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Capt. Kais Heinburger (left), 455th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, and Lt. Col. Nik Stathopoulos, 455th FTS director of operations, stand next to a T-6 Texan II aircraft with the WWII-era B-26 Marauder paint scheme on May 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The aircraft is assigned to the 455th Flying Training Squadron.

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High-touch leadership part of high-tech military environment

By Lt. Col. Chris Carnduff

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Technology has revolutionized our lives and the Air Force.

Our high-tech culture and military are capable of unprecedented effectiveness and agility due to the speed of communication. In many facets of our personal and professional lives, technology gives us the ability to communicate rapidly and accomplish a variety of tasks with minimal personal interaction.

However, this high-tech world introduces a risk of leaders losing touch with those under their command. To reduce the potential of technological isolationism, leaders must focus on using high-touch tactics, including learning about subordinates, providing continuous performance feedback and taking ownership of the organization's actions.

Leaders cannot lead effectively by sending a barrage of emails; it takes time, effort, creativity and, most of all, requires genuinely caring about the welfare and development of their personnel.

In the age of social media and mass emails, it is easy to think we know people based on what we see on a computer screen but learning about an individual demands face-to-face interaction, understanding their nonverbal communications and gauging their motivations. Only through the process of learning about an individual can leaders understand how to motivate and mentor their Airmen to achieve excellence.

Deliberate performance feedback is critical to



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Staff Sgt. Paul Willey (left), an instructor at the Army's Northern Warfare Training Center in Alaska, inspects a student's equipment during the Basic Mountaineering Course.

correcting substandard performance, rewarding excellence and putting individuals on a path to being outstanding contributors to the goals of the organization.

Virtual feedback is not sufficient. Performance feedback must be a face-to-face communication capitalizing on the knowledge a leader gains from learning about the subordinate.

It is easy for leaders to think they provide continuous feedback because they give guidance via email or through another virtual means but those mechanisms are ineffective in comparison to focused personal interactions aimed at guidance and mentorship.

Without engaging in interactive and personal

performance feedback, leaders risk abdicating the responsibility of taking unbiased ownership of each member's actions.

A critical component of effective leadership is taking complete ownership of the intent and execution of the organization's mission. One can only achieve such ownership through high-touch interactions.

In an age of digital work accomplishment and communication, a leader can fail to take responsibility for subordinates' work. Many times that failing is due to not wanting to micromanage Airmen, a noble intent.

However, a leader can make the motivation clearer by involving themselves in their subordinates' actions

personally instead of virtually. Additionally, being involved personally, leaders enable an open dialogue which enhances communications of intent.

The technological revolution our society has undertaken over the past few decades is awesome and the application of new technologies has contributed to the U. S. Air Force's dominance in air, space and cyberspace.

However, we must never forget our people are, and will always be, our greatest asset. Regardless of the generation, people are best understood by, mentored by and led by people...not ones and zeros.

A high-tech organization deserves high-touch leadership to maximize the effectiveness of its people.

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May is Lupus Awareness Month: Being visible for an invisible disease

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"You don't look sick."

If I had a penny for every time I heard that statement, I would be a millionaire!

But, I am sick. I have Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, an autoimmune disease, which mistakenly attacks healthy tissues. It can affect the skin, joints, brain, and other organs. In my case, it is attacking my kidneys.

According to the Lupus Foundation of America, I am the perfect target for a disease such as this. I am a 26-year-old black woman and one of five million people to develop a form of lupus. It's unknown as to why women of color are three times more likely to develop lupus than Caucasians, but anyone, male or female, can fall victim.

I'm the type of person who hates to be blindsided, so to be diagnosed with a chronic illness at 25, definitely caught me by surprise. This chapter of my life took a turn for the worst and I never saw it coming. I mean, what normal, healthy woman in her 20s would think she'd be considered disabled at such a young age?

Certainly not me. I've always thought to myself that I should be out in the world, living freely, and enjoying the things that others do. Instead, I find myself watching others do just that and me just trying to keep up.

For most people, living with a chronic illness seems like the hard part, but I say being diagnosed is the worst. It's sort of like the movies when someone is being diagnosed with cancer. Words are muffled, time slows down, everything is blurry and it feels like your

world has been completely flipped.

Before I was diagnosed, it was the summer of 2016 and I was on my first deployment to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. I developed a throbbing and aching pain in my hips within the first week of touching down. Although it was difficult to walk, I thought nothing of it and continued to push through the pain. I disregarded the symptoms and continued to do my job for almost a month until I became seriously ill.

It was my day off and just like many other deployers who spent 12 hours or more at work, I was in bed all day. For me, it was not because I wanted to, but because I was unable to move. Every joint in my body was in excruciating pain and swollen and I had a high fever. After being in bed for more

than 20 hours in agony, I thought I was going to die.

I found the strength to make it to the base hospital, which ultimately led to being medically evacuated to Germany where they later diagnosed me with lupus. My first question to my doctor was "How do we fix this?" Unfortunately, you don't "fix" a chronic illness.

You learn to adapt and live with it. A part of that is telling your closest friends and family. You'll either get a sympathetic response such as "get well soon," or a compassionate one like "you'll get through this." On the contrary, you might get an ignorant response such as, "can you catch it?" But, you have to remember; this is not only new to you, but to them as well.

Your life changes completely.

You feel like you're completely unreliable to those who need you because who knows if you'll be able to get out of bed the next morning. Your body is no longer "your body."

Lupus is considered the "invisible disease." Someone, whose symptoms are not as severe, may appear as if everything is fine, when in all actuality, the individual is fighting symptoms such as: chronic fatigue, joint aches, pains, and swelling. It's not so invisible for those who hide from the sun and its rays that tattoo their skin with heat rashes.

People say, "At least you don't have cancer," but cancer has treatments and can be cured. My lupus is here to stay. Although my symptoms can lessen and I can maintain the disease, I will live with it for the

rest of my life. I compare it to my shadow. Even on your best days, it's lurking behind you, ready to strike at any moment.

Most people ask how I even fight the fight. I tell them that you just have to do it. You force yourself to get up. You refuse to let it get to you. You may cry, curse, and feel like giving up, but don't. That's how I've done it and will continue to do so.

May is Lupus Awareness Month. Wear purple and be visible for those who are constantly fighting this invisible disease. Although people may not look "sick," remember that there are people who are constantly fighting this invisible disease and understand that we are doing the best we can. We are sick of being sick and we just want you to understand.

Lupus is only a chapter in my book, not my whole story.

U.S. Cyber Command elevates to combatant command

By Lisa Ferdinando

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Response to the changing face of warfare, U.S. Cyber Command is elevated to a combatant command, chief Pentagon spokeswoman Dana W. White said in Washington May 3.

“The cyber domain will define the next century of warfare,” White said at a Pentagon news conference.

Army Lt. Gen. Paul M. Nakasone, most recently commander of Army Cyber Command, will receive his fourth star as he succeeds retiring Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers as Cybercom commander.

“Just as our military must be prepared to defend our nation against hostile acts from land, air and sea,” White said, “we must also be prepared to deter, and if necessary, respond to hostile acts in cyberspace.”

Nakasone will play a critical role in tasks that include training cyber warriors, advocating for more cybersecurity resources, and planning

and conducting cyber operations, White said.

Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan presided over the Cybercom portion of ceremony at the Integrated Cyber Center/Joint Operations Center at Fort Meade, Maryland, White said.

“This change of command is noteworthy because it signifies the elevation of Cyber Command as our 10th combatant command,” she said. “Last year, Defense Secretary James N. Mattis announced the elevation of Cyber Command, acknowledging that a new warfighting domain has come of age.”

U.S. Cyber Command, which has been a subunified command under U.S. Strategic Command, was established in 2009 in response to the rapidly evolving threats, with adversaries seeking to exploit the cyber domain to attack the United States and its allies.

The elevation of the command raises the stature of the commander to a peer level with other unified combatant command commanders.



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Planning ahead is the key to any successful escape plan. You have only minutes to get everyone out safely if a fire breaks out. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go in case of a fire.

Every household should create a plan for escape in case of fire or emergency

By Ricardo S. Campos
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It's the middle of the night. Suddenly, a beeping sound awakens you and your family. With smoke quickly filling the home, you have to make a decision to get out. Planning ahead is the key to any successful escape plan. You have only minutes to get everyone out safely if a fire breaks out. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go in case of a fire.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms inside

each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

According to a National Fire Protection Association survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. While 71 percent of Americans have only an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47 percent of those have actually practiced it.

One-third of American

households thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8 percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out.

Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Then discuss the plan with everyone in your home.

After making an escape plan, do the following:
▶ Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible.

Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.

▶ Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from home where everyone should meet.

▶ Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.

▶ Practice using different ways out.

▶ Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

▶ Close doors behind you as you leave.

If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets. If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out. Call the fire department from outside your home.

For more information about escape plan, visit the National Fire Prevention Association website at <http://www.nfpa.org/education>. People can also contact the Joint Base San Antonio fire prevention offices at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-2727, at JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-2921, or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-6915.



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Air Force leaders announced May 14 the service will move to a single combat utility uniform, adopting the Operational Camouflage Pattern, or OCP, already in use by the Army and Airmen in combat zones and in certain jobs across the Air Force.

Starting Oct. 1, 2018, Airmen who have serviceable OCPs may wear the uniform, and Airmen can purchase OCPs at Army and Air Force Exchange Services at the following locations: Aviano Air Base, Italy; Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.; Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; and MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. These initial locations will allow uniform manufacturers to produce additional stocks for other locations, eventually outfitting the total force in the coming months.

The service will fully transition to OCPs by April 1, 2021. the OCP Airmen wear will have distinctive Air Force features. The name tape and Air Force lettering will be a spice-brown color and T-shirts and belts will be tan. Most rank will also be in spice-brown thread.

Squadron patches will also be worn on the OCP, Goldfein said. Bringing back squadron patches was among the recommendations made by Airmen as part of the ongoing effort to revitalize squadrons. Airmen can find guidance for proper wear of the uniform in the coming months via an Air Force Guidance Memorandum, followed by updates published in Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

COMMANDER VISITS JBSA-CAMP BULLIS



SEAN WORRELL

Van Robert (left), 802nd Force Support Squadron property administrator, briefs Lt. Gen. Steven Kwast (center), commander of Air Education and Training Command, on dining facility operations during an immersion tour May 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Kwast is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of more than 293,000 Air Force personnel annually at 23 wings, 10 bases and five geographically separated groups. He was briefed on Camp Bullis' mission to provide base operations and training support to JBSA mission partners using state of the art firing ranges, simulation facilities, maneuver lands and other services.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

Twins forging their own paths at METC

By David DeKunder

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Identical twin sisters with military bloodlines are forging their own path in the service as students at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Private Jaclynn Barton and Private Joanna Barton are students in the METC Radiology Program who are training to become radiology technicians. The sisters started in the program in March after completing their basic training, which they did together, at Fort Sill, Okla.

The twins joined the Army out of high school, following in the footsteps of their parents and brothers, who are serving or have served in the military.

"All three of our older brothers have been in either the Army or Air Force," Jaclynn Barton said. "Our parents are both prior Air Force. My father is retired Air Force; my grandfather has been in the Army, Navy and Air Force."

Their father, who retired as a master sergeant, was stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

While in high school in Chester, Va., Jaclynn and Joanna Barton looked at their career options, which included going to college, before deciding to go into the military.

"I wanted to go two years to a community college and then go to a university," said Joanna Barton. "But after learning the benefits of being part of the armed forces, I decided to join with her (Jaclynn Barton)."

Jaclynn Barton said one of the benefits of being in the Army is that the training she receives as



DAVID DEKUNDER

Private Joanna Barton (left) and Private Jaclynn Barton (right) are identical twins who are students in the radiology program at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The twins entered the program in March and are set to graduate in September.

radiology technician will help with her career goal of becoming a radiologist. Also, she said the educational benefits the military provides will allow her to take college courses to further her education.

"It's a nice, stable environment where they will teach me basic skills," Jaclynn Barton said. "Being here and doing this gives me the experience that will hopefully help me later on in life as I go through the rest of my schooling to become a radiologist."

Joanna Barton, who also is aiming to become a radiologist, said one of the advantages of being in the service is the emphasis on fitness.

"You have to maintain a

certain lifestyle," Joanna Barton said. "I like that I have to stay fit and that I have to maintain my drive. You have to maintain motivation to do anything or go anywhere in the Army."

Jaclynn Barton said she and her twin sister helped each other get through basic training. Although they spent most of the day while in basic training separated, they were able to spend time together before lights out.

"It's not the type of environment where you get to choose who you were around," Jaclynn Barton said. "It was always nice to come back and in our one hour before lights outs, our personal time to talk about how the day went and what we did and what we didn't do."

"I wanted to go two years to a community college and then go to a university. But after learning the benefits of being part of the armed forces, I decided to join with her (Jaclynn Barton)."

Private Joanna Barton

Being twins at a military campus like METC has brought attention to them, the sisters say.

"Everyone knows us," Joanna Barton said. "When you are identical twins and you are always staying next to each other, you are always noticed. People we've haven't met, sergeants we haven't met, commanders we haven't met, know us."

"We are constantly getting stared at," Jaclynn Barton said. "Specifically, when we first got here we would walk into the break room, which all of the classes use, we just have people randomly looking at us and just staring at us and then say, 'Are you twins?'"

The sisters say that training at a JBSA installation and at a multi-service campus such as METC is advantageous for them.

"It being a joint base is really interesting," Jaclynn Barton said. "I enjoy it personally. Getting to know the other service branches and how they are, how their courtesies work, how their ranks work is an advantage. I think we get compared to other Soldiers who go to purely Army bases."

Plus, Jaclynn Barton said the instructors in the METC Radiology Program are knowledgeable in their field.

"All of the instructors here are radiology technicians themselves so they have hands-on experience in the job and they are really good at teaching how it all works," she said. "A lot of them have been deployed, a lot of them have spent their whole career in hospitals. You get to see the different point of views from each person on what they believe is the current path to take."

Joanna Barton said she liked that the METC Radiology Program instructors share their military career experiences with the students.

"A lot of the instructors like to tell their life story as an introduction," she said. "So we get to know how the Navy has helped them in life compared to how an Army instructor had the Army benefit them in their life."

The sisters will graduate from the Radiology Program in September. After their graduation, they both will enter the second phase of their training, a residency at a military treatment facility.

Both of them plan to serve at least six years in the Army, with Jaclynn Barton keeping the option of becoming an officer, and then earning doctorates to work as radiologists in the civilian sector.

Army history in San Antonio transcends the Alamo

By Staff Sgt. Tomora Nance
U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Present-day San Antonio, also known as “Military City USA,” traces its history back 300 years with the founding of Presidio de San Antonio May 5, 1718.

Approximately two miles from the Alamo, the city of San Antonio donated about 92 acres of land to the Army by 1875, creating what is today Fort Sam Houston.

To commemorate the bond between city and the military, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston hosted Military Appreciation Weekend May 5-6 as part of the city’s tricentennial celebration. The installation opened to the public for a variety of events and activities, including hourly historic tours of the installation.

Visitors lined the sidewalk in front of the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum, which began the route. Volunteer tour

guide Melissa Trevino, a product management director with United States Automobile Association, greeted the guests as they went to their first stop — the U.S. Army North Quadrangle.

Trevino, who was one of several volunteer tour guides, gave a 15-minute guided tour about the history of the Quadrangle.

After the Civil War in 1876, construction began on the Quadrangle, as well as the water and watch tower. The U.S. Army started its move from the Alamo in 1877 and established the Quartermaster Depot, with the Headquarters element soon to follow. The water and watch tower was later converted to the clock tower in 1882. Both the Quadrangle and the clock tower are the oldest buildings on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

In 1886, the U.S. Army held Apache leader Geronimo and 32 other Apache men, women and

children prisoner inside the Quadrangle for approximately six weeks.

Michael Henderson, a resident of San Antonio, was one of the visitors during the historic tours. This was Henderson’s first time on the installation, although he has lived in San Antonio for more than 11 years.

“I was surprised to see the animals inside the quadrangle, especially the peacocks,” Henderson said.

Jacqueline Davis, the Fort Sam Houston Museum director, said in a JBSA Legacy article earlier this year, “The first mention I have of the peacocks is from a newspaper article dated 1898. In the article, a Soldier is making little wooden boxes to place the peachicks in, so that the deer also living in the Quadrangle won’t eat them.”

Visitors commonly ask Davis why peacocks are living in the Quadrangle.

“There is no good reason other than having peacocks was a popular thing to do in the 1800s,” Davis said. “Peacocks are native to Asia and were more than likely brought to Texas from India.”

The grounds of the Quadrangle are currently home to various animals including deer, peacocks, ducks, geese and otherbirds who fly in occasionally.

While the visitors were still at the Quadrangle, another tour guide debunked two myths about Geronimo’s stay: he wasn’t housed at, nor did he jump from, the clock tower.

Henderson said he now understands the origins of the saying “Geronimo” before jumping into a pool or body of water, and how that became a popular saying, especially among children, even if it isn’t a factual statement.

“The Quadrangle is now home to the U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) where Lt. Gen.

Jeffrey S. Buchanan commands as the senior mission commander for both JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis,” Trevino said.

The post remained “relatively” small until some more additions with the Infantry Post in 1890, and another expansion in 1905 with the Cavalry and Light Artillery Post. These three areas comprised the largest collection of historic buildings in the Department of Defense to form the Fort Sam Houston National Historic Landmark, Trevino said.

On the old Infantry Post side, the tour passed by both the Stilwell House and the location where the 34th President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, met Marie “Mamie” Doud, the woman who would become his wife.

“In 1915 while living in the bachelor officer quarters, Lt.

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Military caregiver survey launches at Joint Base San Antonio

From Army Public Health Center

The U.S. Army Medical Command's Army Public Health Center announced Monday the launch of a survey for military caregivers, those family members and friends who provide assistance to a wounded, ill or injured Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine.

The survey will be open to any family member or friend over the age of 18, regardless of their beneficiary status.

The service member receiving caregiver support may be in a Warrior Transition Battalion or going through the Disability Evaluation System or may be suffering invisible wounds and not seeking care at all. The survey opened Monday at Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; and Joint Base San Antonio.

"We know that our military caregivers have health concerns and needs of their own, and while caregiving can be rewarding, it can also cause additional stress," said John Resta, the deputy chief of staff for public health at the U.S. Army Medical Command and director of

the U.S. Army Public Health Center. "We are excited to host this survey to learn more about our Military caregivers and determine ways to best serve them."

Military caregivers improve the lives of our service members and help speed recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration.

Unfortunately, their tremendous devotion often comes at a cost. According to the 2014-RAND Hidden Heroes Report, post-9/11 caregivers suffer worse health outcomes, greater relationship strain and more workplace problems than pre-9/11 or civilian caregivers.

The anonymous, 15-minute survey aims to supplement what was learned in the RAND report to understand the social, economic and health impact of caregiving and identify gaps in services.

Surveys can be completed from a cell phone, tablet or desktop. The Army Public Health Center urges friends and family member caregivers at Fort Bragg, Fort Sill, JBLM, and JBSA to take the survey at <http://militarycaregiver.health.mil/survey>.

Green Beret missing for 47 years laid to rest

By Steve Elliott
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The family of Army Maj. Donald G. Carr got some long-awaited closure as the remains of the Green Beret were laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery May 11.

Carr served three tours in Vietnam, executing both reconnaissance and exploitation missions for a highly secretive unit known as the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and Observation Group, or MACV-SOG. As one of his duties several days a week, the highly decorated captain flew in the backseat of an Air Force forward air controller, supporting the teams on the ground with close air support and artillery fire missions.

Carr was declared missing in action after his OV-10A Bronco aircraft crashed July 6, 1971, during bad weather. He was on the flight as an observer assigned to the Mobile Launch Team 3, 5th Special Forces Group, supporting an eight-man Special Forces reconnaissance team.

During the mission, after encountering the bad weather, the ground team heard an explosion to their northeast, which was believed to be the OV-10A. They failed to find the crash site, however, and Carr, who was 32 at the time, was declared missing in action.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency said between September 1991 and March 2014, joint U.S. and Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic teams conducted more than 25 investigations and site surveys, but could not locate his remains. The agency announced May 4 that Carr would be buried with full military honors.

Authorities had been searching for his remains for years. In 2014, a Vietnamese



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This undated photo shows Army Maj. Donald G. Carr of San Antonio. Carr, a Green Beret, was declared missing in action after his OV-10A Bronco aircraft crashed July 6, 1971, during bad weather on a mission in Vietnam.

citizen contacted American officials with information about an American's soldier's remains. The remains were identified as Carr's through DNA testing.

The major's son, Don Carr Jr., and his family were in attendance at the memorial service at the Gift Chapel at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and the burial service.

"It was a phone call that I received a few years back that I truly never expected to receive. And I don't think people understand how the military keeps looking for these lost soldiers. It's truly an amazing thing," Carr Jr. said.

Carr Jr., who was six years old when his father disappeared, said his mother passed away four weeks ago and won't be able to experience the closure he feels. He said she knew his father's remains had been found, but the investigation was incomplete when she died.

"We call this ceremony a 'welcome home ceremony' for our Vietnam veterans," said J.R. Garza, a past Commander for Disabled American



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Members of the Fort Sam Houston Honor Guard remove the casket containing the remains of Army Maj. Donald G. Carr from the caisson during a memorial service at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery May 11.

Veterans.

"This is one of the last remaining MIAs from San Antonio," Garza said. "There's still nine of them — nine more out there who have not been recovered."

"It's very important for Carr to be back home in San Antonio, where he grew up," said retired Army Capt. Mike Minerva, who served with Carr

at Fort Ord, Calif., when both were second lieutenants. "This is a reminder of the friendship and kinship I had with him."

Minerva had some words for those families who are still searching for their loved ones from past military conflicts. "Don't ever give up on the missing. As we see here, we will do whatever it takes to bring them home again."

Currently there are 1,598 American servicemen and civilians from the Vietnam War still declared missing. Their names are recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Carr's name, which is part of the memorial, will now include a rosette to indicate he had been accounted for.



Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan (right), commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), salutes as he is handed the folded U.S. flag by a member of the Fort Sam Houston Honor Guard May 11 during the memorial service for Army Maj. Donald G. Carr at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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BAMC EMS Residents Day event highlights prehospital medicine, partnerships

By Rachel Cooper

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The San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (Emergency Medical Services) and Disaster Medicine Fellowship hosted the first EMS Residents Day March 29 at the Bulverde Centre for Emergency Health Sciences.

Emergency medicine residents from Brooke Army Medical Center spent the day learning about prehospital medicine and mastering critical care medical procedures while gaining an understanding of the value of civilian partnerships and education.

EMS Residents Day is “a day where hospital-based doctors gain a perspective on everything that happens before the patient arrives at Brooke Army Medical Center, teaching them critical care skills and showing them that as clean and organized as a hospital trauma bay might be, the outside world is the exact opposite,” Air Force Col. Chet Kharod, program director of Military EMS and Disaster Medicine Fellowship said.

During the day, residents spent time in a critical skills lab where they performed medical procedures on cadavers and also practiced prehospital care using an ambulance.

“It’s an incredible resource to have actual human bodies, to be able to feel tissue and have muscle memory before it truly matters when we’re out there with fewer resources and support,” Air Force Maj. (Dr.) Kristen Kann, associate program director of BAMC’s Emergency Medicine Residency said.

Air Force Capt. (Dr.) Rachel Ely, emergency medicine resident, said there’s only so much training you can do on a



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Capt. (Dr.) Anna Waller, BAMC Emergency Medicine resident, performs an endotracheal intubation on a model March 29 during EMS Residents Day.

mannequin and the residents take any opportunity to get more exposure to practice skills.

Army Capt. (Dr.) Derek Brown, emergency medicine fellow, said they practiced basic airway management, how to ventilate with a mask, intubation, central line placement, chest tube and extremity amputation.

There was a scenario for the residents in which a person is stuck under a large object such as a car, their extremity is trapped and the situation is life threatening, Brown explained.

“In those very rare and

dramatic cases you’d opt to amputate an extremity and save the person,” he said. “It’s a procedure most people only read about.”

In the cadaver lab they positioned the cadaver sitting up, lying back, flat on the table, or the ground to get the participants out of their comfort zone.

“We take what we learn from the civilian side [of EMS] and what we know from a deployed [battlefield] setting and try to integrate those two components together,” Brown said.

The training event was beneficial to both military and



Brooke Army Medical Center Emergency Medicine faculty and residents observe an advanced vascular access technique demonstration at the Bulverde Centre for Emergency Health Sciences as part of EMS Residents Day March 29.

local emergency personnel.

“These EMS physician fellows sharpen their skill set by not only teaching but also sharing their combat experience with civilian counterparts in the prehospital arena,” Scotty Bolleter, emergency medical technician, chair of Centre for Emergency Health Sciences, said.

After the residents worked in the critical skills lab they took turns doing en route care on the cadaver as the ambulance drove around.

Kharod said by participating in events like this, the residents are able to understand the challenges a classroom might not be able to teach them.

The residents are able to learn procedures they don’t normally do, learn better ways to do procedures and can conduct research on the procedure itself, Brown said.

“Our EM residency is to train the best EM residents in the world and part of that is battlefield readiness,” Kann said, adding the practice ensures that when they do a procedure it’s their 20th or 30th time doing it.

Kharod said the residents also work with San Antonio EMS and do mass casualty drills and joint training exercises because if a disaster happened, those are the people they’d be side-by-side with.

It’s important to increase human contact and foster partnerships before something happens so they already know how to work together, he said.

The residents not only work with military medics but train with San Antonio Fire Department and do a one month prehospital/EMS rotation and interact with civilian EMT medics.

“Otherwise, the only time we see them is when they deliver a patient to us,” Ely said.

“We want to create experts in prehospital care who can not only do the procedures to save lives but also teach people and set up systems that will save lives,” Kharod said.

“The participants are procedurally doing what they do in an emergency room, but are learning how to work in a prehospital arena and blend those experiences together,” Bolleter said.

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Eisenhower was captivated by Mamie Doud as she had ‘caught his eye’ and they later married. And, as the story goes, the rest was history,” Trevino said.

The tour bus then drove around the semi-circular driveway in front of the Gift Chapel. Architect Leo Dielmann, a San Antonio native, designed the chapel, and President William Taft dedicated the chapel in October 1909. Approximately \$47,000 was donated toward the construction of the chapel by San Antonians.

“The chapel received its name ‘Gift Chapel’ because funds were donated by the city of San Antonio and several community and military leaders, which displays the long partnership between San Antonio and the military,” Trevino said.

As the group made its way from Infantry Post to Cavalry and Light Artillery Post, they passed the Foulois House.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is also the birth place of military aviation, where Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois assembled and flew a Wright Brothers plane that was sent to him in a box. He took his first fight at Fort Sam Houston March 2, 1910.

“Lt. Benjamin Foulois established a lot of military aviation firsts — first to assemble a plane, first to fly a plane and first to crash a plane all in the same day,” Trevino said.

Nearing the end of the historic tour and making a full circle to the starting point, the passengers were directed to look to their left as they passed the old Brooke Army Medical Center built in 1937 where portions of the movie “Soldiers in White” were filmed in 1942. This building is currently home to U.S. Army South.

“After World War II, Fort Sam Houston became ‘Home of Army Medicine,’ ” Trevino said.

“I am just in awe and just really appreciative that the military opened up the base for civilians to see because I haven’t had the opportunity to go on the installation,” Henderson said. “I truly appreciate the service of the U.S. military, both men and women. I now have a better understanding about the history of Fort Sam Houston and look forward to doing this again in the near future.”

As Trevino prepared for her next tour, she said, “It’s pretty exciting to learn the history of Fort Sam Houston, because I had no clue of the intricate details that made the installation what it is today.”

LACKLAND

JBSA-Lackland civil servant retires

By Mary Nell Sanchez

502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Susan Brasel has worked various jobs that include stints in theater, aerospace, finance, technology, and children's advocacy programs. It's this career path that the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland civilian servant is especially proud of as she celebrates over 18 years with the military helping children be the best they can before she retired April 30.

After being laid off in 1998 from a job, Brasel found herself and her children navigating rough waters.

"I eventually lost my home and only had my car," Brasel said. "My older kids moved and I was left with my 14-year-old daughter."

Brasel and her daughter stayed with friends and did not reveal the fact that they were homeless. That lasted about a year while she began applying for government positions. She worked other jobs as she aimed her focus on working for the military.

"It took me about 18 months to get picked up," Brasel said.

She applied several times and was hired in March 2000 at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany where she

worked about three years in child care.

After accepting a transfer, she came to JBSA-Lackland in 2003 as a youth programs trainer, eventually becoming the youth programs director at the Lackland Youth Center for the 502nd Force Support Squadron.

Brasel credits her father with equipping her with determination to never give up, even when she was homeless.

"I'm going to credit my background," she said.

Watching her parent's work ethic set her up for her thirst for knowledge and success.

"My career in the Air Force even though I started at age 50; I feel was on a fast track," said Brasel. "In 4 ½ years I went from not knowing anything to being at headquarters, but I was a quick study."

Armed with passion for teaching children, Brasel dove in to working with them on acquiring the tools they needed to succeed in life. School age children were her first love.

"School age kids need more hands on, engaging activity; they need cool stuff to get their attention," Brasel said.

"Activities such as crafting, theater, cooking, computer coding, photography and athletics are common staples at the



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youth center."

Brasel's colleagues agree she attacks her duties with vigor.

"She has a cool tendency to sell you on an idea or direction that she observed the children doing and for no odd reason she had a bag of tricks back at home; the materials, the supplies and the resources," said Thomas Lynds, information and technology staffer at the Lackland Youth Center. "With the

children, they all know who she is. If they can sell her on the idea, she can make it happen," he added.

Brasel's creative energy spread throughout the building.

"It was really great to have someone who believed in me," said Franco Fernandez, an assistant with the child and youth program.

Fernandez was a student at the youth center before joining the team and has been teaching children cooking, computer coding and positive people skills since 2011.

The now retired civil servant said she loves the children she worked with during this career chapter.

Her career path and her lane in life have brought her to this current chapter. Brasel said now that she is retired she's still going to be busy.

Brasel has been training and showing dogs since she was 18 so she wants to continue that and start a nonprofit organization to train dogs for wounded warriors, which will keep her involved with her military family. She will also do some consulting work for the San Antonio Boys and Girls clubs, as well as consider other options that come her way.

"I'm not worried. God has taken great care of me to this point," she said.

Nurse, Technician Appreciation Week at JBSA

By Col. Paul Miller

59TH MEDICAL OPERATIONS GROUP

On March 25, 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation designating May 6 a "National Recognition Day for Nurses."

In 1990, the recognition was expanded to a week-long celebration, declaring May 6-12, 1991, as the first National Nurses Week.

Celebrating a tradition of honoring the backbone of our

health care system, the 59th Medical Wing kicked off National Nurse Week with the signing of a new proclamation declaring May 6-12 as Nurse and Medical Technician Appreciation Week.

"Our medical technicians provide care wherever and whenever needed, there are times when they are faced with demanding challenges to include deployments and improvements for their clinics; however, they always step up

and ensure the mission gets accomplished," said Chief Master Sgt. Alando Respress, 59th MDW 4N functional manager.

Each medical group in the 59th MDW hosted events throughout the week, culminating May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday.

Nightingale, who is considered the founder of modern nursing, was once quoted as saying, "The very first requirement in a hospital

is that it should do the sick no harm." This mindset was evident throughout her life as she worked tirelessly to improve unsanitary conditions in her hospital.

"Serving in the Air Force as a nurse or medical technician is more than a calling, it is a way of life. Our core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do, serves as a foundation to give us the strength and courage to answer the call of duty anytime,

anywhere," said Col. Ramona Fields, 59th Medical Group, chief nurse.

"We are a team of dedicated health care professionals, ready and more than willing to support the mission and serve our country 24/7," Fields said. "Trusted care begins with each member of the Air Force Medical Service. I am honored to serve as a member of this elite health care team."

For more information, visit <http://www.59mdw.mil>.

JBSA Airmen welcome home Honor Flight 008

By Airman Shelby Pruitt

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of Honor Flight San Antonio, more than 400 Airmen and many more supporters welcomed home a flight of 40 veterans of the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War eras May 5 at the San Antonio International Airport.

Honor Flight San Antonio is an organization that makes it possible for war veterans to make a round trip to Washington, D.C., from Texas to see their war memorials while honoring and paying tribute to them at no cost.

Serving veterans in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney and Wilson counties, Honor Flight San Antonio supports all the surrounding South Texas counties southeast to Calhoun, south to Cameron, southwest to Webb and west to Val Verde counties.

Honor Flight gave the veterans closure and an exciting experience in tribute for their time served in the United States military.

Upon arriving at the San Antonio airport, the veterans were welcomed home by water cannons over the aircraft, and took part in a parade before hundreds of supporters, veterans and military members in a ceremony honoring them.

The veterans, part of Honor Flight 008, were met by nearly 400 Airmen from the 326th Training Squadron and their military training instructors in addition to other supporters.

The Airmen brought all their motivation and spent the time shaking hands of the veterans, and listening to stories of other service members.

“Of all the events we participate in at Airmen’s Week, this was the most meaningful one in my two years,” said Lt. Col. Dear Beloved, 326th TRS director of operations. “We emphasize the importance of heritage and our legacy of valor each week with the newest Airmen - what better way for the Airmen to experience this than to welcome home 40 veterans from WWII,

HONOR FLIGHT continues on 18



AIRMAN SHELBY PRUITT

Veterans shake the hands of Airmen and supporters while being pushed by Honor Flight San Antonio volunteer “Guardians” May 5 at their welcome-home event at the San Antonio International Airport. Forty veterans who participated in the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. and back, had no idea a celebration was planned for their arrival back to San Antonio.



AIRMAN SHELBY PRUITT

Veterans in the Honor Flight San Antonio salute while the United States National Anthem plays at the Honor Flight San Antonio's welcome home celebration and ceremony. The flight provides final closure and honor for the veterans and a sense of pride for the San Antonio community.

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the Korean War and Vietnam.”

The Airmen who volunteered to support the event felt proud to honor the returning veterans.

“I haven’t felt anything like that, even during the Air Force song, I got chills during everything,” said Airman Keyjana Lewis, 326th TRS.

Airman Katie Leigh Kelly, also from the 326th TRS agreed.

“We’re now going to have to step in their steps,” she said.

The event gave the San Antonio community a chance to thank the veterans for their service and sacrifice, and showed the new Airmen the legacy they are now a part of.

“Now it’s my time to come in and do the same thing,” Lewis said.

“We’re the future now,” Kelly said.

IAAFA deputy commandant takes new assignment

By Mary Nell Sanchez

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After only nine months as the second in command at the Inter American Air Forces Academy, Lt. Col. Pedro Matos is leaving Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to help direct the air war in Southeast Asia.

Matos became IAAFA's deputy commandant in September 2017 and helped play a key role building relationships with Western Hemisphere partners. He starts his new assignment as the Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance division June 2018.

Matos' new job brings a promotion to the rank of colonel.

"I'm blessed that the Air Force has allowed me to do this," said Matos. "Now the Air Force is calling my name. This is a big job. This is what I've been training for the past 20 years."



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Lt. Col. Pedro Matos is leaving Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to help direct the air war in Southeast Asia.

Matos said this assignment is the "Super Bowl of my career" and will be his biggest challenge yet.

The ISR division provides the Combined Forces Air Component Command, Combined Air Operations Center and subordinate units with intelligence analysis, planning and targeting support

to provide situational awareness to help leadership with decision making, according to the U.S. Air Force website.

Matos has been preparing for his new job by visiting several places in the region to familiarize himself with the mission.

"The Airmen doing the job, when they look in your eyes; that excitement that I'm going to be the one working with them. I'm going to be the one that will hopefully provide resources for them to do their job," Matos said.

The assignment will last a year. Matos worked in that region earlier in his career and said he hopes that experience makes his new job a good fit.

"Someone saw that I was capable and had the tools needed to do the job and do it well," Matos said.

As he looks ahead, Matos can't forget his time with IAAFA.

"We went through a major inspection. We did the biggest four-star conference that we've ever done in the 75 year history of the academy," Matos said.

Those who worked alongside Matos said they will remember his strong work ethic and compassionate nature.

"He's prior Army. He's been in for a very long time so he's worked a variety of jobs in intel and outside of AETC," said Capt. Emilio H. Rodriguez, executive officer for the Inter-America Air Forces Academy. "He brings tenacity, energy, positive attitude and an overall 'get things done'."

While it is business as usual at IAAFA, Francisco Hernandez, traditional commanders activities coordinator, said he will miss working with Matos.

"We made things happen; he guided me and told me what we could do and what we cannot do, he's just that type of person," Hernandez said.

Analyst eliminates threats faster through innovative targeting

By Lori A. Bultman

25TH AIR FORCE

Editor's note: Last names have been withheld for security purposes.

In the field of missile targeting, Staff Sgt. Sean, mobile missile targeting analyst, 20th Intelligence Squadron, is one of the most innovative and motivated members of 25th Air Force.

As a member of the Ballistic Missile Projects Team, Sean developed mobile missile targeting strategies, led the stand up of a 16-member innovation team and initiated squadron-to-squadron collaborations creating 15 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance tools. As a result of his efforts research and analysis times were slashed by

hours per product and production capabilities were streamlined within the 363rd ISR Wing.

How did Sean and his team make such a dramatic impact? They attended classes and studied hard.

"We attended a course by the National Reconnaissance Office for a tool that allows us to study information from dozens of sources at once and analyze the trends between them," he said. "It's like having one analyst attempting to duplicate the efforts of whole shops. Now, instead of being single-domain intelligence analysts, we've adapted to the all-source realm, all with one mission; placing missiles on missiles."

As the team members spread across the wing, they had multiple mindsets melding

together, he said.

"We've been developing concepts of operation for different ballistic missile scenarios, all from a targeting perspective," he said. "How do we most effectively eliminate the threat, before it becomes one?"

Sean recently delivered a briefing to 25th Air Force wing commanders where he described his inputs to improving capabilities, identified missile targeting shortfalls and presented solutions.

"It can be challenging to be the guy within the targeting community with a big idea, but at the same time, I couldn't wait for the opportunity to brag about what our team has been cooking up," Sean said.

"Throughout every briefing, meeting or video conference,

I've appreciated how open the leadership has been to these newer concepts," he said.

"When an O-6 (colonel) personally asks you, 'What do you need from me to make this easier for you?' you know you've got to be onto something."

The Airman is also a squadron innovation team member, where he crafted mobile targeting standard operating procedures and assisted in cutting targeting times by 80 percent. He was also key to a 61 percent production increase in 2017, which led the team to three group awards.

Taking down adversaries and eliminating their capabilities more quickly, through better and faster targeting, are key to future operations.

"Targeting only works if the adversary believes they have enough time to operate," Sean said. "As the enemies, and threats gets smarter, and quicker, so must the timelines to eliminate them."

Through learning new tactics and finding innovative, faster options in targeting, Sean and his team are using outside the box thinking to improve capabilities.

"We are refining our efforts, working a target that we've never really sat down and dissected until now, and we're doing it with resources that have never been put to this task," he said, crediting his success to his commander. "He asked, 'How can we do this better?' and we've made it our team goal to answer that question."

ALS honors alumnus during naming ceremony

By Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann

AIR FORCES CYBER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Joint Base San Antonio Airman Leadership School was named the "JBSA Rogers ALS" in honor of Staff Sgt. Cierra Rogers during a ceremony May 11 at JBSA-Lackland.

Rogers was formerly assigned to the 67th and 688th Cyberspace Wings and graduated from the JBSA ALS. Rogers died May 20, 2016, from injuries sustained after saving a family from a burning building in the Song-tan shopping district April 29, 2016, while assigned to Osan Air Base, South Korea.

"Rogers was a very eager and personable member of my team," said Jay Simmons, a former supervisor of Rogers' at the 688th CW. "She wanted to learn all aspects of her assigned duties. We had several great NCOs supervising the Airmen, and they always had positive and professional comments about her."

The event surrounding her death was captured on a cellphone, showing several Airmen and local residents using blankets to catch a woman and her three children as they leapt from an apartment building window.

According to reports, while visiting a local beauty salon, Rogers smelled smoke and turned to see flames. Trapped with a woman and her three children, Rogers kicked out a window to escape, suffering a laceration to her leg. Unfortunately, a safe escape proved impossible as the alley was 37 feet below.



TECH. SGT. R.J. BIERMANN

Attendees honor the U.S. flag as the national anthem is sung at the Joint Base San Antonio Airman Leadership School naming ceremony May 11 at JBSA-Lackland.

Rogers discovered another window with an adjacent metal cable that led to the ground. While descending, she lost her grip and fell 15 feet. She then gathered volunteers and blankets and pleaded with the woman to drop her children onto the blankets. Aside from shock, smoke inhalation and minor injuries, the family survived the incident.

"She did what she thought was the right thing to do," said Brig. Gen. Heather Pringle, JBSA commander, during the ceremony. "She did what each of us would have hoped we would have done. Not only was it the right thing to do, it was the selfless thing to do. Selfless service is one of those core values the Air Force has embodied ... [and] she brought that value with her. It's fitting this school is named after someone so selfless, so giving of her own talents to someone else."

Rogers' father, Larry Rogers, and mother, Jaqueline Greer, among other family members, were also present at the event.

"I'd like to thank everyone who made this naming possible. I know there was a lot of hard work involved in this," said Larry, during the ceremony. "It is so easy to talk about other people ... [but] it gets difficult to talk about your loved one, your daughter. Cierra would be really proud to know her name would be here, where every Airman who comes through the door has the ability to lead instilled in them. We know leadership can't come from a textbook ... at some point it requires sacrifice. It requires an act that you put others ahead of yourself. If you're that leader, you're going to make the right choice, which is what Cierra did."

During the ceremony Rogers was posthumously awarded the Airman's Medal. A sign bearing the school's new name was also unveiled.

The process of renaming the school began shortly after Rogers' death and, after approval, the staff scheduled the ceremony to fall between the anniversary of the incident and her death. The staff wanted to rename the school in Rogers' honor, not only because she was an alumnus, but for everything she stood for.

"Her leadership philosophy was from Donald McGannon, 'Leadership is an action, not a position,'" said Master Sgt. Andrew Post, JBSA Rogers ALS commandant. "What she did is proof she exemplified that philosophy. 'We have these students for five weeks and teach them how to go out and lead,' he continued.

"We teach service before self, and we usually relate that to our service commitment, but it's also servitude to the people we protect and she was the embodiment of that."

The ceremony concluded with memorial push-ups honoring Rogers, fallen Airmen and the Air Force core values.

RANDOLPH

455th FTS' heritage aircraft wears colors of WWII-era B-26 Marauder

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Just weeks after painting a T-38C Talon in the colors of the Vietnam War-era F-4 Phantom II for the 560th Flying Training Squadron's 45th annual Freedom Flyers Reunion in March, the 12th Maintenance Group's corrosion control team has completed a similar project for a 12th Flying Training Wing squadron that's some 700 miles away.

This time, the corrosion control team used a green and gray color scheme that harkens back to World War II to transform the look of a T-6A Texan II for the 455th Flying Training Squadron at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

"Our squadron was constituted the 455th Bombardment Squadron with the Martin B-26 Marauder in August of 1942," said Lt. Col. Douglas Kabel, 455th FTS commander. "This paint scheme is a replica of our June 6, 1944, B-26 paint scheme as we supported Operation Overlord on the beaches of Normandy, France."

The T-6A heritage aircraft is back at NAS Pensacola after Lt. Col. Nik Stathopoulos, 455th FTS director of operations, and Capt. Kais Heimburger, 455th FTS instructor pilot, came to Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph May 8 to pick up the aircraft.

The aircraft will be an important part of the squadron's 75th anniversary reunion June 7-8 at NAS



JOEL MARTINEZ

Capt. Kais Heimburger, 455th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, and Lt. Col. Nik Stathopoulos, 455th FTS director of operations, fly a T-6 Texan II aircraft with the WWII-era B-26 Marauder paint scheme on May 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Pensacola. That event will bring together present and former members of the 455th FTS and members of the World War II-era 323rd Bombardment Group, which included the 455th BS.

The 455th BS played a major role in the European theater, said Capt. Matt Carver, 455th FTS chief of standardization and evaluations.

"The squadron took part in bombardment missions from England before D-Day and would continue the fight against the Axis powers in Europe until 1945," he said.

The squadron was inactivated and activated multiple times after the war until it was redesignated as the 455th FTS at Mather Air Force Base, California, in 1972, giving navigators their initial training flying the T-37.

The 455th FTS was inactivated again in 1993, but was reactivated in 2009 at NAS Pensacola as the only combat systems officer primary

training squadron in the Air Force after the 562nd FTS and 563rd FTS, which had been turning out Air Force CSOs and electronic warfare officers as well as Naval flight officers, were inactivated at JBSA-Randolph. The 455th FTS is part of the 12th FTW's 479th Flying Training Group at NAS Pensacola.

The T-6A that now wears the colors of the B-26 Marauder will not only be an important part of the 455th FTS' 75th anniversary reunion, it will also figure prominently in the squadron's future.

"I am extremely pleased and excited about the amazing work of our 12th Maintenance Group team on this project," Kabel said. "It will be a regular part of our training fleet and of course will make its way around the airshow circuit and other recruiting opportunities."

The painting project, which began March 3 and ended April 24, had its share of challenges, said Mario Tarin, a member of

the 12th MXG's corrosion control team.

"The technical order manual used was the latest of that time," he said, referring to the World War II-era TO, "but we still had to conform to the current TO. One of the most difficult challenges we encountered was the many different layers of colors that were connected to each other, which involved a lot of masking to paint the various colors."

Compared to other projects, Tarin said this job required more masking — about three times the amount of masking versus the regular scheme — and measuring of the markings.

The team — which also included Neil Orlowski, Don Collier, Daniel Rodriguez, Louis Gonzales, Daniel Perez, Martin Herrera, Rudy Olivares and Julian Lalinde — was "very satisfied" with the finished project, Tarin said.

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Lt. Col. Douglas Kabel, 455th Flying Training Squadron commander

like this, we are filled with pride and a sense of accomplishment knowing we had a part of our history brought back to life," he said.

The aircraft gives the 455th FTS "a visible and tangible connection" to its past, Carver said.

"It is easy to get caught up in the day-to-day flying training missions, but the newly painted aircraft helps us to remember those who fought in combat and the sacrifices of all squadron members through the years," he said. "Not only do we have an obligation to Americans today to do our mission, but we have a legacy that has been built up by those who served before us to uphold."

AETC commander commissions next generation

By Senior Airman Stormy Archer
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Gen. Steve Kwast, commander of Air Education and Training Command, was the guest speaker for an Air Force ROTC commissioning ceremony May 10 at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Kwast took the time to address the 18 newly commissioned lieutenants and their families about the challenges and responsibilities they will soon face.

“What we have here today is the greatest fabric of our society,” said Kwast. “Your generation is going to reinvent American power for the digital age. Your generation is going to have to let go of the paradigms of the past and build new

capability in new ways that give America the power to drive fear into the hearts of our enemies and reassurance to the hearts of our friends who share our values, so humanity can live free with the principles of liberty, justice and the pursuit of happiness.”

The lieutenants also earned an undergraduate degree in addition to completing the ROTC program at UTSA in preparation for their future career in the Air Force.

“What we do here at ROTC is teach young cadets everything about the Air Force during their first few years; we teach them what the benefits are and also the structure of the Air Force, and we later progress that into leadership,” said Maj. Jimmy Odom, UTSA ROTC director of operations. “We teach them the fundamentals of leadership and give them opportunities to



Lt. Gen. Steve Kwast (left), commander of Air Education and Training Command, speaks to family and friends of members of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 842 during their commissioning ceremony May 10 at the University of Texas San Antonio.

display leadership as well with positions available here in our cadet wing. We make sure they have the qualities we need in the Air Force. Once we do that and they complete their four-year program, they get their commission.

“This is an outstanding group of cadets,” he continued. “Their impact will be felt Air Force

wide. They have the ability, the educational background, drive and the dedication we are looking for in the Air Force.”

Each lieutenant is already assigned an Air Force specialty code for their job, and they will either head to their first permanent duty station or to their technical training school. Careers in this group of

commissionees include contracting, finance, intelligence and piloting aircraft.

“This program has helped me so much,” said 2nd Lt.

Alexandra Duhaine, one of the newly commissioned lieutenants. “When I came out of high school I didn’t know what I wanted to do. I didn’t have a goal or vision for myself. Through the ROTC program I was able to get the structure and discipline I needed. ROTC taught me confidence and showed me what I’m capable of doing. This experience has refined me and made me stronger, and I’m excited to start my career in the Air Force.”

Air Force ROTC is one of the three primary commissioning sources for officers in the United States Air Force, the other two being the United States Air Force Academy and Air Force Officer Training School.