

JBSA LEGACY

WWW.JBSA.MIL

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018



PHOTO BY SGT. BRIAN CALHOUN

South Carolina Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1053rd Transportation Company assist a family that was trapped inside their vehicle recently as a result of flood waters on the roadway in Hamer, South Carolina.

Army North members help with hurricane relief

Page 8



Pilot Training Next cadre discuss lessons learned, way forward

Page 20



Navy Recruiting District San Antonio welcomes new chief petty officers

Page 15

COMMENTARY

Why we need to 'Protect the Power'

By Thomas Mieczkowski
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO ENERGY
AND UTILITIES CHIEF

October 2018 is Energy Action Month for the U.S. Air Force and this year's theme is "Protect the Power." So if you want to break out into a falsetto version of "I Got the Power," that would be just the level of enthusiasm we would love to hear.

But what does protect the power mean, how does it relate to base utilities. Specifically, why are military people being targeted? Before we can answer these questions, we need to understand some definitions, where power comes from and why it is important.

When we speak of power, we are talking about electricity provided by the utility company to power base-wide facilities for heating/cooling, lighting, computers, appliances, equipment, tools, etc. These facilities serve the mission of the Air Force and we depend upon utility companies to deliver the majority of this power.

The utility companies are good at what they do and for the most part, deliver consistent and reliable power. Utility companies have the resources, technologies and tools to maintain and repair the systems that generate, transmit and distribute power to the customers.

So since the power companies provide our power, what do we have to do with protecting it? Maybe we need to understand where the power comes from.



COURTESY GRAPHIC

I'm sure most people understand the majority of the power is generated at large power plants by either coal, natural gas, nuclear or hydroelectric. There is also renewable power generation from large wind farms and solar power grids.

Of the various power sources, coal and natural gas still provide the majority of the power generated in the United States. Coal and natural gas, however, are finite resources and by economics definition are scarce.

In spite of whether or not you believe we have plenty of these resources, the fact is one day these resources will be depleted unless we find alternative sources to produce our power needs. Think of it as a large bowl of water of which you are slowly sipping through a straw. Once the bowl runs dry, there is no more resource.

The Air Force is a very large consumer of power and consequently is very concerned about impacts to its mission from loss of power. The Air Force is aware of the resources it consumes and always looks

to be more efficient in how it uses those resources.

Conservation, in general, provides a strategic advantage for the Air Force as it allows the agency to do more with less resources. Think of it like flying farther and faster with less fuel.

So for our perspective, protecting the power includes assurance that power will be available to meet mission needs and assurance there will be enough resources to generate the power. By protecting the power we are trying to make everyone conscience about conserving our resources.

Just think about what you might give up in exchange for your air conditioning, your electronics or even your appliances given the scarcity of the resources.

As we move into another Energy Action Month 2018, we want to create a culture of awareness about power, an understanding of its importance, what it is used for and the resources required to produce it.

We want to teach everyone



#ProtectThePower

Smart Energy Solutions
Enhance Readiness
& Resilience

to be good stewards of natural resources and to make conscience decisions regarding their use. Let's protect the power because it is important to our mission, our natural resources and our future generations.

For Energy Action Month, 2018, free Energy Expos will be held at three Joint Base San Antonio locations. The first is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at Arnold Hall, building 5506, at 1560 Steward St., JBSA-Lackland. The next is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395 on Chaffee Road, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The final expo is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Kendrick Club, building 1039 at JBSA-Randolph.

Organizations like the Southwest Research Institute, University of Texas at San Antonio, CPS Energy and many more will be showcasing their "cool" technology.

Come out and learn about the latest in energy conservation and renewable technology, planning and development.

Joint Base San Antonio HOTLINES

- Sexual Assault Hotline 210-808-SARC (7272)
- Domestic Abuse Hotline 210-367-1213
- DOD Safe Helpline 877-995-5247
- Suicide Prevention 800-273-TALK (8255)
- Duty Chaplain 210-221-9363

JBSA LEGACY

Joint Base San Antonio
Editorial Staff

502nd Air Base Wing
and JBSA Commander
BRIG. GEN.
LAURA L. LENDERMAN

502nd ABW/JBSA
Public Affairs Director
TODD G. WHITE

502nd ABW/JBSA
Chief of Command
Information
ED PRINCE

Editor
STEVE ELLIOTT

Staff
SENIOR AIRMAN STORMY ARCHER
DAVID DEKUNDER
ROBERT GOETZ
AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DILLON PARKER
TECH. SGT. AVE YOUNG

JBSA LEGACY
ADVERTISEMENT OFFICE
EN COMMUNITIES
P.O. BOX 2171
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78297
210-250-2052

This newspaper is published by EN Communities, a private firm in no way connected with the United States Air Force, under exclusive written contract with Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA). This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the United States military services. Content of the publication is not necessarily the official view of, or endorsement by the United States Government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or EN Communities, of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonment factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Editorial content is edited, provided, and/or approved by the JBSA Public Affairs Offices within the 502nd Air Base Wing. All photographs are Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated.

Feedback Fridays

By Brig. Gen.
Laura Lenderman
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Feedback Fridays is a weekly forum that aims to connect the 502d Air Base Wing with members of the Joint Base San Antonio community. Questions are collected during commander's calls, town hall meetings and throughout the week. If you have a question or concern, please send an email to RandolphPublicAffairs@us.af.mil using the subject line "Feedback Fridays." Questions will be further researched and published as information becomes available.

Personnel Issues

Q. Will we be able to buy Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniforms at our uniform store now or are those for Army personnel?

A. Great question. As of Oct. 1, 2018, Airmen may purchase OCPs at the following AAFES locations: Aviano Air Base, Charleston Air Force Base, Shaw Air Force Base, and MacDill Air Force Base. On or about April 1, 2019, AAFES will expand in-store sales of OCPs to additional locations with the goal of OCPs being available for purchase online no later than October 2019 which will ensure we're able to stay ahead of the April 1, 2021 mandatory wear date.

Q. What percentage chance do you think there is of high year tenure going away, allowing E-5's to earn a pension?

A. We are happy to share that according to a Sept. 12, 2018, interview in the Air Force Times, "Chief Wright: New rules on high-year tenure coming soon" (<https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/09/12/chief-wright-new-rules-on-high-year-tenure-coming-soon/>), Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth Wright is working on extending high year tenure rules so Airmen can stay in longer if



they are not promoted. Currently, staff sergeants have to separate at 15 years if they don't get promoted to technical sergeant. CMSAF Wright voiced his support for extending E-5s to 20 years. He also said that the Air Force is considering extending technical sergeants' high year tenure from 20 to 22 years, as well as extending senior airmen's current eight-year high year of tenure.

Installation & Facilities

Q. Why have we started closing the Luke West Gate and Selfridge Gate so early? This makes exiting JBSA-Lackland a bit tough. Also, can we add three entry lanes to Valley Hi Gate after lunch?

A. Thank you for giving us a chance to address these questions. The Luke and Selfridge West gates are now open to inbound and outbound traffic from 6-9 a.m. and outbound only from 3-6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. To accommodate the traffic

surge we typically see on Thursdays and Fridays, each gate is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., increasing our throughput capacity during the busiest periods of the week. Although we recognize these changes in operating hours may cause some inconveniences, it represents the most effective balance for all considerations involved.

We are aware of the congestion at the Valley Hi Gate and are working closely with 502nd Civil Engineering Group to design a permanent solution to assist with traffic flow. We have worked with both 502nd CEG and 502nd ABW Safety to consider utilizing a temporary additional lane, similar to the morning rush. However, the higher outbound traffic flow during the rest of the day makes it too much of a safety risk. We will continue to explore alternative ways to expedite traffic through Valley Hi Gate while maintaining force protection.

Miscellaneous

Q. Is it in the budget to update Civil Engineering maintenance vehicles?

A. The Air Force centrally manages the vehicle purchase and replacement program by applying limited funding to replace the vehicles with the highest mileage and hours driven. While Air Force funding is not sufficient to update all vehicles that we would like to see replaced, the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Management Flight is fully funded to provide maintenance to the JBSA Air Force vehicle fleet including all the Civil Engineering vehicles. Although we cannot locally control which vehicles are replaced or when, the VMF is always available if you have issues with the maintenance of your vehicles.

Q. The Randolph bowling alley closes early during Air Education Training Command family days. Is there a chance to extend the hours?

A. The JBSA-Lackland Bowling

Center hours for AETC family days are currently from 1-8 p.m. We based these hours on the historical trends of family day attendance. However, if there are a large number of customers in the center nearing 8 p.m., the center staff can extend their hours to meet the customer's needs. Individuals or organizations interested in having an event in the evening on a family day, are encouraged to work directly with management to extend hours based on participating numbers.

Q. When is the Growden Gate marquee at JBSA-Lackland expected to come back on? This marquee has not worked for more than 18 months.

A. Thank you very much for bringing this to my attention. Our civil engineers as well as the Installation Support Group and Public Affairs are working on purchasing a new marquee and are currently researching the funds to support the effort. We will keep you informed on the timeline for the fix.

National Night Out coming to an installation near you

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

Security Forces members and first responders will host the Joint Base San Antonio community for National Night Out Oct. 2.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer.

“National Night Out is the perfect opportunity to meet neighbors, explore different resources available, and prevent crime,” said Tech. Sgt. Angelina Simms, 902nd Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of police services. “There will be activities for youth such as face painting, a bouncy house, free food and music on site.”

Other events at National Night Out will include military working dog presentations, Taser and combatives demonstrations along with weapons and vehicle displays and information booths for local agencies and resources.

National Night Out activities will take place at the following JBSA locations:
JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON
Lincoln Military Housing



JOHNNY SALDIVAR

Airman 1st Class Victoria Dunning, 902nd Security Forces Squadron electronic security systems manager, demonstrates the attack capabilities of a military working dog during National Night Out on Oct. 6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Headquarters, 407 Dickman Road from 6-8 p.m.

JBSA-LACKLAND

Balfour Beatty Community Management Office, Bldg. 2254 from 6-8 p.m.

JBSA-RANDOLPH

North Park St. from 5-8 p.m.

For more information on National Night Out, stay tuned to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JointBaseSanAntonio>

Get in the voting game — your vote counts

From 502nd Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

Football season is in full swing and being a fan of any sport is exciting, especially when you allow yourself to get involved in the game.

The same goes for this absentee voting season, as all uniformed service members and their eligible family members can get in the game as one of our country's biggest fans.

Absentee Voting week is Oct. 1-8. Here's a three-step process/timeline of the absentee voting process:

- ▶▶ Step 1: Register and request an absentee ballot from your state election office (January of each year).
- ▶▶ Step 2: Receive your absentee ballot

from your state election office (30-45 calendar days before the election).

▶▶ Step 3: Return your state ballot to your state election office as soon as possible. If you do not receive your state absentee ballot use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, or FWAB.

According to the U.S. voting laws, every vote is counted. For assistance, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program at <http://www.FVAP.gov> or contact the Military & Family Readiness Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland at 210-671-3723, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-2705 or at JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-5321.

Every vote matters, so get in the voting game.

Input from wounded warriors caregivers sought

By Marianne Campano
ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Are you a family member or friend caring for a wounded, ill or injured service member? If so, you are not alone.

According to a RAND report on military caregivers, there are approximately 1.1 million post-9/11 military caregivers.

For some, the role of caregiver is triggered by a major event such as a combat injury or a car wreck, and life as one knows it comes to a screeching halt to care for a loved one.

For others, caregiving sneaks up slowly, as they begin to realize that they are increasingly the individual who ensures their spouse or care recipient takes their medicines.

Some individuals discover that their “new normal” includes looking out for triggers or assisting with other behaviors associated with

invisible wounds. Eventually, they find they have taken on a role that they have never done before, and they begin to realize that their life has changed dramatically.

Whether one provides physical support or emotional support, or both, this new role has a name and it is called “Caregiver.”

According to the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, one of the biggest challenges for military caregivers is realizing they are, in fact, “caregivers.”

There are many resources available for military caregivers and when a person recognizes that they are indeed a “caregiver,” they can find the right resources for their specific needs. This is especially important in the beginning, when a person may be struggling to understand their care recipient’s medical condition, or feeling insecure and overwhelmed in this new role.

Are you a Family member or friend caring for a wounded, ill, or injured Service member?

Please take our survey to help us better support you and your Service member. Scan this QR code to access this survey or go to <http://militarycaregiver.health.mil/survey>



SURVEY OPEN THROUGH 2018

Your information will be anonymous and participation is voluntary.



COURTESY GRAPHIC

The U.S. Army Medical Command’s Army Public Health Center announced the launch of a survey for military caregivers. The survey seeks to understand the social, economic and health impact of caregiving and identify gaps in services.

Additionally, military caregivers also report that providing care to someone in the military also has its challenges because of other processes, including the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, understanding benefits and transitioning to civilian life and the Department of Veteran

Affairs or a new military assignment.

The Army Public Health Center recognizes the challenges and sacrifices caregivers make every day.

To better understand the specific needs of military caregivers, the APHC is conducting a survey. If you are a family member or friend

caring for a service member at or Joint Base San Antonio, Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; or Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; the Army wants to hear from you.

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 information you provide in this anonymous survey is critical because it will help leaders understand how to best standardize support and link caregivers with training and medical, financial, legal, career, spiritual and other support services. The survey is located at <http://militarycaregiver.health.mil/survey>. More information and resources for caregivers can be found at <http://militarycaregiver.health.mil>.

City of San Antonio enacts new tobacco ordinance Oct. 1

By Steve Elliott
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Effective Oct. 1, a new tobacco ordinance will prohibit the sale or providing of tobacco products to a person under 21 years of age within the boundaries of the City of San Antonio.

This includes tobacco products whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to a cigarette, e-cigarettes, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus (a smokeless, moist powder tobacco pouch), or an electronic smoking device or liquids used in electronic smoking devices.

All synthetic tobacco products, tobacco free liquids, and CBD oils (cannabinoid oils) are included in the new ordinance.

The City’s Tobacco 21 Ordinance does not include drugs, devices or

combination products authorized for sale as tobacco cessation aids by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, such as nicotine patches.

According to city officials, this public health measure will delay the age of first tobacco use, reduce the risk of youth becoming regular smokers, and help keep tobacco out of schools.

The enforcement will primarily rest on retailers. There will not be a fine within the city for someone who is 18, 19 or 20 years old who purchases, uses or is found in possession of a tobacco product.

The City of San Antonio website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Tobacco21> states the sale or distribution of tobacco products to someone who is under 21 within the City of San Antonio is a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction, can result in a fine up to \$500.

For more information, visit <https://www.sanantonio.gov/Tobacco21>.



COURTESY GRAPHIC

FORT SAM HOUSTON

ARNORTH helps with hurricane relief efforts



SGT. BRIAN CALHOUN

South Carolina Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1053rd Transportation Company assist a family that was trapped inside their vehicle recently as a result of flood waters on the roadway in Hamer, South Carolina.

By Joe Lacdan
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Soldiers continue to help evacuate residents in flood-ravaged communities along North Carolina's coastal plains days after Hurricane Florence made landfall.

Army personnel have rescued a total of 372 residents and evacuated another 47 in both North and South Carolina, while more than 9,000 Soldiers are supporting the hurricane relief efforts.

The National Guard conducted about 125 rescue missions in one day recently, said Lt. Col. Matt DeVivo, North Carolina National Guard public affairs officer. He said water levels continue to stay at dangerously high levels and in

some areas have even risen.

DeVivo said he expects the National Guard to continue operations for at least the next 72 hours and possibly through the weekend. More than 3,100 North Carolina Guardsmen still remain engaged in rescue operations, along with about 350 Guardsmen from neighboring states.

"We're not going anywhere anytime soon," DeVivo said. "Until we know the rivers have receded and the waters start to recede and communities can try to get back to some semblance of normalcy. Thousands have been displaced. And it's going to be a challenge, but we're ready to support the state well after the waters have receded."

National Guard helicopters, working in conjunction with

state and federal agencies, have delivered more than 61,000 pounds of relief supplies.

"I'm very impressed with the states — both South Carolina and North Carolina; they have responded and pushed forward and were proactive," said Lt. Gen. Timothy Kadavy, Army National Guard director. "They had Soldiers. They had High-Water Vehicles. They had aircraft out and ready to respond. They (were) ready to do whatever they were asked to do by their governors and local communities."

The hurricane's effects were less severe in South Carolina, but residents in the northern section of the state also experienced heavy flooding.

RELIEF continues on 15

ARNORTH building dedicated to local World War II hero

By Joshua Ford
U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) honored a World War II hero and former Fifth Army soldier during a building memorialization ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston on Sept. 7.

The G6 (Communications) building will be named in honor of Staff Sgt. Fred Garcia, a U.S. Army telephone and telegraph line chief during World War II, who served in both North Africa and Italy.

Garcia was a San Antonio native and a direct descendant of the Padron family, one of the 16 families who founded the city.

"If you look up 'hero' in the

dictionary you'll see that it comes from the ancient Greeks. And you'll see there's only two requirements to becoming a hero: courageous acts and a noble purpose," said Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, commanding general, U.S. Army North. "Fred Garcia was a hero by any stretch of the imagination."

Garcia was awarded the Bronze Star for a mission in which he installed wire from a regimental forward switch board to the Rapido River for a planned infantry night assault.

He made a daylight reconnaissance for the wire routes and after darkness supervised the installation. The wire routes had to be laid through uncleared minefields exposed to enemy fire. Garcia



JOSHUA FORD

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan (center, left), U.S. Army North commanding general, joins Kenneth Garcia (from left), Wayne Garcia and Diana Garcia-Schulze, all children of the late Staff Sgt. Fred Garcia, on Sept. 7 in the unveiling of the commemorative plaque to be mounted at the entrance of the U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) communications building at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

established the forward switch board in a position near the river where an unused railroad station afforded the only cover.

Under severe artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Garcia maintained and

operated the wire system for two day and nights.

"If you look at what this family has done for the nation it's pretty phenomenal," Buchanan said. "And when you tie it together and what we do as the 5th Army, now U.S.

Army North, and our history, and the history of the 36th Division, the 141st Infantry Regiment, and frankly Fred Garcia, we intersect well right here at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston."

ER physician returns to Army service

By **Derrick Crawford**
U.S. ARMY 5TH MEDICAL RECRUITING
BATTALION

Father may know best, but when Army Reserve Lt. Col. Andrew “Andy” Nicholes recently returned to military service as an emergency medicine physician, he followed the direction of his son.

Army 2nd Lt. Marc A. Nicholes, 26, an Army ROTC grad and a second-year student at the University of Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine in San Antonio, administered the oath of office to swear-in his father during a recent commissioning ceremony.

Andy, 48, has practiced emergency medicine for 17 years, with the past three being at First Texas Hospital’s First Choice Emergency Room in Cypress, Texas. He first commissioned into the Army Reserve following 9/11 and served for six years as an emergency physician, including a combat tour in Iraq.

“It was cool seeing my dad

being proud of putting the uniform back on again, and get back out there to serve the Soldiers that need medical care,” Marc said.

Andy explained how he has been inspired to return to the Reserve in part by a family tradition of service, and mainly by his son’s growth.

“I have been watching my son start his Army medical career and have been so impressed by him,” Andy said. “I can’t even put words to how proud I am.”

For Andy, the idea of him following his son’s lead and donning a military uniform again was closer to a dream than reality when the process began two years ago.

“The recruiters, Sgt. 1st Class (Irvin) Merino and Sgt. 1st Class (David) Bowen, both of the Army Medical Recruiting Station Houston, came to the house talking to my son, and I kind of half-heartedly asked if they would take a crusty old ER doc that can’t hear?” Andy said. “Next thing you know I am getting waivers for hearing loss and age.”

With no dependent children



COURTESY PHOTO

Army 2nd Lt. Marc A. Nicholes (center), administers the oath of office to his father, Army Reserve Lt. Col. Andrew “Andy” Nicholes (right) during a commissioning ceremony July 20 at the U.S. Army Medicine Department Museum on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

at home (including Marc, there’s daughter, Jessica Nicholes, 24, and Nina Ridgeway, 24, step-daughter with current wife, Lorraine), Andy said he began to ask himself, “Why not?!”

“I mean if I can work as an ER doc in the civilian world I should be able to do that in the Army,” Andy said. “Two years later, I had the honor of my son giving me the oath and my wife pinning my rank on. I guess

you could say we are a military family. I look forward to the journey.”

Merino, a 10-year veteran combat medic, said he wholeheartedly believes in what he’s selling.

“The opportunities that Army Medicine can provide are only limited to your own limits,” Merino said. “Army Medicine continues to be on the forefront of medicine. If you dream of accomplishing

anything while working in an asymmetrical environment, we have a position for you.”

Personally, Merino said it’s always special when he helps bring a medical officer into the ranks, but he considers it among the utmost honor to be “part of another family’s commitment to our great country.”

Andy and Marc, both of College Station, expressed pride in their family’s military service. Marc cites as role models his grandmother, a former Army nurse, his grandfather, a Marine and Vietnam veteran, and his step mother, Lorraine, a veteran of combat in Kuwait and Iraq who retired after serving more than 20 years as an Army medic, respiratory therapist and finally as a physician’s assistant.

Andy’s July 20 commissioning, held here at the U.S. Army Medicine Department Museum on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, places the Nicholeses on different paths with the same goal — aiding sick and injured Soldiers.

FORT SAM HOUSTON THRIFT SHOP REOPENS IN NEW LOCATION

Wed Thurs 9:30-2:30
Fri Sat of Mm 9:30-2:30
Compensated hrs 9:30-1:00
Closed Holidays



Robert Naething (from left), U.S. Army North (5th Army) deputy to the commanding general; Angie Ryder, Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop manager; Stacy Vick, Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop bookkeeper; and Maj. Gen. Mark R. Stammer, U.S. Army South commanding general, cut the ribbon Sept. 19 to open the Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at its new location, 1210 Stanley Road, building 123. The Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop, sponsored by the Spouses’ Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is in its seventh year of existence. The shop is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of each month. Consignments are taken from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CAROLYN ABRAHAM



Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

October

Arts and Crafts

Framing

Stop by the Frame Shop in the JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall and receive 25 percent off select frames for the month of October. An experienced framer helps design and perfect artwork for homes and offices. Estimates cannot be provided over the phone. For more information, call 210-652-5142.

Bowling

Columbus Day weekend special offered

Celebrate the Columbus Day holiday the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Oct. 6-7, during normal operating hours. Enjoy the "Bowl One Game, Get One Free" special or bowl at the special bowling rate of \$2.75 per game, per person with \$2.75 shoe rental, excluding Saturday Strike Club. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

Bowl with a DJ

Be sure to check out the cosmic bowling music and light show at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Saturdays, 6-11 p.m. Entertainment Oct. 6, 5-10 p.m. features a live DJ. For more information, call 210-221-4740.

Strike Club offers bowling fun

Come party with the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center at the Strike Club every Saturday, 6-10 p.m. The Strike Club features cosmic lights combined with newly installed LED CenterPunch Deck lighting, LED lane capping and enhanced with three projection screens playing music videos. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

Clubs

Bingo fun is at the club

Join the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for Bingo Extravaganza Oct. 1 and 15 with \$15,000 in total jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and Early Bird bingo at 6 p.m.

Bingo at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club takes place Monday through Thursday, 7 p.m., Sundays, 3 p.m. and Oct. 13 and 27, 3 p.m., in the ballroom. Admission is free to members and \$10 for nonmembers.

Birthday Bingo is held Oct. 17, 7 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club. Birthday members receive one free machine and cake. This event is for Randolph Club members only and an ID card is required.

Head to the Kendrick Club for the annual Kiddie Costume Contest and Bingo Oct. 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children, 12 years and younger, play five games of bingo for free, can win door prizes, and get a complementary buffet with chicken tenders, French fries, cookies and fruit punch. Adults enjoy Gil's Pub grill menu. This event is open to all

Department of Defense ID cardholders. Doors open early for members at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. for all others. All kids should dress in Halloween attire for a chance to win a prize. Prizes are given to the three best costumes. For more information, call 210-652-3056.

Guests fly into the Auger

Join the party at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Auger Inn for "old school" camaraderie, free light refreshments and great music Oct. 19, 5 p.m. Meet neighbors, folks from other squadrons and leadership. There is no cover to join the fun. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Club offers Sunday brunch

Club members and all Department of Defense ID cardholders are invited to enjoy brunch at the historic JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$23 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, \$12 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$15 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years, and free for children 5 years and younger. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Club appreciates its customers

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Customer Appreciation Night in the Fiesta Ballroom Oct. 23, 5-7 p.m. with entertainment by DJ LJU. The price is \$12.50 for members and \$15.50 for nonmembers. The menu includes a salad bar, cream of asparagus soup, prime rib with Burgundy au jus, stuffed turkey breast with champagne mushroom sauce, broccoli spears with red pepper strips, branded baby carrots and snow peas, duchess potatoes, mixed wild rice, dinner rolls, fruit cups, pecan pie and pumpkin pie. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

October birthdays are celebrated with a buffet

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers a complimentary buffet every month for members with birthdays in that month. Members with October birthdays are honored Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is free for birthday members. Cost is \$10 for members without a birthday in October, \$5 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$12 for nonmembers and \$6 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years. Children 5 years and younger eat for free. Coupons are not accepted. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Halloween is celebrated with a party

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a Halloween Party Oct. 26, 5-10 p.m., in the Lone Star Lounge. Customers are encouraged to dress in costume for a fun evening featuring DJ Tony Style. Admission is free. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

Patrons get spooked at the House of Horrors

Get the fangs and broomsticks on and come out to experience the thrills and chills of the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club House of Horrors Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. A portion of the club is transformed into a walk-through haunted house. This house of horrors includes complementary hot dogs, chips and candy. This event is free and open to all. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Weekly food specials offered

Stop by the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for weekly food specials. Every Tuesday enjoy \$1.50 beef or chicken tacos in Gil's Pub from 5:30-7 p.m. On Wednesdays, in a sports bar atmosphere, enjoy flavorful 50 cent wings from 4:30-7 p.m. A minimum of 10 wings must be purchased. For more information, call 210-652-3056.

Community Programs

The Harlequin Theatre puts on shows

"Groove" continues Thursdays through Saturdays until Oct. 13 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Theater. This high-energy revue features the sound and soul of the late 1960s with music by legendary artists such as Simon and Garfunkel, Crosby, Stills and Nash, the Rolling Stones, Janis Joplin, The Beatles, The Mamas and Papas, Jimi Hendrix and Chicago.

Make reservations today for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Harlequin Theater performance of "A Company of Wayward Saints" Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-17. This performance is about a commedia dell'art group far from home without any financial means. A nobleman may be their salvation if they can put on a good show for him. The Company chooses to present the history of man, from the Garden of Eden through Everyman in birth, adolescence, marriage and death. Along the way they enact other wayward adventures such as the assassination of Julius Caesar and the homecoming of Odysseus.

Harlequin Theatre shows are sponsored by THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information or to make reservations, call 210-222-9694.

Equestrian Center

Riding lessons offered

The Equestrian Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston offers riding lessons for beginners and advance riders in both English- and Western-style riding. Therapeutic riding lessons are also available and taught by certified instructors. All equipment is provided. Students must be at least 7 years old. The price is \$60 per hour for private lessons, \$50 per hour for semi-private lessons and \$40 per hour for group lessons. Packages of five lessons are

JBSA FSS

available at a discounted rate and lessons are also available by the half-hour. To register or for more information, call 210-224-7207.

Fitness

10-Miler Shadow Run held

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Central Post Gym hosts the Army 10-Miler Shadow Run Oct. 7, 7 a.m. This race gives runners the option of running either a 5-mile or 10-mile route. The race is free and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 210-221-3593.

Participants compete in a three-point shootout

Participants battle it out on the basketball court Oct. 7, noon at the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center in a three-point shootout where each shooter has 60 seconds to shoot five balls from three racks positioned around the three-point line. For more information, call the 210-671-2016.

Rambler 120 Adventure Race

The Rambler 120, a challenging event promoting teamwork and competition, is a race through the Texas Hill Country consisting of a 22-mile bike ride, a 6-mile run and a 2-mile raft at the JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake on Oct. 13. This adventure race includes four-person Xtreme teams, which must have at least one Department of Defense ID cardholder, and eight-person Relay teams, which must have at least two DOD ID cardholders, in three categories: all male, all female, coed and all military. The event also includes a category for individuals that want to participate. The registration fee is \$120 for Xtreme teams and \$180 for Relay teams. The fee covers lunch, commemorative T-shirt and awards for the top three teams in each category. Interested participants can register and pay online at: <https://www.athleteguild.com/adventure-racing/canyon-lake-tx/2018-rambler-120-team-challenge>. The deadline to register is Oct. 5. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP and Budweiser®. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call JBSA Community Programs at 210-652-5763 or email at 502FSS.FSK.JBSACommunityevent@us.af.mil.

Teamwork shown at 3-mile wingman relay

JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts a 3-mile Wingman Relay at Eberle Park Oct. 16, 7:30 a.m. The first team member must complete the 1.5-mile run route in order for the second team member to start running the next 1.5-mile portion. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. Fitness Center events are open to all valid Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

Celebrate fall with Oktoberfest fitness celebration

Celebrate fall and get a jump start on those holiday calories at the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Oktoberfest Fitness Celebration Oct. 20, 7:30 a.m., at Heritage Park. This is an event for the whole family. The fitness celebration consists of a 5K run or walk for walkers

and runners and a 1.5 mile walk or run for young athletes and parents who would like to participate together. Bikers are not forgotten, a 10K bike ride starts after the 5K is completed. Enjoy the fall weather while getting fit with family and friends. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. Fitness Center events are open to all valid Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

Men and women compete in lifting challenge

The Fitness Center on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical Education and Training Campus hosts a bench press, dead lift and squat challenge Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Men and women lift 1000 pounds and 500 pounds respectively in each category. This challenge is free and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders 16 years and older. For more information, call 210-808-5709.

Oktoberfest 5K held

Bring the entire family to the Oktoberfest 5K run or walk at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Oct. 27, 8 a.m. This free event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Register the day of the event. For more information, call 210-221-1234.

RAMBLER 120

JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake

OCT. 13 7:30 A.M.

Registration Deadline **Oct. 5**

Register and pay online at <https://www.athleteguild.com/adventure-racing/canyon-lake-tx/2018-rambler-120-team-challenge>

For more information, call JBSA Community Programs at (210) 652-5763 or email them at 502FSS.FSK.JBSACommunityevent@us.af.mil

Logos: RBFCU, JBSA, and other sponsors.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Warrior Four-Person Scramble Oct. 5, 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for active duty, retired military and members and \$35 for nonmembers. The price includes green fee, golf cart, prize fund and a social after the round. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

Fall Classic tournament held

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts a Fall Classic Golf Tournament Oct. 6. This individual stroke play tournament costs \$20 per player plus green fee and cart rental. This is a single cup point event. For more information, call 210-671-3466.

Club championship held

All golfers are invited to compete in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Championship Oct. 13-14, 8 a.m. The cost is \$60 for members and \$80 for nonmembers and includes green fee, cart, prize fund and social after the event. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

New golf equipment is demonstrated

Check out the latest golf equipment from all the top golf vendors and save with great prices at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Oct. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK

\$25

DATE	TIME
Sept. 28	6:30-10:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	6:30-10:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	6:30-10:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	1-5 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
Lackland Child Development Center
(210) 671-9875
(Ages 6 weeks - 5 years)

Youth Programs
(210) 671-2388 (Ages 5 - 12 years)

Military & Family Readiness Center
(210) 671-3722 (for eligibility/certificate questions)

Logos: CDC YP, JBSA, and other sponsors.

Couples enjoy a scramble

Golfers are invited to enjoy an afternoon on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Oct. 21, 1 p.m. for the Couples Fun Scramble. The cost is \$30 per member couple and \$50 for nonmember couple. Fee includes green fee, cart rental, prizes and social after the event. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

Golfers compete to be the best

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts the Randolph Classic, a four-person scramble, Oct. 26, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$60 per person and includes lunch before the round, beer, cart and green fee and gift certificates to the teams that place. This classic is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union and

Silver Eagle. No federal endorsements of sponsors intended. For more information, call 210-652-4653.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Renaissance Festival tickets available

JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel offers tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival, which is one of the nation's largest renaissance theme parks where the sights, sounds, tastes and beauty of the 16th Century come alive. The festival runs weekends through Nov. 25. For more information, call 210-652-5142.

Trafalgar World Showcase

Spend an evening with JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel and Trafalgar Tours Oct. 10, 6-8 p.m., and travel around the world. This informational evening is held in the Gateway Club Ballroom and highlights featured destinations, tours, packages and group vacations that are available through the ITT office. Want to travel to Europe, visit the Great Wall of China or go on an African Safari? The possibilities are endless with JBSA Leisure Travel and Trafalgar Tours. Patrons can get questions answered and gain insight into planning their next vacation. Reservations are a must. The presentation is limited to 200 people, so please call 210-671-3059 and get signed up. Giveaways, a grand prize, light refreshments, drinks and a cash bar are available.

Mala Luna Music Festival tickets available

The Mala Luna Musical Festival mixes national headliners with local talent for a unique experience of hip-hop and Electronic Dance Music while embracing San Antonio's rich Mexican heritage at the Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium Oct. 27-28. The JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel offers two-day general admission tickets for only \$100. Visit the Lackland ITT Facebook page for the complete line up for this event. For more information, call 210-671-3059.

Wurstfest "Salute to Sausage"

JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel is the Wurstfest connection. Wurstfest is a unique celebration rich in German culture and full of Texas fun. Patrons enjoy the New Braunfels ten-day "Salute to Sausage," with a variety of live entertainment, delicious food and fun for the entire family. The event runs Nov. 2-11. For more information, call 210-652-5142.

Military & Family Readiness

Program helps absentee voters' rights

During Voter Absentee Week, Oct. 1-8, the JBSA-Federal Voting Assistance Program encourages citizens to be active voters and take the necessary steps to vote in the upcoming general elections. FVAP provides information and guidance to assist military service members, their families and all other U.S. civilian Department of Defense employees. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-2705, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3723, or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-5321.

Service members become teachers

Military personnel meet with Region 20 Education Services Oct. 10, 9-11:30 a.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center for information on teaching as a second career in public schools. To register for the Front Camo to the Classroom workshop, call 210-671-3722.

Caring for aging family members

The Bexar County Agency on Aging hosts a Caring for Those who Cared for You seminar Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center and Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Lackland M&FRC to discuss available resources that may help with caring for an aging parent, both long distance and locally. To reserve a seat, call JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-5321 or the JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3722.

Parents prepare for baby

Participate in the Bundles for Babies workshop at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Active-duty expecting parents receive information on financial planning from conception to college, support programs offered within the community and parenting skills. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Super Heroes Howl Down

The Exceptional Family Member Program hosts a "spooktacular" Halloween party with a haunted house, costume contest, sensory gross out station, crafts, trick or treating, food and more at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center Oct. 26, 6-9 p.m. To sign up, call 210-221-2705.

Guided tour of Fort Sam Houston offered

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston houses the largest collection of historical buildings in the Department of Defense. Reserve a seat for the last tour of the season Oct. 27, 8-11 a.m., to learn about the installation's rich history. The new season begins January 2019. To register, call 210-221-2705.

Volunteers make a difference in one day

Join thousands of volunteers Oct. 28, for Make A Difference Day, the nation's largest day of volunteerism. Organizations on JBSA host community service projects, a list of volunteer projects are available Oct. 15 at <http://go.usa.gov/xntrW>. JBSA agencies interested in hosting a community service project should fill out a participation form and submit it to the Volunteer Coordinator at usafjbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil. For more information, call 210-221-2705.

Outdoor Recreation

Concealed handgun license class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center offers concealed handgun license classes Oct. 13 and 27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. To register for a class, visit <http://www.chlregistration.com>. Once on the website, select "register for class." Then select "Dan Willis-Leatherneck Arms." Class details are available online at <https://jbsatoday.com>. For more information, call 210-363-2332.

Patrons enjoy Canyon Lake year round

The JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake has great year round activities. October is a great month to come out and enjoy scenic Canyon Lake. The season to enjoy all of the water recreation activities like boating and swimming is not around much longer, so come out to stay at the park in one of the many lodging facilities. This summer new boats and towable toys were purchased so come on out and give them a spin. Hancock Cove Marina is open year round for guests' enjoyment. Make a reservation via email at jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com. For more information, call 830-226-5357 or 1-800-280-3466.

Free ski packages offered

The JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake offers free ski packages with a ski boat rental the month of October. Take advantage of the month long special before winter hits. Ski packages include the customer's choice of three of the following: skis, wake boards, knee boards and ski tubes. For more information or to reserve a ski boat, call 830-964-3544.

Fall is the perfect time for paintball

Fall weather brings better opportunities to play paintball so gather up friends, family and coworkers to make some lasting memories. Paintball is the perfect opportunity for team cohesion exercises or squadron activities. The JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation paintball field is on a reservation-only basis. Minimum group size needed to participate are 15 players. The group price \$20 per player and includes one mask, one paintball marker, field fees, air refills and one bag of paintballs.

(500 count) per player. For more information or to make reservation, call 210-671-5332.

Outdoor recreation helps with party planning

Start planning Halloween parties now and take the festivities to the next level with party equipment from JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation. Instead of candy, try a variation of sweet and salty options with a popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, chocolate fountain or snow-cone machine. Become the popular house on the block for trick-or-treaters to visit. Add to the ghoulish fun and complete the Halloween spectacular with a bouncy house, dunk tank, margarita or slushie machine or sumo suit rental. For more information, call 210-925-5532.

Youth and Children

Sports Registration begins

Basketball registration begins Oct. 1 and continues until teams are full for youth, 5-14 years, at the JBSA Fort Sam Houston W. Ed Parker Youth Center, building 1630. The cost is \$50 per participant and a copy of their immunization record and a health assessment are required at the time of registration. Practices begin in December and games begin in January. There are practices held during Christmas break. For more information, call 210-221-5513.

Winter basketball and cheerleading registration for youth, 5 years and older, runs Oct. 1-31 at JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Current shot record, physical and up-to-date membership are required to register. The cost for cheerleading is \$45 and the cost for basketball is \$50. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Register youth, 5 years and older, for Basketball or Cheerleading at JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Oct. 1-31. The registration fee is \$50 for basketball and \$45 for cheerleading. All players must have a current physical and shot records at the time of registration. Coaches are also needed. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

First steps basketball offered

Register children 3-4 years for First Steps basketball Oct. 1 through November at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston W. Ed Parker Youth Center, building 1630. The cost is \$35 per child and a copy of their immunization record and a health assessment are required at the time of registration. For more information, call 210-221-5513.

Youth celebrate National Science Day

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs celebrates the 4-H National Youth Science Day by utilizing "Code Your World" Oct. 3, 4:30 p.m. "Code Your World" teaches kids to apply computer science to the world around them through hands-on activities that bring coding to life. Youth interested in drones, science or engineering are invited to meet the challenge. For more information, call 210-221-3630.

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs conducts Science, Technology, Engineering and Math projects throughout October as part of National Youth Science Day. There is a coding project that kids around the world are involved in. Register at the front desk. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Youth have fun at a lock-in

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs invites youth to hang out all night for a fun time with friends and enjoy games, music, good food and a trip Oct. 5-6, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Patch and Chaffee Youth Center. The cost is \$15 per youth and a signed permission slip is required. Sign up deadline is Oct. 3. For more information, call 210-221-3630.

Youth participate for free

Celebrate recreation and fun and participate at JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs for free Oct. 8-13. Youth Programs has a lot of activities, programs, camps and classes to enjoy over the summer and during the school year. Stop by Youth Programs, building 585, to check out everything offered. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

Youth get a chance to shine

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs is holding auditions for youth in grades Kindergarten through third for a theatrical performance of "Aladdin, Jr." at the Youth Center, building 1630, Oct. 15, 5-7 p.m. Callbacks take place Oct. 16-17, 5-7 p.m. Presentations of "Aladdin, Jr." to the community are scheduled for March 2019. For more information, call 210-221-4492.

Youth learn to be home alone

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs offers a Home Alone Class Oct. 18, 5-6 p.m., for youth 10-18 years. This class offers youth the basic tools and knowledge to confidently stay at home alone. For more information and to sign up, call 210-652-3298.

Youth have a monster dancing bash

Pre-teens, ages 9-12, are invited to the Monster Bash Dance Party at JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs Oct. 19, 7-9 p.m. The cost for members with a Youth Programs ID is \$3. Members without their ID pay \$5. A costume fashion show and contest takes place and refreshments are served. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Thanksgiving camp registration opens

Families who need child care for their children during the Thanksgiving school break can request care beginning Oct. 22 on MilitaryChildCare.com. Requests are taken until slots are full. Fees are based on total family income and all required paperwork must be on file. JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Thanksgiving Camp runs Nov. 19-21. For more information and to sign up, call 210-652-2088.

Teens take photos

The JBSA-Lackland Teen Center hosts a Photography Project Oct. 25 and 26, 12:30-3:30 p.m., for youth 13-18 years. The project involves make up and costumes and pictures are submitted in a photography contest. The cost is \$5 per day and teens must be a current member. Register at Youth Programs during office hours. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

National Lights On After School Campaign

Come see what JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs and other community partners have to offer at the annual "Lights On After School" program Oct. 25, 5-7 p.m. The

event includes activities, information and registration packets. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Join the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs Oct. 25, 3-5 p.m., to celebrate the annual "Lights On After School" program. Learn about the numerous after-school programs available. Ice cream sundaes are available during this time. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

Teens take a trip downtown

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Patch and Chaffee Youth Center invites youth 13 years and older to explore downtown with friends and participate in planned activities and enjoy some shopping time Oct. 26, 5-11 p.m. Sign up by Oct. 24 with a signed permission slip. For more information, call 210-221-3630.

Fall carnival for kids held

Youth, 3 years and older, are invited to celebrate the fall season and Halloween with the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs Oct. 27, 7-10 p.m., at the Haunted Trail and Halloween Carnival. The festivities are held at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Dress up in a favorite costume, bring a Halloween bag and enjoy trick or treating along the haunted golf trail, games, prizes, crafts, costume contests and more. The cost is \$2 for youth 3-10 years, \$3 for youth 11-18 years and no charge for parents. Youth Programs loves volunteers and they need individuals and units to help staff this event. For more information, call 210-221-4492 or 210-221-3502.

Fall Hi-Jinx held

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts Fall Hi-Jinx, a safe alternative for Halloween participants Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m., in the Youth Center gym. Join in the fun of games, prizes, crafts and contests. Children and youth of all ages are welcome to participate. This is a free event sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

Youth sports volunteers needed

Adult volunteer coaches are needed for upcoming basketball and cheerleading season at JBSA-Lackland Youth Sports Program. All coaches must complete background checks, fingerprinting and coaches training. Please contact Ruben Rodriguez for additional information at 210-671-2388.

STAY CONNECTED
Stay current on Joint Base San Antonio 502d Force Support Squadron events, specials and daily activities.
<https://jbsatoday.com>


502d FORCE
SUPPORT SQUADRON

RELIEF

From page 8

Eight people died due to the high waters or fallen trees.

Guard members are still taking part in search and rescue missions in both states and have been responding to high-water emergencies — residents trapped in stalled vehicles or stranded in flooded areas.

“We’ve dealt with this before, but not at these record levels,” said Maj. Gen. Bob Livingston, adjutant general of the South Carolina National Guard. “(Florence) slowed down and picked up a tremendous amount of water. The winds dropped dramatically.”

Livingston lauded the efforts of the South Carolina Guard, which began evacuations early on the morning of Sept. 11.

“Difficult conditions to work under,” Livingston said. “But it’s amazing; they’ve got smiles and continue to drive on.”

Members of the National Guard from as far as Illinois, Virginia and Tennessee helped with relief efforts as communities along the coastal plains were swamped with flooding and power outages.

Soldiers in tactical vehicles have been rescuing displaced residents in waist-high water.

U.S. Army North has been helping coordinate relief efforts from forward command posts in Raleigh, North Carolina and Columbia, South Carolina. The command provided 80 high-wheeled tactical vehicles, along with 60 palletized load trucks for transporting supplies.

According to a U.S. Northern Command news release, U.S. Army North Commander Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan has been named USNORTHCOM’s lead component commander and will serve as the Joint Force Land Component commander.

Multi-component task forces faced the difficult challenge of navigating safe routes through flooded areas at night.

“The waters are moving so rapidly and there’s so much water,” said Col. Ed Hayes, Task Force 51 operations officer. “You could plan a route, and all of a sudden, that road is blocked off.”

The Army Corps of Engineers installed power generators at locations throughout North Carolina.

DeVivo said the National Guard remains committed to the residents in affected communities.

“(The hurricane) is nothing our state can’t overcome,” he said. “It was challenging, but it’s not over by any means.”

NRD-SA welcomes 6 chief petty officers

By Burrell Parmer

NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT SAN ANTONIO
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

At the conclusion of six weeks of training, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, or NRD-SA, welcomed six new chief petty officers into the Chief’s Mess during a pinning ceremony at the University of the Incarnate Word campus Sept. 14.

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks from NRD Command Master Chief Eric Mays.

“You were selected for chief petty officer because you have proven to your Sailors, to your leadership and to the Navy that you care for those Sailors under your charge and that you care for their families,” Mays said. “You’re here today, about to enter our mess because you’ve proven to the chiefs that you are ready to walk among us with anchors on your collars.”

Mays told the selectees to earn their Sailors’ faith and lead them well.

“Just as you trusted this Chief’s Mess to train you and make you ready to be the Chiefs, your Sailors now look to you as the benchmark for success and the guardians of their well-being,”



BURRELL PARMER

After six weeks of training, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio welcomed six new chief petty officers in the Chief’s Mess during a pinning ceremony held on the campus of the University of the Incarnate Word. From left are Erica Saiz, Elbony Harris, Jaewlaye Sherman, Sambath Ham, Marshall Baker and Titus Jones Jr.

Mays said.

After the new chiefs were pinned by their family members and friends, the Chief Petty Officer Creed was read by Navy Career Counselor Isabel Guerrero, which emphasized the added responsibility and higher expectations that come with the rank of chief petty officer.

At the ceremony’s conclusion, active

duty, retired and former chief petty officers “Manned the Rails” and saluted each new chief petty officer as they passed through “side boys” and were welcomed into the NRD Chief’s Mess.

Promoted to chief petty officer were Titus Jones Jr., Marshall Baker, Jaewlaye Sherman, Sambath Ham, Elbony Harris and Erica Saiz.

VRC offers Family Life Program workshops

By Daniel R. Katka

VOGEL RESILIENCY CENTER

The Family Life Program at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston has relocated from the Military Family & Readiness Center to the Vogel Resiliency Center at building 367.

The VRC is a unique center within the Department of Defense that focuses on improving physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being.

The Family Life Program assists in improving the quality of life for individuals and families. Parenting, marriage, leadership, team building, anger, stress, communication and other life skills are the focus of the program.

The no-cost workshops are available to JBSA service members, dependents, retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

The FLP has scheduled a variety of workshops for October through December. There is a minimum and a maximum enrollment for each, so register early.

The VRC is located at 2490 Stanley Road, building 367. Registration is free and accepted in person at the VRC or over the phone at 210-221-0349.
HELPING US GROW SAFELY (HUGS): Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon

A play group for infants and toddlers (up to age 5). Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. Registration is not required.

ANGER AWARENESS: Oct. 4 and Nov. 15, 2-4 p.m.

Learn to identify triggers, signals, expressions of anger and techniques to effectively control anger.
WHAT’S YOUR MINDSET?: Oct. 10 and Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Attendees will learn ways to examine challenging situations with a positive mindset.
5 LOVE LANGUAGES: Oct. 24 and Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Help children figure out their individual love language and how to effectively communicate with family and peers.

STRESS MANAGEMENT: Oct. 18 and

Dec. 6, 2-4 p.m.

This class provides helpful tips on how to cope with daily stress.

BRINGING BABY HOME – PART I: Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-noon; Part II: Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-noon

Prepare for your baby’s homecoming with information on infant care. Dads are encouraged to attend. (Two-part class)

CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Nov. 1, 2-4 p.m.

Resolve personal and situational contentions.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION: Nov. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Dec. 20, 2-4 p.m.

Hands-on communication using verbal and nonverbal skills.

ARMY UNIT FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (FAP) TRAINING: Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 19, 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Unit Family Advocacy Training, in accordance with Army Regulation 60818, regarding domestic and child abuse identification, reporting and prevention.

LACKLAND

Reserve Citizen Airmen save life in-flight

The members serve in a variety of medical-field careers

By Master Sgt. Kristian Carter
433RD AIRLIFT WING

An Air Force Reserve aeromedical evacuation crew from the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron with the 433rd Airlift Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, was flying to support patient transport missions out of Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, when they came together to save the life of a man suspected of having a heart attack Sept. 19.

About 45 minutes into the commercial flight from Dallas to Maryland, a 74-year-old man sitting next to Staff Sgt. April Hinojos, 433rd AES aeromedical evacuation technician, complained to his wife that he felt faint.

Hinojos heard this and asked the man some questions to gauge how he was feeling. She said the man's eyelids started to flutter, and he stopped responding. Hinojos immediately got assistance moving him to the floor and evaluating his condition.

"He didn't have a pulse, so we immediately started (chest) compressions," Hinojos said. The man's wife started yelling for a doctor.

"I had just started the movie and through my headphones I hear someone screaming for help," said Maj. Carolyn Stateczny, flight nurse. She thought, "Screaming for a



An Air Force Reserve aeromedical evacuation crew from the 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron with the 433rd Airlift Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, gathers at the airport after saving a life on a commercial flight. COURTESY PHOTO

doctor means something is going on."

The pilot came over the intercom, and asked if any medical personnel were on the plane.

The rest of the aeromedical evacuation crew, which was scattered throughout the plane, started working their way to Hinojos and the man.

The flight attendants assisted Stateczny by collecting the plane's medical supplies for the medical crew. Stateczny then got the automated external defibrillator from the flight attendants and prepared it for use.

Capt. Justin Stein, flight nurse, attempted to start the man on intravenous fluids, but was unable, because his blood vessels were constricted due to

the suspected heart attack.

Tech. Sgts. Robert Kirk and Edgar Ramirez, both aeromedical evacuation technicians, worked on the man's airway and provided oxygen. 1st Lt. Laura Maldonado, a flight nurse, assisted the rest of the crew by working with the flight attendants and providing supplies as needed.

At this point, the crew was unsure if the man was going to recover.

"I've been a nurse for 16 years; in my expertise, I thought he was dead," Stateczny said. "He was completely grayish, his lips were blue and his eyes had rolled to the back of his head. He was not responding at all. He had no pulse."

The man's wife was very distraught throughout the ordeal, so the crew requested that she be moved to the rear of the plane so they could gather the man's medical information from her.

Stateczny requested that the plane land so the man could get required medical attention.

After getting the automated external defibrillator pads on the man, Stateczny said he moaned, developed a pulse and started to show signs of recovery. They continued with oxygen and kept trying to start an IV.

"He slowly started arousing," Stateczny said. "It took some time, and he could tell us his name. He started getting some color, and then asked 'What's going on?'" The man thought

he had just passed out.

The plane diverted to Little Rock, Arkansas, where emergency medical services were waiting to take over patient care.

The aeromedical evacuation squadron members serve in a variety of careers such as nurses, medical technicians, administrative specialists and more. The 433rd AES is ready to fill the need when events like natural disasters, war or routine medical transportation by air is required.

AES crews typically consist of five people, two nurses and three medical technicians. The crew carries with them the necessary equipment to turn any cargo aircraft in the Air Force into a flying ambulance almost instantly.

25TH AIR FORCE: 70 YEARS IN THE FIGHT

Command fights terrorism

This is part three of a four-part series on the 25th Air Force's contributions to the nation.

From 25th Air Force Public Affairs and History Office

As U.S. Air Force Security Service continued to grow in the 1970s, the organization became thoroughly involved in electronic warfare, demonstrating that capability during Tactical Air Command's Blue Flag 79-1 exercise in 1978.

When Maj. Gen. Doyle E. Larson assumed command of USAFSS on Jan. 19, 1979, a new era would soon follow. On Aug. 1 of that same year, the re-designation of USAFSS as Electronic Security Command took place, making Larson the last USAFSS and first ESC commander.

"The ESC assumed the broad responsibility of improving the use of electronic warfare technology in combat," said Gabe Marshall, staff historian, Twenty-Fifth Air Force Office of History and Research. "It also gained new and challenging critical national missions and focused on providing carefully tailored intelligence products to warfighters and theater commanders."

The command also underwent a massive equipment overhaul, replacing outdated 1950s technologies with computer-based automated systems, he said.

During the 1980s, ESC received significant capability enhancements which better enabled Airmen to carry out the service's core intelligence missions. It was also in the '80s that the EC-130H Compass Call airborne platform became operational.

The command's reach continued to expand with the acquisition of new units and missions, and with the development of partnerships across the Air Force, other military services and with allied intelligence organizations. The command also began participating in counterterrorism operations, predating Sept. 11, 2001, by more than a decade.

On Apr. 14, 1986, Air Force and Navy aircraft conducted nighttime air strikes against Libya in Operation El Dorado Canyon. Command units in Europe provided intelligence support while the RC-135 RIVET JOINT crews supported



COURTESY PHOTO

An Airman from an Electronic Security Command ESC unit analyzes data in support of Central Command missions.

Sixth Fleet elements during central Mediterranean operations, and later to the search and rescue efforts.

"Even though El Dorado Canyon was a mere pin prick against terrorism, the strike sent a powerful message to prospective terrorists worldwide that they would pay a price for future aggression against the United States," Marshall stressed.

At the end of the decade, the Air Force's electronic warfare command played an important role in the success of Operation Just Cause, an operation to remove the dictator Manuel Noriega from power.

"Just Cause showcased how our units in theater conducted valuable electronic warfare planning for, what up to that time was, the most successful military operation since World War II," Marshal said.

The invasion of Kuwait by the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein set the stage for the future of ECS and its successor organizations. On Aug. 9, 1990, command personnel were among the first U.S. military members to arrive in Saudi Arabia to support RIVET JOINT airborne activities in Operation Desert Shield.

"In Desert Shield and Desert Storm, ESC forces played a key role in helping the U.S. to achieve information and operational supremacy over Iraqi forces," said Marshall.

Learn more about 25th Air Force's part in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and the command's influence into the 21st century, in the last of this four-part series on the organization's 70 years in the fight.

RANDOLPH

Pilot Training Next cadre discuss lessons learned, way forward

By Dan Hawkins

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Education and Training Command officials announced the second iteration of Pilot Training Next would begin in January 2019 during a panel at the 2018 Air Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Conference.

To refine the curriculum for the next class, the PTN cadre used data collected from the first cohort of the Air Force's innovative and experimental approach to enhance the future of pilot training to conduct a "Lessons Learned" workshop in conjunction with the AFWERX hub based in Austin.

"In the first iteration of PTN, we made some significant gains in terms of the lessons we learned in training using current and emerging technologies, as well as individualized training methods," said Lt. Col. Robert Vicars, PTN director. "Moving forward, we want to learn from our first experience to make this training process smoother and more efficient."

During Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson's opening remarks at AFA, she stressed the importance of people and their innovative ideas. She talked about the idea and the testing being done at PTN and that the results so far have been promising.

"When they start out, trainees are typically able to fly just 10 minutes or so, of an hour and half training ride, with the instructors doing the rest," Wilson said. "But if they get a lot more practice in virtual reality, the students are flying about 90 percent of their first rides, shaving weeks off flying training."

Thirteen students graduated from the first PTN iteration Aug. 3. The course ran 24 weeks and included 184 academic

hours, with approximately 70 to 80 flight hours in the T-6 Texan II, as well as approximately 80 to 90 hours of formal flight training in the simulator (which doesn't account for training conducted on students' own time).

Technology Lessons

One of the key tenants of the PTN program is the round-the-clock access to an immersive simulation training environment, with students having 24/7 access to simulators in their living quarters. Critical to building that individualized and continuously accessible training environment has been the use of virtual reality and artificial intelligence.

"Using AI and VR in the training environment is a game-changer," said Lt. Col. Jason Colborn, PTN Detachment 21 commander. "One of the lessons we learned is that using these technologies still requires some up-front investment in terms of VR content creation, as well as development of the AI in a way that keeps pace with the students' timeline."

Training Methodology Lessons

Unlike the traditional undergraduate pilot training model, PTN offered students the opportunity to learn in a collaborative learning environment in a learner-centric way, in line with AETC's redesigned Continuum of Learning model, said Vicars.

"One of the biggest takeaways we learned is the fact that PTN students having autonomy and individualized training, as opposed to the traditional UPT students' set syllabus, really sped up student learning," Vicars said. "While this approach created sortie scheduling challenges, we are looking at more adaptive scheduling tools to help with that problem."



SEAN M. WORRELL

Second Lt. Charles Keller (left) and Airman First Class Tyler Haselden, Pilot Training Next students, train on a virtual reality flight simulator at the Armed Forces Reserve Center on June 21 in Austin. Air Education and Training Command officials announced the second iteration of Pilot Training Next would begin in January 2019.

Program Considerations

While the training is designed to teach students how to fly, priming them for transition training at flying training units is a major consideration for PTN officials as they look ahead to the second class.

"In terms of preparing UPT students for the transition to follow-on training, we found we need to build integrated flying training unit teams with representation from 19th Air Force, the different major commands, and the FTUs," Colborn said. "By having those open lines of communication and refining the training for the later phases of the program, we can smooth the students' transition out of PTN to the FTUs."

Creating concrete milestones for students using the PTN curriculum will also be a priority for the next class.

"While individualized training provides uncertainty in terms of a student's progress, there are ways that

can help add certainty to student outflows," Vicars said. "This will give both the student and cadre a better sense of progression through the program, as well as provide interim goals."

PTN Moving Forward

Before the next class begins, the PTN team has plenty of work ahead of them to get ready to incorporate the lessons learned, including student selection and partnerships with accessioning sources, Colborn said.

The next PTN class will approach student selection with a more holistic approach, with applicants being selected based on a battery of test results, including psychological, cognitive and intelligence tests, said Vicars.

In a partnership with the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, PTN will also have a simulator-only distance learning program to help determine the value of full access to relevant learning materials and AI-support training.

Hispanic Heritage: adding strength through diversity

By Airman
Shelby Pruitt
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Since 1988, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 has been recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the culture, history and contributions of American citizens who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

These days in September and October were chosen because of the many holidays Hispanic countries celebrate within that time period. The first day, Sept. 15, is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days within the month, on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18.

In addition to the independence days, Hispanic Day (Día de la Hispanidad) is also celebrated during those days Oct. 12.

The observance began as Hispanic Heritage Week, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968. The week was expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988 when President Ronald Reagan enacted a new law Aug. 17, upon the approval of Public Law 100-402.

By Public Law 100-402, the president is required to issue a proclamation each year designating Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage



COURTESY GRAPHIC

Month." This year, President Donald J. Trump issued his proclamation Sept. 13. The proclamation can be accessed and read online at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-proclamation-national-hispanic-heritage-month-2018/>.

The Air Force recognizes the contributions of Hispanic cultures and celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month every year.

Airman 1st Class Duver A. Navarro-Narvaez, an aerospace physiology technician with the 359th

Aerospace Medicine Squadron, moved to the United States from his home in Ecuador and was introduced to Hispanic Heritage Month because of his Air Force affiliation.

"I was born and raised in Ecuador and moved to the United States six years ago," Navarro said.

"Where I used to live was close to an airport and I would see airplanes flying by and landing all the time; it was pretty cool.

"I heard about the U.S. Air Force before I even came to the country and joining is something I have always wanted to do."

Navarro is proud of his heritage and believes no matter where you're

from, as long as you have good intentions, you'll do well no matter where you are. He is glad he has the opportunity to serve in the United States Air Force.

The Air Force takes pride in its wide variety of elite individuals who decide to join, and celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month is just one of the many ways it shows appreciation.