

The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency is now 25th Air Force, following a re-designation ceremony Monday at the headquarters Ardisana Courtyard on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's Security Hill.

It's the sixth iteration of the organization which was activated as the United States Air Force Security Service in October 1948.

This latest re-designation allows 25th AF, realigned under Air Combat Command, to focus on ISR, electronic warfare, airborne national command and control, nuclear detection and treaty monitoring, targeting and analysis operations. The newest Numbered Air Force will provide decision advantage from those operations, through ACC, to joint commanders, national leaders and coalition partners.

"Placing 25th Air Force under ACC is all about operations effectiveness," said Gen. Mike Hostage, Air Combat Command commander, who officiated the ceremony.

"It'll be the one-stop shop for operational ISR within the Air Force, which will streamline program accuracy and presentation by the Air Force."

As the ISR force provider, ACC can ensure consistent presentation of ISR resources to warfighters.

Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, Air Force ISR Agency commander, assumed command of 25th AF and presided over the re-alignment of the 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, Calif., from 12th AF to 25th AF.

"As we begin to write the next chapter of Air Force ISR, titled 25th Air Force, our legacy will become even richer and even more storied," Shanahan told the courtyard gathering. "For the first time in Air Force history, ISR will have a 4-star leader with the mandate, force structure and resources to truly maximize the entirety of the vast Air Force ISR enterprise."

Twenty-Fifth Air Force will create an opportunity for greater operational synchronization and greater integration of Air Force ISR products and analysis for the national intelligence community.

"The men and women of 25th Air Force have a tremendous opportunity to shape Air Force ISR in ways I and other AFISRA commanders could only have dreamed of," said Lt. Gen. Robert Otto, Headquarters

United States Air Force deputy chief of staff, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and former commander of the Air Force ISR Agency. "I know it's your hard and selfless work that has gotten us to this day. Your leadership, innovation and commitment will deliver success. It's in your DNA."

The newest NAF will also provide an organizational link to strengthen full-spectrum targeting and threat warning to Air Force and Joint Force commanders through ACC.

During the ceremony Otto and Shanahan teamed with AF ISR Agency Command Chief Master Sgt. Roger Towberman to furl the AFISRA flag which is now a permanent part of the unit's storied heritage. It joined predecessor flags representing the USAF Security Service, the Electronic Security Command, Air Force Intelligence Command and Air Intelligence Agency. Many iterations that met growing mission requirements.

Through nearly seven decades its silent warriors have analyzed and exploited near real-time intelligence to provide decision advantage for combatant commanders on the ground and our Nation's leadership.

Today, 25th AF continues that commitment as it meets ever-changing global challenges.

Joint Base San Antonio Mission Partner

Air Force Recruiting Service software gets overhaul

By Senior Airman Jamie Jagers
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

A new system has revolutionized the recruiting process for more than 5,000 recruiters and interface partners within the Air Force active duty, Guard, and Reserve components.

Recruiters have long used computer-based software to track the paperwork and essential data of enlistees, from the first visit to a recruiter's office, to the day of enlistment. The system often communicates with outside agencies, including the military entrance processing station.

Although this was a functional system, the Air Force Recruiting Information Support System has been upgraded to be total-force capable in the interest of innovation and modernization.

"In 2007, the Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne directed use of a single recruiting system to be utilized as the primary tool for all active-duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve,

and Air National Guard recruiters worldwide," said Chief Master Sgt. Jeanette Masters, the AFRISS-TF program manager and Air Force Reserve Command recruiting service liaison to AFRS. "The impetus for this direction was to modernize the system and to merge and enhance existing capabilities and data of the two legacy recruiting systems into one."

Air Force active duty, Guard and Reserve recruiters have been cohesive with regards to enlistee data since June of this year. Allowing an enlistee to change career direction and switch to another recruiter, for example, from Guard to Reserve, without foregoing their enlistment progress.

The system also talks to Outlook, importing all calendar appointments into AFRISS-TF, so flight chiefs and recruiters can monitor scheduling more closely.

"AFRISS Legacy worked, but it was a bit of a dinosaur," said Tech. Sgt. Nina Butler, a 313th

Recruiting Squadron active-duty recruiter. "The old system regularly experienced connectivity issues and recruiters just had to learn to adapt to it, like inputting data at night when servers were moving a little faster. AFRISS-TF has streamlined our processes and created a more modernized approach towards our daily activities."

According to Masters, the Air Force Recruiting Service will continue to refine AFRISS-TF to meet the needs of recruiting.

"The drive, determination, professionalism and level of collaboration it took from all associated in fielding AFRISS-TF made it one of the most challenging yet rewarding experiences that I feel extremely humbled and privileged to have been a part of," Masters said. "It is immensely gratifying to have succeeded in fielding the system, and we are very excited to have brought it this far, but the work is not yet done."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Alexis Siekert

Scott Ridenour (left), 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron, teaches Fernando Leal how to use a fire extinguisher during the 2011 National Night Out event at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

JBSA to celebrate National Night Out with family-oriented activities

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The partnership between law enforcement agencies and community residents will be celebrated next week as Joint Base San Antonio observes National Night Out with activities from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 7 at three JBSA locations.

National Night Out, a nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program that began 30 years ago, will feature block parties with activities such as military working dog demonstrations, appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog,

police vehicle and fire truck displays, and games for children. Food and refreshments will be served.

In his proclamation announcing National Night Out, Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander, called upon residents of base housing areas to join public safety representatives at the events, which “provide a unique opportunity for JBSA to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative police-community crime prevention efforts.”

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JBSA-Randolph event recognizes Texas American Indian Heritage Day

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

The morning reveille is a common occurrence at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, but the sound of drum beats and the soft chants of gourd dancers “blessing” the ceremony Sept. 26 at building 100’s flagpole was anything but the traditional greeting to a new day.

Accompanied by the gourd dance, the American Warrior Veteran Honor Guard performed the reveille ceremony as the kick off to a series of events across the state highlighting Texas American Indian Heritage Day.

The event consisted of four separate dances honoring Native American heritage.

During the dance, Maj. Gen. Leonard Patrick, Air Education and Training Command vice commander; Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie Morris, 340th Flying Training Group command chief; and Fil Jimenez, 502nd Air Base Wing technical director, representing officers, enlisted and civilians respectfully, stepped into the circle and were presented with a ceremonial rattle and fan.

“In 2013, the Texas state legislature

passed House Bill 174, authorizing this day’s celebrations, which was signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry,” Edward Blauvelt, JBSA-Randolph Native American Heritage Committee chairman, said. “This event recognizes the many historical, cultural and social contributions our American Indian communities and leaders have made to this great state of ours.”

A variety of members served as gourd dancers, including active-duty, retired and former military members, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and local community leaders.

According to Department of Defense archives, about 108,000 Native Americans have served in U.S. conflicts since World War I, with present-day numbers at more than 31, 500 Native Americans on active or reserve duty status.

“Native Americans have served the United States in the military for more than 200 years,” Capt. Ben Benson, Air Education and Training Command operations research analyst, said. “They served in various roles such as scouts, infantry, sailors, code talkers, security forces, aircraft and

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Photo by Desiree Palacios

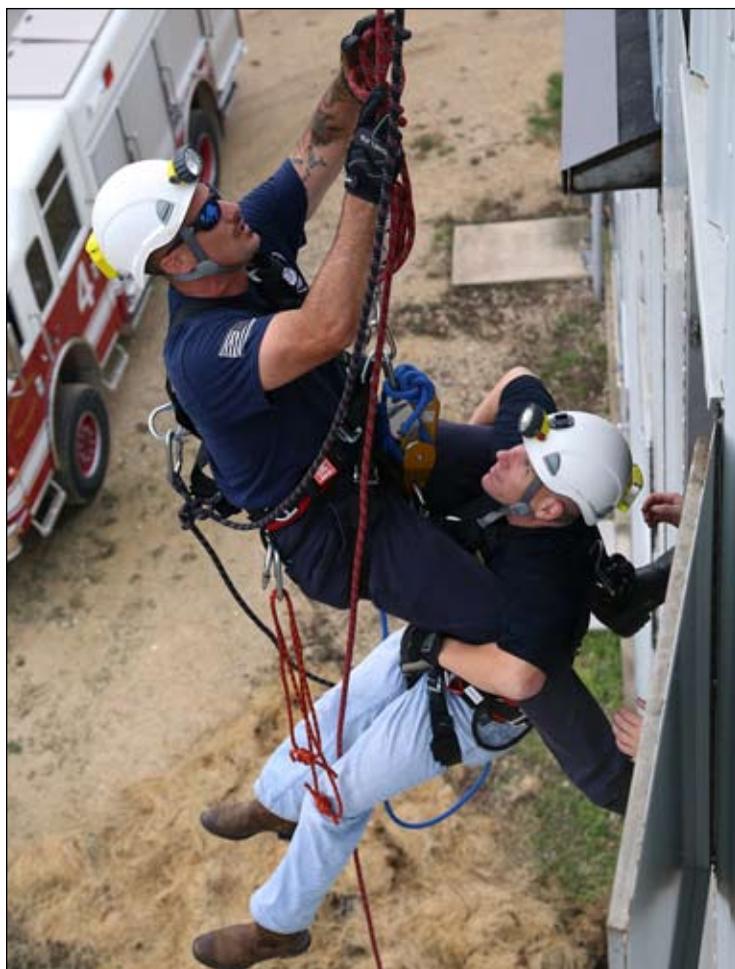
Edward Blauvelt, JBSA-Randolph Native American Heritage Committee chairman, participates in the gourd dance and reveille ceremony during the Texas American Indian Heritage Day at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Sept. 26.

Battle of the Badges: Who will prevail?



Photos by Johnny Saldivar

Senior Airman Shasa Honse, 902nd Security Forces Squadron patrolman, demonstrates suspect apprehension procedures during the Battle of the Badges competition Saturday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Camp Talon.



Cliff Martinez (left) rappels down the side of the confined space trainer to demonstrate the rescue of a simulated victim Michael Grizer during the Battle of the Badges competition Saturday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Camp Talon.

By Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The fourth annual Joint Base San Antonio Battle of the Badges took place Saturday, at JBSA-Randolph Camp Talon Fire Training Area and Eberle Park.

Members of the 802nd Security Forces Squadron from JBSA-Lackland, 902nd SFS from JBSA-Randolph and firefighters from JBSA Fire Emergency Services took part in the event designed to build stronger bonds between the two agencies.

"This event helps build a brotherhood between the fire department and security forces, said Staff Sgt. Michal Hoh, JBSA Fire Emergency Services firefighter. "It helps us get to know the people we work with every day. When you show up on scene it is good to already know the people you will see and how to work with them."

The competition included a force-on-force exercise with the firefighters and security forces members squaring off against each other with weapons loaded with paint rounds. The firefighter challenge was an obstacle course that included carrying a pack of gear up three flights of stairs, hoisting a bundle of hose from the ground with a rope, dragging

a weighted dummy and hitting a target with a charged fire hose.

"This is a great event because the job we do is very serious and demanding," said Maj. Julia Jefferson, 902nd SFS commander. "Being a first responder, whether from the fire department or security forces, our job is to protect, defend and provide safety for others. This is an awesome opportunity to put that aside for a little bit, have some fun and build camaraderie and cohesion with those that we serve with on a regular basis."

In addition to the active-duty members and civilians representing security forces and firefighters; family members and friends attended the competition.

"I think it's important for our families and loved ones to see and understand what we do, and to see the pride we have in our duty, and the physical fitness, strength and stamina required to be a first responder," Jefferson said.

The firefighters were hoping to capture their fourth straight victory. Currently the competition is tied heading into the final event, after security forces won the force-on-force exercise and the firefighters won the firefighter challenge. Because of rain, the tie-breaking fire truck pull has been postponed and a victor will not be crowned until a later date.



Tech. Sgt. William Graham (left), 902nd Security Forces Squadron flight chief, clears weapons prior to the start of the force-on-force challenge portion of the Battle of the Badges competition Saturday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Camp Talon.



Crimes and punishment: actions have consequences

By Col. Mark T. Allison

502nd Air Base Wing Staff Judge Advocate

During August 2014, Joint Base San Antonio had one Air Force court martial. All courts martial are open to the public and upcoming courts-martial can be viewed at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate Generals website at <http://www.afjag.af.mil/docket/index.asp>.

Tech. Sgt. Katherine Thomas, with the 344th Training Squadron, was tried by a special courtmartial Aug. 11-14 at JBSA-Lackland. She was charged with one charge and 29 specifications of unauthorized debit card purchases in violation of Article 121, Uniform Code of Military Justice, regarding allegations that she used for personal purposes the debit card of an organization dedicated to providing services for the benefit of training students.

Thomas pled not guilty to all specifications but was found guilty of 26 of the specifications and not guilty of the remaining three. She was sentenced by a panel consisting of officer and enlisted members to confinement for 4 months, to a reduction to the grade of E-3, and forfeiture of \$400 of her pay per month for 10 months.

During August, Air Force commanders throughout JBSA administered 30 non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record.

A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually last for six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

JBSA-LACKLAND (22):

Dereliction of duty and assault and battery

– An airman basic pointed at and struck another airman in the chin with his weapon and received 60 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Altering an ID

– An airman first class scratched his date of birth off of his Common Access Card in an attempt to appear 21 years of age and received a reduction to airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$858 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Violation of a regulation

– An airman basic in technical training entered the dormitory room of an airman of the opposite sex and received 10 days restriction to base, 10 days extra duty forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Violation of a regulation

– An airman basic was discovered possessing alcohol in the dormitory and received 30 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Absent without leave

– A senior airman was absent from their duty station on multiple occasions without authorization and received

a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand

Failure to obey a lawful order

– An airman basic was intoxicated and was instructed to sit down during questioning by Security Forces members. Instead of complying, the airman decided to run out of the Security Forces building. The member received 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Assault and battery

– An airman first class grabbed another airman by the waist/rib area and made inappropriate remarks to her. The member received a reduction to airman basic, 60 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman basic in technical training allowed an airman of the opposite sex access into his dorm room and received 10 days restriction to base, 10 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Use of hydrocodone

– An Airman tested positive for hydrocodone during a random urinalysis and received 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation and underage drinking

– An airman basic violated curfew and consumed alcohol while being under the legal drinking age of 21 and received

45 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$708 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Assault and battery

– An airman basic pressed his genitals and/or hip thrust against multiple airmen in the dining facility and received forfeiture of \$765 pay and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman first class allowed another airman of the opposite sex access into his dorm room and received 10 days restriction to base, 10 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$902 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman first class possessed alcohol in the dormitory and received a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days restriction and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman first class in violated curfew and received 10 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman first class entered the dorm room of a member of the opposite sex and received 10 days restriction to base, 10 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty

– An airman basic refused to continue training his career field training course and received 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$765 pay per

month for two months and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation and false official statement

– An airman basic allowed a member of the opposite into his dorm room and when questioned by leadership, lied by stating there was no one else in his room. The member received 45 days restriction to base, 15 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman first class was discovered drinking alcohol while in the dormitory and received a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days restriction to base and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman first class was discovered possessing alcohol concealed in a plastic bottle in the dormitory. The member received a suspended reduction to airman basic, 15 days restriction to base and a reprimand.

Underage drinking

– An underage airman basic consumed alcohol at the base pool and received 30 days restriction, forfeiture of \$708 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman first class violated curfew and received a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to Airman basic, 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty and underage drinking

– An airman possessed and consumed alcohol in the dormitory while underage. The member received a reduction to airman basic, 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty

– An airman first class was discovered cheating on a block test and received 60 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$902 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman basic possessed alcohol in the dormitory and received 30 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand. The member's suspended punishment of forfeiture of \$765 pay was later vacated due to additional misconduct.

Failure to obey a lawful order

– An airman first class left base while on base restriction and received a reduction to airman basic, 45 days restriction to base and a reprimand.

Violation of a general regulation

– An airman basic entered the dorm room of a member of the opposite sex and received 60 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$708 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty, failure to obey a lawful order, fraternization, and adultery

– A captain fraternized and committed adultery with

Joint Base San Antonio Combined Federal Campaign Points of Contact

The 2014 Combined Federal Campaign began Sept. 1. The following is a list of points of contact for the 502nd Air Base Wing:

- 502nd Air Base Wing: Master Sgt. Thomas Shockley
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 - 502nd Force Support Squadron: Chris Neubeck
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 - 502nd Security Forces and Logistic Support Group: Master Sgt. Peter Esparza
 - 902nd Security Forces Squadron: Master Sgt. Orlando Bowman
 - 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron: Tech. Sgt. Joan Dixon-Scott

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

Absentee Voters' Week

Absentee Voters' Week is ongoing through Monday. Voters who have not requested absentee ballot can visit <https://www.fvap.gov/r3/fpca/home> to use a wizard that assists absentee voters with filling in the form based on their particular state/county of residence.

Voters who have not received their ballot by Saturday are encouraged to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot as a back-up ballot. Once completed, voters print out the form, sign and return it to their local election official.

JBSA-Randolph Main Gate closure

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Main Gate will be closed during Columbus Day weekend from 6 a.m. Oct. 11 through 9 p.m. Oct. 13. The West Gate will remain open to allow 24-hour entry during this time. The Main Gate will resume normal operations after 9 p.m. Oct. 13.

Professional Enhancement Seminar

A two-day interactive Airmen PES will take place Oct. 15-16 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Gaylor Professional Development Center, building 66. The course is aimed at Airmen who have completed their career development courses and First Term Airmen Center program, but have yet to complete Airman Leadership School. Through this event, students gain the opportunity to learn and interact with leaders and Airmen from other career fields, in order to expand career growth and knowledge of the Air Force. For registration information, contact Staff Sgt. Stephanie DeJong at 652-4848 or Master Sgt. Sanelle Romero at 652-2525.

Veteran's Day concert

The USAF Band of the West will feature its concert band 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston Street in San Antonio. The concert is free and open to the public. Ticket holders will be let in at 6 p.m. and non-ticket holders will be able to enter at 6:45 p.m. For ticket information, call Staff. Sgt. Laura Kluga at 925-8763.

JBSA CRIME LOG from P9 —————

a staff sergeant, violated a no-contact order with a staff sergeant and violated the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act by researching personal medical information of another member. The captain received forfeiture of \$2,583 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Larceny

– An airman first class stole clothing merchandise from the base exchange and received a reduction to airman basic, 45 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty, suspended forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty

– An airman basic was discovered cheating on a block test and received 60 days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$708 pay per month for two months with one month suspended and a reprimand.

JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON (7):**Larceny**

– An airman basic was observed and detained after stealing a bottle of perfume at an Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility and received restriction for 25 days, extra duty for 20 days, forfeiture of \$765 pay for two months and a reprimand.

Underage drinking

– An airman basic was caught drinking alcohol while underage and received a forfeiture of \$765 pay and a reprimand.

Failure to go

– An airman basic was late for morning remedial training formation and received restriction for 30 days, extra duty for 15 days and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty

– An airman basic was late for weekend accountability and received restriction for 60 days, forfeiture of \$765 pay for two months and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty

– An airman basic left the dormitory after final weekend night accountability and received extra duty for 14 days, forfeiture of \$500 pay and a reprimand.

Use of marijuana

– A senior airman tested positive for marijuana during a random urinalysis and received a reduction to airman first class, a suspended reduction to airman and a reprimand.

Use of marijuana

– A senior airman tested positive for marijuana during a random urinalysis and received a reduction to airman first class, extra duty for 30 days, a suspended forfeiture of \$765 pay for two months and a reprimand.

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Indecent Exposure – A chief master sergeant intentionally exposed himself in a vehicle at a public park and received a suspended reduction to the grade of senior master sergeant and a reprimand.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO EMPHASIZES SAFETY

JBSA Fire Emergency Services reminds residents that smoke alarms save lives

Courtesy of Joint Base San Antonio Fire Emergency Services

Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, Joint Base San Antonio Fire Emergency Services is joining forces with the non-profit National Fire Protection Association during Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Monday through Oct. 11, to remind residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut in half the chance of dying in a fire. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire



deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

"In a fire, seconds count," said JBSA Fire Chief Mark Ledford. "Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home

smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out."

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each

separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

"Surprisingly, according to recent NFPA reports the death rate was much higher in fires in which a smoke alarm was present but did not operate than it was in fires in which the homes had no smoke alarms," Ledford said.

During Fire Prevention Week, JBSA Fire Emergency Services will be hosting multiple learning activities.

The main event is the Fire Prevention Week Open House located at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Watkins Terrace

Community Fire Station 5.

"It is going to be exciting," Ledford said. "We will have Sparky the Fire Dog®, fire truck displays, firefighters, the fire safety house, the Jaws of Life and a host of special guests, to include Ultimate Fighter Championship fighter Shawn 'The Savage' Jordan, promoting 'Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives! Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of working smoke alarms."

To find out more about JBSA Fire Prevention Week activities, contact JBSA fire prevention offices at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston (221-2727), JBSA-Lackland (671-2921) and JBSA-Randolph (652-6915).

To learn more about the "Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives" campaign, visit NFPA's website at <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>.

JBSA observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month with planned events

Several events are planned during October to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month at Joint Base San Antonio. The theme for the month is "Stop the Hurt, Start to Heal." Events include:

- Taj It Purple: The JBSA-Randolph Taj Mahal will be lit with purple lights throughout the month of October

- Domestic Violence Awareness Clothesline Project: T-shirts designed by members of the JBSA community reflecting messages of awareness, support, and education about domestic violence will be placed in areas throughout the installation

- Information Blitz: Representatives will be available at various locations around JBSA to provide information and resources about Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- I Can We Can project: Where individuals will be able to create messages of awareness, education and support on their hands. For more information on this campaign visit <http://www.icanwe>

can.awbw.org.

Locations and times are:

- JBSA-Lackland: Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center atrium

- JBSA-Randolph: Monday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 359th Medical Group atrium

- 5K Run/Walk and Shelter Drive: In collaboration with Oktoberfest on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Oct. 25, 8 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, participants will each run or walk in remembrance of a victim of domestic violence last year in Texas. Participants are asked to wear purple shirts. Donations for local shelters will be collected at the run such as gently used or new towels, sheets, pillow cases and blankets. Donation drop-off will be during the 5K Run/Walk.

- JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Oktoberfest information blitz: Oct. 17 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parade Field parking lot. Stop by the Family Advocacy table during Oktoberfest for a chance to win prizes.



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From left: Craig Hodge, domestic abuse victim advocate; Chandra Peterson, Family Advocacy Outreach manager, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland; Norma Leal, Family Advocacy Outreach manager, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; and James Price, Family Advocacy Outreach manager, JBSA-Lackland; join Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander (center) as he signs a proclamation supporting prevention efforts and bringing awareness of and education about domestic violence prevention to the community.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT from P6

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's National Night Out will commence with a motorcade that will visit Watkins Terrace Community Center, Harris Heights Community Center and Fort Sam Houston Resident Center, 407 Dickman Road, site of the block party.

National Night Out at JBSA-Lackland will feature a block party at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, 2254 Brian McElroy St. Information and materials on crime prevention, drug awareness and privately owned weapons will be available.

The Randolph High School Marching Band will be one of the attractions at the JBSA-Randolph Night Out on the North Park median adjacent to the Parr Club. A demonstration by a martial-arts life skills school and musical entertainment are also planned.

Steven Dews, 502nd SFS crime prevention manager, said National Night Out is a worthwhile event for law enforcement officers and housing residents alike.

"We are just like ordinary citizens who have family and friends that we care about," he said. "This is an out-

standing occasion to meet and greet the people we serve and protect. We also have the chance to let people know they are not being taken for granted; every police service or 911 call is top priority."

National Night Out gives residents an opportunity to see police officers and firefighters relaxing and sharing their knowledge, Dews said.

"They will receive literature and get to see and handle specialized equipment unique only to first responders," he said.

Staff Sgt. Larry Holmes, 902nd SFS NCO in charge of police services, said attendance at the JBSA-Randolph event continues to rise.

"It's one of those community outreach events," he said. "People get a chance to meet with local law enforcement agency officers to see what they do every day, and we get a chance to meet the people we are protecting every day."

National Night Out also allows all participants to have fun.

"Hopefully everybody will come out and have a good time," Holmes said.

HERITAGE from P7

vehicle maintenance and explosive disarmament."

Maintaining a warrior culture rooted deep in Native American history, the gourd dance and reveille ceremony highlighted the "warriors" of the present-day U.S. military and its veterans.

"A warrior is a person who serves, a person who sacrifices themselves for the good of others," Blauvelt said. "They feed the hungry, house the homeless, clothe the cold and when necessary, stand as protection for their people."

As the drum beats of the "flag song" greeted a new day at JBSA-Randolph, warriors adorned with feathers, beads and Air Force uniforms joined together in a salute to the flag that has led them both to defend their nation throughout American history.



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Native Americans participate in the gourd dance and reveille ceremony during the Texas American Indian Heritage Day Sept. 26 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

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