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Loadmasters from the 68th Airlift Squadron watch as a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter is towed to the ramp of a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft June 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland during Operation Silver Galaxy.

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Power of positivity in leadership

By Senior Master Sgt.
Jennifer Thielke

I can safely say becoming a first sergeant is something I have looked forward to for a long time. Four years ago, that dream came true.

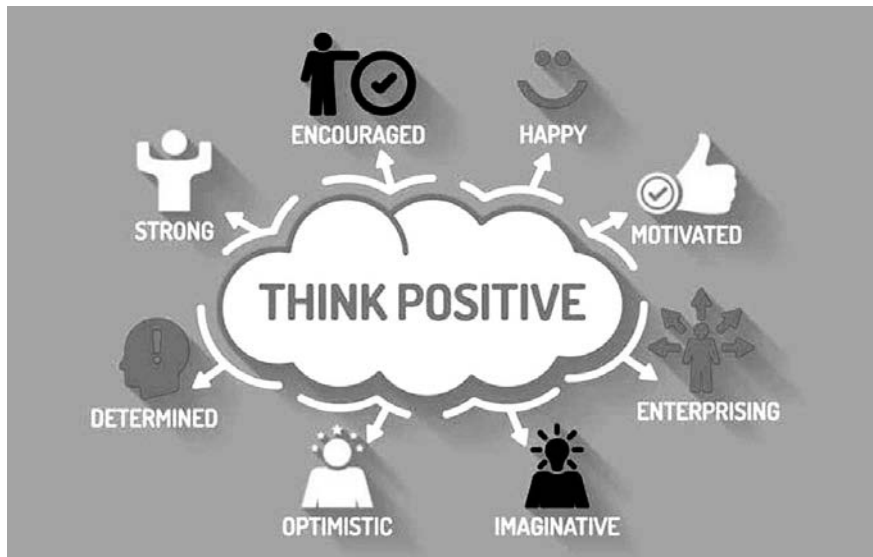
My background was in communications and space, and my first assignment as a first sergeant was to an aircraft maintenance squadron. I had no idea what I was walking into. I did know one thing — it required leadership.

The needed skills of how to process an Article 15 or start an unfavorable information file would come over time. My fear was not that I would screw them up. My fear was, could I lead? Could I lead Airmen through a difficult process of nonjudicial punishment or an administrative action? Could I be the first sergeant that I always wanted to have as an Airmen? Could I be a wave of positive through fair and balanced leadership?

Four years later, I still ask myself that same question. I think it's healthy to continue to check yourself no matter how far you think you've walked, what squadron you lead next and any accolades you may have received along the way.

Over time I learned Airmen need two things. They need to know you care about them and they want to be held accountable.

You can't do just one of those, you have to learn to do both — sometimes at the same time. You can't just care about them when they deviate from standards. They need to be told they deviated from standards, and then you need to find out why. Did their wife just leave them? Is their car



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getting repossessed? Did their grandma just die? Did they just not know they couldn't steal an unused all-terrain vehicle from the dorm parking lot? Finding out the why takes time, but it's worth it. Because you can potentially save a career, save a family and save a life.

I learned from the very beginning while Airmen need the above mentioned two things they also need positivity. Positivity in leadership is contagious. You know what's more contagious than positivity? Negativity.

I used to work 12-hour shifts in missile warning. If we deviated from a checklist and screwed something up, we were given an error and subsequently removed from the mission until we obtained retraining and then recertified in the simulator.

There were a few months of a high percentage of errors and leadership was getting angry. So angry, we witnessed public verbal lashings, heard of paperwork actions and we spent a large amount of time during our 12-hour shift talking crap about how leadership dealt with it.

I remember at the end of one 12-hour shift we had convinced ourselves of our own self-generated rumor, "If there is one more error, I heard the commander is going to come take all of our chairs."

Thinking back on that, I wonder what logic tree we used to get to that. It was from that experience I started thinking. While it's easy to slip into a slippery slope of negativity, it's wasting a lot of valuable time and decreasing the odds of developing leaders.

I was a technical sergeant

when this all occurred and I wished this simple revelation would have come so much sooner in my career. I started thinking about how to energize my crew to correct checklists or how to improve a process-giving us all buy-in and being a part of the fix to what was a trend of errors. I also wanted to focus on the positive of everything. When I would hear them say, "It's only 1800, we have eight more hours until we can go home," I would say, "It's already 1800, we only have eight more hours." Amazing what changing a few words can do to flip around a thought.

Today's environment is riddled with a major outlet "empowering" our young minds, social media. Instead of a crew of 15-20 monitoring missile

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Hot cars a death trap for children, pets

From 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Being inside a parked vehicle on a hot day where the temperature can reach more than 100 degrees can become a dangerous situation for children and pets left unattended by their parents and owners.

Awareness of the dangers of leaving children and pets unattended in a hot vehicle and efforts in preventing such instances from occurring are a focus of the Air Force Summer Safety Campaign.

Leaving a child or pet alone in a hot vehicle could lead to heatstroke, injury or death. In the U.S. each year, an average of 37 children die from heat-related



deaths after being left in a parked vehicle, according to <http://www.KidsAndCars.org>, a nonprofit organization that works to improve the safety of

children in vehicles.

Since 1998, the Department of Meteorology and Climate Science at San Jose State University reports 716 children left in vehi-

cles in the U.S. have died from heatstroke, which occurs when the body reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

According to webmd.com, a heatstroke is caused by prolonged exposure to high temperatures and can damage or kill internal organs in the body, including the brain.

Staff Sgt. Dominick Fugazzi, 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office safety technician at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, said an adult or parent should not leave a child unattended in a vehicle even for a short period of time.

"It's never okay to leave a child in a car, period, even if it's only for a few minutes and even if the car is left running," Fugazzi

said. "The safety and security of your children should be every parent's number one priority. Leaving a child in a car unattended creates an extremely dangerous environment for numerous reasons."

Even cracking the windows does not reduce the temperature inside a vehicle, which can increase over 20 degrees within 10 minutes and to 40 degrees within an hour.

For instance, on a 70-degree day, the temperature inside a vehicle could rise to 110 degrees Fahrenheit in an hour.

Children left alone in a hot vehicle are at risk for getting heatstroke because their bodies

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Have safe summer vacations with planning, risk management

By Airman Dillon Parker

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Summertime means vacation and travel for many service members and their families, but enjoyable road trips can turn unpleasant or even deadly without proper planning and risk management.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Evans, 502nd Air Base Wing NCO in charge of the safety office, echoed this sentiment and imparted some tips to stay safe while taking a vacation.

"It's very important to plan properly for your trip," Evans said. "The main thing is to make sure your vehicle is good to go to keep you out of dangerous situations."

Travelers should make sure all fluids are where they're supposed to be and, most importantly, that tires have proper inflation and tread, Evans added.

Tire failure contributed to 43.3 percent of crashes in the United States between 2005 and 2007, according to the Air Force Safety Center.

Another important aspect of preparing a vehicle for travel is to stock a safety kit.

"You just never know when that might come in handy," Evans said. "Spare tire; reflective cones and vest; flashlights and batteries – they're all very important when you're planning a trip."

While preparing a vehicle is important, it's also important for travelers themselves to be prepared.

"You want to make sure you get enough rest before you take off," Evans explained. "Don't work a full eight hours then turn around and expect to drive 10 hours; fatigue is a pretty common cause of accidents."

Ensuring proper rest before the trip is not enough to ward off fatigue completely.

"You definitely should plan stops every two hours or so to stretch and rest," said Evans, adding that it's important not to drive more than six to eight hours in one day.

There are also safety habits people should employ while at hotels during longer trips.

"Secure your belongings in

your room; most hotels provide safes," Evans said. "Make sure your door is secure and just be mindful of your surroundings."

The National Crime Prevention Council advises vacationers to carry travelers' checks instead of cash and to record information of valuables taken on their trip. Travelers should also learn about their vacation destinations before they arrive to include knowing what sites they want to visit and how to get there using a safe, well-traveled route.

Before leaving for a trip, there are various safety techniques people can employ to ensure their home is secure and safe while they are gone.

It's important to lock all windows and doors and lean on a friend or neighbor, Evans suggested.

"Make sure you have someone you trust watching over your home and reporting any suspicious activity," Evans said.

Evans conveyed one last piece of advice, "In risk management we have this acronym called ACT."

ACT stands for, assess the situation, consider the options,



and take the appropriate actions, said Evans. ACT can be used to minimize the risk when dangerous situations arise.

For more information on occupational safety during the

summer season, contact a local safety office at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4543; JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-5028; and JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-1843.

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warnings while drowning ourselves in “chairless” self-pity, it’s now an online epidemic. You can get online and justify your rumor of the removal of chairs. And heck, someone will probably make a meme for you. Remaining positive in today’s environment is challenging because when those Airmen get home, there is a whole community whispering all the bad nothings in their ears.

The challenge is to ignore it. I keep an eye on social media, only to know what my Airmen are upset or challenged with. Over time, though, while I try to keep an eye on today’s frustrations, I get very discouraged at the toxicity being spread. There are pages upon

pages to openly complain, bash and foul-mouth any policy, person or thing, and we continue to watch it manifest.

Be a wave of positivity in your own environments and at the level you serve. You would be amazed at how contagious it really can be. Care about your Airmen and hold them accountable.

I have had four units since I have been a shirt. I have dealt with any disciplinary matter you can dream up. I have dealt with suicide, death, despair and depression.

What keeps me going every day is the positivity: watching Airmen overcome their absolute worst to become their absolute best. Watching Airmen glow when they show me the results of the latest ultrasound picture. Listening to Airmen excitedly tell me

how they proposed. Finding out the cross-training package was approved and being able to congratulate them on a new career path. Handing stripes to a staff sergeant who was about to high-year-tenure out. Running into the Airman who was demoted via an article 15 in the commissary and having him thank you for guiding him out of a rough patch during his career.

Our Airmen are doing amazing things everyday with the mission, but they are doing way more impressive things in their lives as they become young adults, parents, spouses and leaders.

Encourage them, don’t “take their chairs” and don’t be part of the crowd that makes negativity contagious. Find the positivity every day, care about Airmen and hold them accountable.

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heat up quicker than adults, Fugazzi said.

“Young children are extremely vulnerable to suffering heatstroke because their bodies can heat up three to five times faster than an adult,” he said.

Other dangers for children left unattended in a vehicle include car theft that could lead to kidnapping or child abduction, seat belt strangulation, carbon monoxide poisoning if the vehicle is left running and vehicle fires, Fugazzi said.

Fugazzi said measures can be taken by adults and parents to prevent heat-related injuries or deaths include:

- Never leaving a child alone in a vehicle, not even for a minute, and making sure the vehicle is locked when an adult or parent is not present so children don't get in it on their own and lock themselves in.

- Create reminders by placing an object in the backseat of the vehicle next to the child, such as a briefcase, purse, cell phone or toy that is needed at the driver's destination. This is important if the adult or parent is not following their normal routine.

- Take action. If an individual sees a child alone in a vehicle, they should call 911 so that trained emergency personnel can come to the scene and save the child's life.

Adults should get in the routine of “look before you lock,” checking to make sure there is no child in the backseat before they leave and lock up a vehicle. Parents and adults should keep vehicles locked at all times, even in driveways or garages, so that children

can't get into them on their own. Children may be able to lock the vehicle doors, but may not be able to unlock them, according to <http://www.KidsAnd-Cars.org>.

In Texas, an adult can be charged with a misdemeanor if they intentionally leave a child in a vehicle for longer than five minutes if the child is younger than seven years of age and not with an individual who is 14 years of age and older.

A hot vehicle is also not suitable for a pet to be in. The American Veterinary Medical Association said hundreds of pets die each year from heat exhaustion after being locked in a vehicle.

Anyone who sees a pet unattended in a vehicle showing signs of heat stress should call law enforcement authorities immediately, according to the Humane Society of the

United States. A caller who reports a pet in distress should get the vehicle's license plate number, go to the nearest business to ask them to make a public announcement to locate the owner and go back and wait for authorities at the vehicle.

While Texas does not have a law prohibiting leaving a pet alone in a hot vehicle, pet owners could be charged with animal cruelty under state law if an officer finds the animal shows signs of distress, or doesn't have adequate water or airflow in the vehicle.

At JBSA, people who notice a child or pet in distress in a vehicle should call 902nd SFS at JBSA-Randolph, 652-5700 or 5709; 802nd SFS at JBSA-Lackland, 671-3030; or the 502nd SFS at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 221-2244. In cases of emergency off base, call 911.

Parents need to be proactive and manage children's online social media habits

By Cpl. Min-je Park

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Parents today can relate to the challenges of raising teenagers in a social media-driven world. "The Social Lives of Networked Teens" was the subject of discussion June 26 at Seoul American High School.

The event presented by Adolescent Support and Counseling Services, or ASACS, invited parents to listen to Lisa Roethling, a licensed professional counselor, addictions therapist, and clinical director of ASACS-Worldwide, discuss.

The lecture mainly talked about how teenagers behave on Social Network Services, or SNS, and how parents can influence behaviors in effective and constructive ways.

"The goal of this workshop is for parents to take a closer look at adolescent teen social media behaviors," Roethling said. The information presented focused on how to communicate with a teen about a healthy online presence as well as setting boundaries with internet access.

Today's teens exhibit different behaviors. Roethling pointed out they no longer hang out with friends in the real world, making face-to-face contact. They live in the world of the Internet and SNS because that is where all their friends live. They communicate through a variety of platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

Today's teenagers are more interested in mass popularity than money or even family. They want their posts to be liked by other people to include people they do not know. They like to show off what they do, eat or wear on social media.

Roethling said teenagers are literally addicted to SNS. According to a survey conducted



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by the Pew Research Center in 2014 and 2015, 92 percent of teens access the Internet daily, and nearly a quarter of them are on the Internet almost constantly.

However, teenagers are also more burned out and prone to depression because of SNS. A report by the Royal Society for Public Health in the United Kingdom suggests that Instagram is the worst social media network for young people's (aged 14-24) mental health. They simply cannot manage the emotions of seeing an endless stream of pictures of friends showing off because of the "compare and despair" attitude prevalent among many teens.

There are also more young people on social network sites than older people. Those born between 1980 and 2000, also known as Generation Y, tend to rely on social networks for news. The problem is that SNS presents narrow facets of the world while also reinforcing passive attitudes, she said.

Roethling also talked about the impact of social media on brain functions with specific regard to three factors: short and long-term planning, shortened attention span, and loss of impulse control. There is also compelling evidence that much of a teenager's cognitive ability deteriorates with excessive

exposure to technology.

Kathy Koch, an educational psychology expert, suggests in her book, "Screens and teens: connecting with our kids in a wireless world," that the average teen identifies a panda among other dolls in 20-30 seconds, compared to 12-15 seconds eight years ago. The study revealed differences in concentration ability compared to just a decade ago.

Roethling pointed out that teens' overexposure to SNS is much more serious in military communities. "Third Culture Kids, or kids growing up in military communities, have a need for staying connected as they are more often subject to moves and transitioning in and out of communities," Roethling said.

Roethling provided a list of rules to help parents raise healthy teenagers in such a highly tech-reliant era:

- ▶ Get Passwords. Parents need to check their kids' electronic device usage and watch how they behave on SNS. If kids try to hide something from their parents, then they must have done something wrong.
- ▶ Set clear parameters for checking in with teens and stick to it. This helps to build trust. Do check on a regular basis.
- ▶ Enforce that social media is a privilege to be earned and NOT

a "right." Sometimes teens have misconceptions that they own their "own" cell phone, forgetting that their parents bought it for them. If teenagers misbehave on SNS, parents have a right to take their phone away, and teens should be aware of this and act responsibly.

- ▶ Get your own account on any social medium they are using. Friending and following is mandatory. This gives parents a way to monitor their teens' behavior transparently.
- ▶ Use missteps as opportunities to build communication and empathy.
- ▶ Teach through empathetic responses and natural and logical consequences. Parents need to teach kids how to nurture emotional relationships in today's SNS world. Giving empathetic responses to kids will help children understand the emotional value of human relationships. Speaking logically and naturally will help children recognize their own problems.

▶ Ease up on restrictions and scrutiny as responsibility is proven and a pattern of healthy online activity is demonstrated.

To reinforce the rules above, she suggested parents have a family meeting.

"It's important to have a family meeting on a regular basis. Through it, parents and their kids can be emotionally connected to each other. Parents should ask their children questions about their internet usage," Roethling said. "Please establish trust, rules and expectations. Parents should keep their place in the center when it comes to matters involving their children. Be reasonable and discuss issues with your children."

She recommended several questions parents should ask their children:

- ▶ Where do you spend most of

your time online?

- ▶ What's your favorite app right now?
- ▶ Who do you chat with the most?
- ▶ What does it take for you to friend someone on Instagram or Facebook?
- ▶ Why do you hide your electronics when I come in the room?
- ▶ When will you be accepting my friend requests?
- ▶ Is there anything you want to tell me before I look at your phone?

She also says it is important to set limits with usage, depending on when and where. It's critical for teens not to be occupied with their cell phones before bedtime. Designating where they can use electronic devices will help them be accountable for what they are doing, considering how easy it is to hide their footprints in the digital age.

She also talked about the importance of rewarding children for good SNS behavior.

"It's always important to catch kids doing something right. If your teens abide by your standards, then reward them verbally, emotionally or with more trust," Roethling said.

Roethling's presentation provided parents practical ways to communicate with teenagers about their SNS usage.

"Now I know how to take care of my son's SNS use. I will stay connected emotionally with him and teach him the value of empathy," said Guadalupe Villarral, the mother of a sixteen-year-old son.

"Remember, as a parent, it's important to stay up to date on recent trends relating to online behaviors and spend time getting to know your teens' online identity," Roethling said.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

Navy research dentist competes for IRONMAN 'All-World Athlete' status

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"Always trust your training," said Navy Lt. Noel Dickens, Biomaterials and Epidemiology Department head, Naval Medical Research Unit-San Antonio, or NAMRU-SA, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Dickens, known around NAMRU-SA as "The Crusher" for his indomitable spirit, competed in an IRONMAN Texas competition April 22.

Dickens swam 2.4 miles, biked 112 miles, and ran 26.2 miles to finish in 11 hours, 34 minutes and 28 seconds. His finishing numbers placed him in the top 15 percent of the participants.

"It is almost impossible to take on this challenge without proper training," Dickens said.

Over the past 12

months, Dickens logged 75 hours in the pool, biked 5,000 miles, ran 1,600 miles and burned through six pairs of running shoes to train for the competition.

"Even with all your preparation, it is still a leap of faith," he said.

IRONMAN Texas was the first of three IRONMAN events in 2017 in which he will attempt to qualify as an "All World Athlete," a title only reserved for the top 10 percent of all IRONMAN participants. Dickens used this goal to push through mental and physical exhaustion associated with the constant grind of training.

The IRONMAN World Championship was created by U.S. Navy Cdr. John Collins and his wife, Judy, with the first race occurring on the shores of Waikiki, Hawaii, in 1978. Dickens was inspired to compete after learning about the competitions Navy ties

back to the inaugural event.

"It was the distinct Navy connections through the founders that made me want to compete in an IRONMAN," Dickens said.

When Dickens is not battling for IRONMAN victory, he is channeling his competitive spirit in his research at NAMRU-SA to support warfighters readiness by controlling dental caries and reducing operational dental emergencies.

Dental caries is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases of people worldwide and represents the number one cause of dental emergencies among deployed military personnel. Navy dentists conduct annual oral examinations on all active duty personnel to include a caries risk assessment and classify each patient as low, moderate, and high risk for caries development.

Those members who

are classified as high or moderate risk are targeted with a prescribed Oral Disease Risk Management Protocol to improve their oral health status and decrease their risk of a dental emergency.

The purpose of Dickens' study is to examine the association between the Navy's caries risk management program and improvements in clinical measures associated with increased caries risk.

NAMRU-SA's mission is to conduct medical, dental and directed energy biomedical research, which focuses on ways to enhance the health, safety, performance and operational readiness of Navy and Marine Corps personnel and addresses their emergent medical and dental problems in routine and combat operations.

"It is amazing how much you can push your body and still keep going," Dickens said.



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Navy Lt. Noel Dickens, Biomaterials and Epidemiology Department head, Naval Medical Research Unit-San Antonio, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, finishes IRONMAN Texas April 22 in 11:34:28.

BAMC returns to baseline surgery rate

From BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center has returned to its normal surgical procedure rate after a deliberate slowdown to review all aspects of surgical care.

BAMC is now performing an average of 50 operating room procedures a day, which was the hospital's baseline prior to a

surge in fall 2016 to enhance readiness and health education.

"We are pleased with this milestone. However, we don't see this as the endpoint," said BAMC Commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson. "We are working diligently to increase our operating capacity so we can continue to care for our all our patients' needs."

As a high reliability organization focused on quality and safety, BAMC is continually searching for ways to improve the medical services provided to those entrusted to its care.

Most recently, BAMC took steps to ensure high quality surgical care for its patients. An initial step taken in mid-April was to temporarily reduce the

number of elective surgical procedures while leaders and outside experts evaluated staffing, equipment, space and processes to ensure the facility is ready to meet the surgical demand.

As a result of this review, BAMC determined it needed to add 27 technicians to better manage the workload in the Sterile Processing and Distribution unit, which manages the surgical instrument sterilization process.

The added personnel are helping to ensure there are enough sterile surgical sets on hand to meet the organization's requirements. Some of the complex surgeries require upwards of 12 sets at one time.

Leaders continue to look closely at all surgical processes and methodically increase surgical procedures over time.

"Increased surgeries hone medical skills needed on the battlefield," Johnson said.

WE CARE APP PROVIDES TOOLS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Joint Base San Antonio has created the WeCare app to provide Soldiers, civilians and family members the necessary tools for U.S. Army SHARP/SAPR, Suicide Prevention and the links necessary to contact those agencies for more information. The app will aid in informing personnel about the definition of sexual harassment and sexual assault, and the reporting procedures for both. The WeCare app is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play storefront. To download the app, go to the App Store and search for WeCare JBSA or TRADOC Mobile. Once you locate the app, follow the upload procedures for your cellular device. The app was created in partnership between JBSA and TCM Mobile.



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JBSA members encouraged to get informed during emergencies

By Rob Strain

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During an emergency, getting accurate information out to as many people as possible, as fast as possible, is crucial.

According to Ed Doss, the Installation Exercise Program director with the 502nd Air Base Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, there are several ways for the information to reach people, including word of mouth through phone rosters, email and the AtHoc “purple globe.”

The AtHoc purple globe refers to the icon for the Air Education and Training Command’s Emergency Mass Notification System program installed on the installation’s computers.

“AtHoc is probably the

best source we have for getting information out widespread, as fast as possible,” Doss said.

The system is operated and managed by the installation command post, said Tech. Sgt. Katherine Medellin, noncommissioned officer in charge of training and security for the command post.

Users must sign up for the notification system using their common access card, or CAC, from a government computer, but have the opportunity to enter their personal cell phone number to receive phone call and text message notifications after hours or while they are away from their government computer, Doss explained.

“You can select your JBSA locations, and put in your work phone, home phone, personal

cell phone and text message number,” said Michael Broeker, 502nd Air Base Wing Inspection Team manager. “Regardless of where you’re at, you’re going to get it.”

Service members are able to sign up their family members as well through the system, so that they receive notification on their phones as well, Doss said.

Not everyone on JBSA has a CAC and therefore access to the notification system. For those people, it will be important to listen to the installation-wide mass loudspeaker system, often known as the “giant voice,” during an emergency, Medellin said.

“During a real-world event that happened last year, we had people call 911 to try to get information,” Doss said. “If they

had been properly registered in AtHoc, that information was going out on a regular basis.”

In addition to getting notified, it’s important to understand what to do in various emergency situations, including the differences between a raise in the force protection condition and an installation lockdown, said Medellin.

Doss explained that there are several options to receive initial or refresher training on what to do, ranging from on-line training to organization anti-terrorism programs and classes offered by the local security forces squadron.

If someone sees something out of place, but

hasn’t received any type of notification, they can always call their leaders, rather than 911, to find out more.

“We’re all carrying cell phones, if we don’t get the notification, and we see something, we can always call our supervisor or chain of command, and find out what’s going on,” Doss said.

Conference of American Armies plans for crisis situations, fosters international cooperation

By Frederick Hoyt
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When natural a disaster strikes, the ability to respond quickly and efficiently can help save lives.

Incorporating a “whole-of-government” approach and working with partner nation armies and international agencies was the focus of a specialized Conference of American Armies, or CAA, event in Santiago, Chile, in June.

Co-hosted by the Chilean and Argentinian armies, the focus was inter-agency operations with an emphasis on the importance of integration when dealing with, and responding to, crisis situations.

“International cooperation begins here when you talk to people and you face people,” said Chilean Army Col. Juan Eduardo Gonzalez. “If we are able to cooperate in an international environment, then that means that we are on a good path.”

The country of Chile is known as an area prone to

natural disasters, ranging from earthquakes and cyclones, to earthquakes and tsunamis. Gonzalez said collaboration between partner nations, combined with careful planning, have helped to make this conference a success and will improve the collective response to humanitarian assistance efforts.

During this week-long conference, more than 120 people from 16 member armies, including defense forces and civil and non-governmental agencies, worked closely together sharing their expertise and valuable insights. The group drew from a wealth of experience in dealing with a wide range of emergencies and the ensuing humanitarian relief efforts.

Participants also had the opportunity to respond to a mock, natural disaster training scenario as part of a validation exercise in which coordination and communication was critical.

“We need to figure out within the Americas how can we

assist our neighboring countries when the call comes,” said U.S. Army Col. Tony Espinosa, the CAA Permanent Executive Secretary. “For us to be able to do that we have to exercise the protocols, the systems, and we have to have something in place and start building the confidence amongst our countries.”

Espinosa added that today responding to a catastrophe, “is a total government and society approach.”

The validation exercise also provided opportunities to evaluate a new Geographical Information System software designed by the Argentinian army and the Interagency Environment Operational Guidelines developed by the Brazilian army.

In addition, the various capabilities of CAA participants were evaluated on how effective they were at mitigating the effects of the aftermath of a natural disaster.

Founded in 1960, the Conference of American Armies is comprised of 20 member ar-



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Col. Manuel Carrasco (left), Dominican Republic Army, speaks with Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn, U.S. Army South commander, during a mock natural disaster training exercise June 21 at the Conference of American Armies event in Santiago, Chile.

mies, six observer armies and two observer international military organizations: the Inter-American Defense Board and the Conference of Central American Armed Forces.

The leadership of the CAA's Permanent Executive Secretari-

at is a shared responsibility that rotates voluntarily every two years.

The U.S. Army will pass its current leadership role to the Army of the Dominican Republic in January 2018 for the official start of the 33rd CAA cycle.

New leader takes helm of 470th Military Intelligence Brigade

By David DeKunder
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Col. Ingrid Parker became the new commander of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade during a change of command ceremony held on the MacArthur Parade Field at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston July 7.

Parker assumed command of the 470th MIB as she accepted the brigade's guidon from Col. James “Jamey” Royse, who was the brigade's commander for two years. Royse is leaving the 470th MIB to become director of intelligence for U.S. Army Central at Shaw Air Force Base,

South Carolina.

Before an audience that included her family members, JBSA leaders, members of the 470th MIB and brigade units, Parker delivered her first remarks as the brigade commander.

“As I stand here very humbled from the grandeur of the occasion, I'm truly appreciative of this opportunity,” Parker said. “I wish I could begin to describe the incredible feelings of gratitude, humility and joy that are absolutely consuming me.”

Prior to taking the helm of the brigade, Parker was a Na-



Col. Ingrid Parker (left) accepts the colors of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade from Maj. Gen. Christopher Ballard, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command commanding general, during a change of command ceremony July 7 on the MacArthur Parade Field at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Olivia Mendoza

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505th MIB ceremony has historical perspective

By Capt. Ed Robles

505TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
BRIGADE

In a change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston July 7, Col. Dustin Shultz completed her tour as commander of the 505th Military Intelligence Brigade (Theater), turning over command to Col. William Sears.

Shultz was the brigade's first commander, establishing the readiness and programs critical for the Brigade's future.

Shultz' tour was historically significant because she joined the rare ranks of those who have been the first to lead a newly created brigade.

The brigade was activated Sept. 16, 2015, with its conception based on the Chief of Staff of the Army's guidance that each combatant command establish a theater intelligence brigade. Shultz was selected because of her stellar leadership record, diverse experience, vision and

can-do attitude, leading the brigade to readiness to fulfill mission tasks.

During the ceremony, Lt. Gen. Jeffery Buchanan, commanding general, U.S. Army North, recognized Shultz for her service.

"Col. Shultz's mission execution and operational accomplishments were outstanding," Buchanan noted. "She does it with a leader's conviction for service to country."

Shultz's remarks combined heartfelt gratitude with patriotic enthusiasm. She also gave great credit to her family.

"Through the years, my family has been a centerpiece of support for which I am grateful for. I look forward to the next mission, confident, with them by my side," she said.

The 505th MIB (T) is a multi-component unit that conducts theater-level, multidiscipline intelligence analysis operations to support U.S. Army North in the defense and security of the United States and its interests.



CAPT. ED ROBLES

Col. Dustin Shultz (right) passes the colors of the 505th Military Intelligence Brigade (Theater) to Lt. Gen. Jeffery Buchanan (left), U.S. Army North commanding general, during a change of command ceremony July 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Col. William Sears (center) took over as the brigade's commander.

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tional Security Agency Cyber Fellow for the U.S. Army War College. She has 24 years of experience in the military, which started when she became a commissioned military intelligence officer in 1993.

Parker's previous assignments include serving as the garrison commander at the U.S. Army Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, a military research and manufacturing facility; and as the Enterprise Geospatial Product Trainer and the Counter-Terrorism Senior Operations Leader at the NSA at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Maj. Gen. Christopher Ballard, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command commanding general, said through his work and leadership Roysse left his mark on the brigade.

"For the past two years, the

470th MIB has been led by one of the Army's best," Ballard said. "Col. Jamey Roysse, you are a true leader and intelligence professional. You've been operationally laser focused and you've invested in developing new intelligence capabilities, innovative enterprise solutions and in developing junior leaders at all levels."

Ballard, the presiding ceremony officer, said Parker is the perfect leader to take over the 470th MIB and continue the brigade's legacy of excellence in intelligence gathering.

"We are all delighted the Army saw fit to assign you to this command at this time in its history," Ballard said. "Your technical competence, varied experience and caring leadership are a great fit for where this unit is going. Enjoy the ride and the opportunity to serve with these terrific men and women as their commander. It doesn't get any better than this."

In his remarks, Roysse thanked his family for their support and members of the intelligence brigade he led and worked with for five years. Before becoming commander of the intelligence brigade in July 2015, Roysse was the commander of the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion, a unit of the 470th MIB.

"The leaders of the 470th MIB provide excellent direction, development and discipline to get the job done year-round, every single day," Roysse said. "This unit is filled with excellent leaders, from noncommissioned officers ranking from corporal to command sergeant major who accomplish complex missions while taking care of soldiers; to the warrant officers, steeped in experience and technical competence; to the civil servants who carry continuity and deep knowledge of how to accomplish challenging tasks; to the officers, diligent and driven

by their common commitment to excellence and to uphold their oath to our Constitution."

Referring to the brigade's motto, "Forge the Future," Roysse recognized the servicemembers in the brigade who help protect the country.

"Those three little words, 'Forge the Future,' embody the spirit of the Soldiers who stand before us willing to give their last full measure to provide us all a buffer of security from those who would do us harm," he said. "I am immensely proud, surprised by the character, competence and commitment of these well led Soldiers."

In addition, Roysse thanked two of the commanders that support the 470th MIB, Ballard and Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn, U.S. Army South commanding general.

"Thank you for the freedom to command," Roysse said. "Thank you for exercising mis-

sion command in a way that allowed me to leave it better than I found it. It was an ideal environment and climate."

Roysse said he had faith in the leadership abilities of Parker, who he worked with previously while stationed at Fort Hood.

"I've known your strong character, your graceful but firm voice and your positive demeanor," he said. "You will forge a future with this brigade impressively."

Headquartered at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the 470th MIB is composed of five units who help provide multi-disciplined intelligence support for U.S. Army South and U.S. Southern Command and intelligence operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. In addition, the 470th MIB provides counter-intelligence support and force protection for counterintelligence missions throughout the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility.

FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

Fort Sam Houston ISD Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. on July 27, 2017, in the Professional Development Center located at 1908 Winans Road, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget. Public participation in the discussion is invited. Immediately following the public hearing, the Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting that will include in the agenda an action item to adopt the 2017-2018 budget.

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

- » Maintenance and Operations – 5.16 % increase
- » Total expenditures – 5.16 % increase

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

- » Maintenance and Operation Fund Balance – \$7,500,000
- » Interest and Sinking Fund Balance – \$0 (District has no debt.)

Army Warrant Officer Association

Time/Date: July 17, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road
The next meeting of the Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association is at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road, at

the corner of Rittiman and Harry Wurzbach. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call 808-256-5128.

Toastmasters meet

Date/Time: July 20 & 27, noon to 1 p.m.

Location: Building 2264, Room 60
Call 703-615-0711 for more information.

Build-a-Backpack program

Date: July 25-Aug. 10

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Second Infantry Division reunion

The Second Infantry (Indianhead) Division Association seeks anyone who served in the unit at any time. The group will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the division, which was formed in France during World War I. For information about the association and annual reunion in Arlington, Va., from Sept. 13-17, call 224-224-1202 or visit <http://www.2ida.org>.

Pre-separation counseling

Service members planning to separate or retire must attend this mandatory counseling. Appointments may be scheduled up to 24-months prior to retirement. Soldiers may schedule an appointment up to 18-months prior to separation, other service members have up to 12-months prior to separation. Airmen, Sailors and Marines should call the Military & Family Readiness Center at 210-221-2705 to schedule an appointment. Soldiers should call the Soldier for Life/Transition Assistance Program at 210-221-1213 to schedule an appointment.

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IAAFA symposium delivers crucial lesson on IEDs

By **Jeremy Gerlach**
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 20 members of Colombia's armed forces packed a classroom at the Inter-American Air Force Academy for a counter-terrorism symposium held June 20 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The Colombian students hovered around a table, marveling at several replica explosives

and countless deadly traps jammed into glass bottles, suitcases and laptops as Tech. Sgt. Juan Ipatzi, 837th Training Squadron International Force Protection Flight Instructor, looked on.

The symposium was designed to demonstrate how terrorists can turn even the most commonplace items — an iPhone, an envelope or a soda can — into a

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JEREMY GERLACH

Tech. Sgt. Juan Ipatzi (right), 837th Training Squadron International Force Protection Flight instructor, displays an explosive vest to students of Colombia's armed forces at a counter-terrorism symposium June 20 at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Exercise participants train for future deployments

By **Ben Faske**
433RD AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 433rd Airlift Wing hosted the 615th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Air Combat Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, in support of Operation Silver Galaxy, a training exercise that took place from June 20-25 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The five-day exercise gave Soldiers and Airmen an opportunity to train together to further their understanding of the inter-service capabilities during a deployment buildup.

For the Army, the Soldiers were provided a unique opportunity to breakdown and load UH-60 Black Hawk, AH-64 Apache, and CH-47 Chinook Helicopters into the cargo hold of a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft.

Normally, the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade would load their aircraft onto naval vessels bound for their deployment. However,



BENJAMIN FASKE

Soldiers from the 615th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Air Combat Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood and Airmen from the 26th and 74th Aerial Port Squadrons begin loading a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter into the cargo hold of a C-5M Super Galaxy June 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

when time is of the essence, these same aircraft can be loaded into C-5's and be delivered within 24 hours into forward deployed locations.

"It really just depends on how fast they need the equipment," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Smith, 615th ASB control non-

commissioned officer in charge. "We are training with the Air Force so that our people can learn the proper way to load onto a C-5."

The 615th ASB mission is to provide fuel, ground maintenance, aviation maintenance, signal support and medical

support to the aviation task force conducting high elevation training.

An important aspect to the exercise was to work with the 26th and 74th Aerial Port Squadrons on load inspections. The inspection process is vital into safely moving equipment in

the C-5M. For many Soldiers, the exercise was their first opportunity to be inspected by an Air Force aerial port team.

"This is significant because we are working directly with the Air Force Reserve, specifically the inspectors and loadmasters. We don't get that opportunity very often to do this kind of inspection and perform these loading procedures," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew McMillan, 615th ASB officer in charge. "We do have some units that require us to send aircraft to more remote locations and that's where we are going to take advantage of Air Mobility Command's capability to put us in these strategic locations."

The hospitality of the Citizen Airmen to their Army brothers-in-arms did not go unnoticed.

"The 433rd Airlift wing has been amazing, working with our military brethren, the support and hospitality has just been great," McMillan said.

TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY MEMORIAL HONORS FALLEN AIRMEN



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN DILLON PARKER

Retired Air Force Col. Peter Donnelly delivers a speech during the Tactical Air Control Party Memorial Rededication Ceremony outside the 353rd Battlefield Airmen Training Squadron June 23 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex. Donnelly accumulated nearly nine years in leadership positions within the 18th Air Support Operations Group and led TAC-P members supporting operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom as Expeditionary Air Support Operations Group commander. The ceremony was held to pay special tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice as TACP Airmen, whose mission is to defeat the enemy through the use of airpower while protecting our ground forces and non-combatants from friendly air to ground attacks, and those who served in direct support of those who do.



Master Sgt. Jeffery Mader stands next to the wreath during the Tactical Air Control Party Memorial Rededication Ceremony June 23 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex. Each of the gold roses placed on the wreath represent one of the fallen on the memorial.

LACKLAND BRIEFS

JBSA Air Force Ball

Date/Time: Sept. 29, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner

Location: Hyatt Hill Country Resort, 9800 Hyatt Resort Drive

Save the date for the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Force Ball, which features retired Gen. Mark Welsh III, the 20th Chief of Staff of the Air Force as guest speaker. This is also the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. More information will be published as it becomes available.

Employment symposium

Date/Time: July 17, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 1249

This course is for military spouses. Attendees will review resources like Priority Placement Program, spousal preference, employment assistance, resume review, volunteer opportunities and more. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Career tech training

Date/Time: July 17-18, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 1249

Participants will learn about civilian careers that require a license or certificate, identify schools and accredited institutions, financial aid, VA benefits, apprenticeships and more. For more information, call 210-671-3722.

Car Seats 101

Date/Time: July 18, 9-11 a.m.

Location: Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, 9th floor, classroom C&D

Attendees will learn about the safety of their

children's car seats: does it fit the car, how does it fit the child, is it easy to use, when should it be switched to a new seat and more. After completing the class, if eligible, participants currently E-5 and below will receive a certificate for a free car seat. For more information, call 210-671-3722.

Employment workshop

Date/Time: July 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 1249

Attendees will review the federal employment process, resume writing techniques, interviewing skills, and how to dress for success. For more information, call 210-671-3722.

Heart Link orientation

Date/Time: July 20, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Gateway Club

Heart Link is an orientation for military spouses of any branch of service. Attendees can make new friends while learning about the military mission, lifestyle, protocol and other available services. Lunch is provided. To register, call 210-671-3722.

VA education benefits briefing

Date/Time: July 20, 1-3 p.m.

This briefing is designed to inform service members about the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other education benefits. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Military caregiver support group

Date/Time: July 21, 9-11 a.m.

Location: 7206 Carswell Ave.

Attendees will build a support network, share experiences and information. For more information, call 210-292-5989.

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ber in need, visit www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Military-Family-Readiness/School-Liaison-Office.

Dads: The Basics

Date/Time: July 28, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Building 2513, across from Warhawk Gym
This class will provide basic information about becoming a dad and the role of a father. Participants will receive helpful lists, guides and information related to pregnancy, labor and delivery, communicating with your spouse, caring for an infant and managing family issues. For more information, call 210-671-3722.

RANDOLPH

JBSA-Randolph's Parr Club patio renovation to tackle foundation erosion, drainage issues

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A repair and renovation project is on the horizon for the patio at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Parr Club, one of the original structures at the JBSA location.

The \$900,000 project, which is pending final approval of construction documents by the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron, will address damage to the patio caused by age and the elements by preventing the further degradation of the patio's foundation and allowing for proper drainage away from the foundation.

Gail Gabrysh, 502nd CES architect, said the extensive project will include lifting and stabilizing the patio slab, replacing the terrazzo and repairing the patio's fountain. It will also include safety measures.

"The patio and sidewalks will be leveled, alleviating trip hazards," she said. "New ramps and handrails will be provided, and new handrails will be installed on the stairs from the second floor to the patio."

Other highlights of the project will include installation of a new nonslip surface, waterproofing of a majority of the foundation wall, installation of a clay cap to curtail the migration of water into the basement, refinishing the post light fixtures, repairing the patio's half walls and replacing the sidewalks adjacent to the building.

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"On the north side of the patio, the wood ramp will be removed and replaced with a concrete and terrazzo ramp from the patio to the sidewalk."

Because the Parr Club is a historic building, repairs will be in kind to the existing patio, she said.

Repair and renovation of the patio is not the only project planned for the Parr Club. A stair lift will be installed to provide access to the Auger Inn, which is open on Fridays.

"There is no elevator for our elderly clientele, so this will benefit them," said Cynthia Bernstein, Parr Club operations manager.

The Parr Club, which was honored as Air Education and Training Command's best club in 2007 and 2009, operates seven days a week and offers lunch as well as four party rooms, a large ballroom, two lounges and the patio. The club also provides catering for events such as retirements and promotions.

The patio is used for the club's deck night, customer appreciation events, weddings and other activities.



PHOTOS BY JOEL MARTINEZ

A repair and renovation project for the patio area at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Parr Club will prevent further degradation of the patio's foundation and allow for proper drainage away from the foundation.



The patio area at the Parr Club will soon undergo a renovation. The club is one of the original structures at the location.

JBSA REAL Identification Act Implementation program

From 502nd Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

The REAL ID Act was enacted to implement the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the federal government "set standards for the issuance ... of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." The act prohibits federal agencies from accepting, for official purposes, driver's licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the act's minimum standards.

The most up-to-date information on the REAL ID Act can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/current-status-states-territories>. Users can register on the Department of Homeland Security website to receive notifications of changes and updates to the REAL ID Act.

States that are compliant with the current REAL ID Act

Alabama; Arizona; Colorado; Connecticut; Delaware; Washington, D.C.; Florida; Georgia; Hawaii; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Maryland; Mississippi; Nebraska; Nevada; Ohio; South Dakota; Tennessee; Utah; Vermont; West Virginia; Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Extension states and territories

The following states or territories have

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been extended until Oct. 10, 2017. However, the enforcement period for these states or territories will start Jan. 22, 2018. Federal agencies will accept driver's licenses and identification cards from Alaska, American Samoa, California, Guam, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, North Marianas, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virgin Islands, Virginia and Washington until midnight Jan. 22, 2018.

The Oregon extension expired on July 10.

For noncomplaint states or territories, at least one of the following documents is required in conjunction with the non-



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complaint driver's license or identification card for the purpose of identity proof:

- ▶▶ State government or local municipality identification card with photo;
- ▶▶ Concealed handgun license or license to carry (CHL);
- ▶▶ Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA);
- ▶▶ College/university identification card with photo.

For information regarding implementation of REAL ID on JBSA, call the 502 Security and Readiness Group/GSS at 652-5727 or email 502SRG.GSS@us.af.mil.

Members urged to have proper forms when self-counseling using DPPS

By Phyllis Billingsley

JBSA-RANDOLPH PERSONAL
PROPERTY PROCESSING OFFICE

Customers who self-counsel utilizing the Defense Personal Property System, or DPPS, are reminded to print, sign and date the Application for Shipment and/or Storage (Department of Defense Form 1299) and Personal Property Counseling Checklist (DD Form 1797).

These forms, along with a complete set of orders, are required to complete the actions needed to finalize the self-counseling process. An application cannot be processed until these supporting documents are received by the local Personal Property Processing Office, or PPPO, for processing to book requested move dates.

DPPS gives the option to upload orders and signed doc-

uments (DD Form 1299 and DD Form 1797), and the member must contact their PPPO to process the shipment. These forms will not be automatically forwarded for booking.

Individuals are requested to hand-carry signed documents and a complete set of orders to their local PPPO. It is important that members understand that their dates are not confirmed/booked until the shipment is awarded to a Trans-

portation Service Provider, or TSP, the TSP then contacts them and the TSP performs a pre-move survey to finalize the actual pack, pick-up and any necessary adjustments to the required delivery date.

For more information, contact the local Personal Property Processing Offices at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph at 210-652-1848, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-1605 or JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-2821.

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Your credit score

Date/Time: July 14, 10-11:30 a.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 693
Learn how to interpret a credit report, score, and correct common errors. Facilitated by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. To register, call 652-5321.

AFAP focus group

Date/Time: July 20, 9-11 a.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 693
Junior enlisted, spouses, and other DOD cardholders holders are invited to bring ideas or suggestions and discuss issues that can improve the readiness or well-being of the military community. Prepare to submit ideas or issues with in-depth details for the 2017 Armed Forces Action Plan Forum. To register, call 652-5321.

Newcomer's orientation

Date/Time: July 17, 31, 8 a.m. to noon
Location: M&FRC, building 693
This mandatory in-processing orientation is for all newly assigned JBSA-Randolph military and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. To register, call 210-652-3036.

Officer First Duty Station financial briefing

Date/Time: July 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: M&FRC, building 693
This briefing is mandatory for lieutenants and captains assigned to their first permanent-duty station. Topics include pay, entitlements, insurance, credit management, the Thrift Savings Plan and more. To register, call 652-5321.

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deadly improvised explosive device, or IED.

To prove this point, Ipatzi pointed out that all 26 students had failed to notice one of the biggest bombs in the room: a large flower pot, positioned just inside the door of the classroom, was full of daisies and dandelions, but also brimming with wires and electronic sensors.

“If you don’t start thinking this way,” Ipatzi explained, “You will miss these things.”

For Master Sgt. Cesar Correa of the Colombian air force, the symposium couldn’t have come at a more meaningful time in his career.

Now in its fifth year, this year’s symposium was conducted less than a week after a terrorist-planted bomb killed three people and injured nine at one of the largest shopping centers in Bogota, Colombia’s capital city, June 17. That particular bomb, similar to other bombs Correa learned about at the symposium, was an improvised explosive hidden inside an unexpected area — a small bathroom.

“There is always room to improve, or lessons to be learned,” said Correa, who noted the mall where the attack occurred was private property protected by a private security force, not Colombia’s armed forces. “You have to take time ... to be thorough, when you are sweeping an area, vehicle or a facility for dangers.”

In 2016, the Colombian government reached a peace deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, which effectively brought decades of civil war in the country to a halt. Still, bombings like

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**Tech. Sgt. Juan Ipatzi, 837th Training Squadron
International Force Protection Flight Instructor**

these have continued sporadically as smaller groups of insurgents continue to try to disrupt the peace process.

“It is our job to keep protecting the people,” Correa said. “This (symposium) will be a great tool for us moving forward.”

Ipatzi noted the team of Colombians at IAFA have been “great learners,” and will have a wealth of knowledge to take back to their homeland.

“IAFA has always done a great job fostering partnerships, sharing information like this,” Ipatzi said of the anti-terrorism course. “This symposium has been a great chance for these personnel to learn hands-on, to actually see everything in front of them that they will be facing.”

For many students, the sheer diversity of bomb-making material can be overwhelming at first, Ipatzi noted.

“There are just countless ways to make a bomb,” he said. “But the sooner you learn about how to spot them, how to disable them, how to recognize them ... the better chance you are going to have at keeping everybody on your team safe.”

In addition to bomb theory, the students took part in lectures on the theory of terrorism itself,

along with individual protection measures. As Ipatzi noted, before these service members can protect others, they’ll need to be able to protect themselves and their unit too.

“It’s easy to be aware of your surroundings on-base,” Ipatzi explained. “But what happens when you are on leave? What happens when you go TDY? When you are traveling? This is where we also give you the tools to stay safe.”

The course also covered other aspects of terrorism, like how to survive a hostage situation.

“You might be kidnapped by terrorists, or they could be kidnapped by a criminal group,” Ipatzi noted. “We give them advice on how to deal with that situation, how to survive, not just spiritually and through morale but physically too.”

Ipatzi is confident all the students are now well-positioned to make an immediate impact back home.

“These are men and women who will be able to advise their fellow service members, their commanders, on how to better secure structures and vehicles,” Ipatzi said. “They’ve got the knowledge now, and they’ll be able to get their leadership to implement it.”