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Army Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general, briefs newly arrived Soldiers from 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, and Fort Knox, Kentucky, as well as U.S. Air Force attorneys at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Oct. 31. Buchanan, as commander of U.S. Northern Command's U.S. Army North, serves as USNORTHCOM's forward operational commander on the ground, providing day-to-day support to Customs and Border Protection.

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## A VETERANS DAY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

## 'A day to remember, acknowledge, share gratitude'

By Brig. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman

COMMANDER, 502ND AIR BASE WING  
AND JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO

Over the years, Veterans Day has had many names: Armistice Day, Day of Peace, or Remembrance Day. I most often think of Veterans Day as a day for remembrance, acknowledgment and gratitude.

This is a day to remember, acknowledge and share gratitude for the fact that we have over 18 million veterans in our country. One in every 17 people in the United States has served in our military. Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends and colleagues are all veterans.

This is a day to remember, acknowledge and share gratitude for the families, friends and communities who have faithfully supported all of us who have served and who continue to support all of us who still serve. This unwavering foundation behind the scenes often goes without recognition and yet it is so very essential to our resiliency and success.

This is a day to remember, acknowledge and share gratitude for our sisters and brothers in arms who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that tyranny and evil will never prevail. May we keep them and their loved ones close in our thoughts and prayers.

And this is also a day to remember, acknowledge and share gratitude for our deeply embedded American legacy of service that is a cornerstone of our country. Our generosity of spirit and willingness to engage in military operations whenever and wherever necessary, even though they cost our nation blood and treasure, is what we do as Americans.

I am extremely proud to be an American and I trust you will join me in celebrating Veterans Day this year with a sense of remembrance, acknowledgment and gratitude.

May God bless all of you, our veterans and the United States of America.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY

## Tributes to veterans abound in S.A.

By Robert Goetz

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The signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919, officially ended World War I, but an armistice more than seven months earlier is generally regarded as the conclusion of "the war to end all wars."

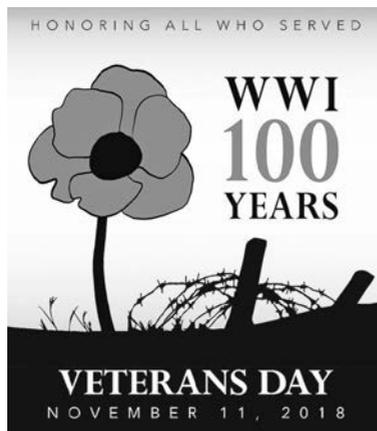
Monday marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, the end of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in a war that resulted in the deaths of more than 18 million military members and civilians, including more than 100,000 Americans.

Although President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day in November 1919, it was not until 1938 that Armistice Day was designated as a legal holiday. Sixteen years later, at the urging of veterans' service organizations, Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day, and Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day now pays tribute to everyone who served honorably in the military in wartime and in peacetime, especially living veterans, for their contributions to national security.

Veterans Day will be commemorated this year with observances throughout the United States.

Some of these events will be featured during the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce's two-weeklong tribute to the military, Celebrate America's Military, including the 19th annual U.S. Military Veterans Parade and Wreath Laying at the



Alamo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday; Veterans Day at the Alamo on Sunday; and the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday at the San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St.

Brig. Gen. Laura Lenderman, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, will serve as grand marshal of the U.S. Military Veterans Parade and Wreath Laying.

During Veterans Day at the Alamo, visitors are encouraged to stop by Cavalry Courtyard on the Alamo grounds to commemorate and thank those who have selflessly served their country.

The Buffalo Soldiers' commemorative ceremony on Veterans Day will be

followed by refreshments and a viewing of the encampment and artifacts at the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Park, 1602 Wyoming St. at Palmetto Street. The Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers preserve the memory of the former slaves, freed men and black Civil War veterans who belonged to six military regiments created after the Civil War to bring order to the West.

Another event planned for Veterans Day that is part of Celebrate America's Military is a concert in Hangar 9 at Brooks City-Base, 8081 Inner Circle Road. Members of the Air Force Band of the West will join the San Antonio Symphony in a free concert of patriotic favorites from 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

At JBSA, Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery's Veterans Day ceremony is set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is planned at 11 a.m. Sunday at Arlington National Cemetery. The event is highlighted by a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, the symbol of Veterans Day. The Tomb of the Unknowns was once known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to honor an unknown American Soldier who fought and died in World War I and was buried on Nov. 11, 1921, in Arlington National Cemetery.

Two unidentified American servicemen who died in World War II and the Korean War joined the unknown Soldier from World War I in 1958. A fourth serviceman, an unknown Soldier from the Vietnam War, was buried next to his fallen comrades in 1984.

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# Feedback Fridays

By Brig. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman  
 COMMANDER, 502D AIR BASE WING  
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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](mailto:RandolphPublicAffairs@us.af.mil) using the subject line "Feedback Fridays."

Questions will be further researched and published as information becomes available.

## Personnel Issues

**Q.** Why is it possible to allow physical training, or PT, time for appropriated employees, but not non-appropriated fund employees? I understand the difference in the funding, but don't understand why there has to be a difference in the civilians' opportunity to stay physically and mentally healthy through the utilization of PT. This is not only beneficial to the physical and mental health of an individual, but also beneficial to the overall morale of civilians working together as GS and NAF.

**A.** What a great question! Currently, the Air Force does not have the authority to offer additional fitness program policies or entitlements to non-appropriated fund employees. Non-appropriated fund employee health benefits/policies/entitlements are negotiated under the Department of Defense Health Benefits program. However, the DOD does allow scheduling flexibilities to accommodate off-duty physical fitness and healthy well-being for non-appropriated fund employees. If you are interested in scheduling flexibilities, please work with your supervisor to see if the mission can support your request.

**Q.** Is civilian tuition assistance only available for civilians who have not completed a 4-year degree? Is there any assistance for a master's degree?

**A.** Awesome question! Tuition assistance is available for appropriated and non-appropriated employees, but different rules apply. Some programs will pay for associate, bachelor, master's or doctorate (including Juris Doctorate) level programs depending on the type



and grade of the employee.

Please visit the following sites for more information:

► **APF employees:**

[https://myperf.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/32991](https://myperf.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/32991)

► **NAF employees:**

<https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/10042/Pages/HR/NAFCareerProgram.aspx>

**Q.** Why are non-appropriated fund employees never listed on the education training opportunity slides?

**A.** Thank you for your feedback! We are currently in the process of updating our slides to reflect more specific education/training opportunities for all of our civilian employees. Shortly, you will see the slides reflect the appropriate education/training opportunity updates and categories that encompass several pay plan equivalents.

In the meantime, there are several educational/training resources for NAF employees. Some great opportunities for NAF employees include the ability to pursue Professional Military Education depending on applicable grades. In addition, the Civilian Associate Degree Program is open to all NAF grades with two years federal service. The Defense Civilian Emerging Leaders Program is available to NAF III-V with two years federal service and a bachelor's degree.

In addition, we have career broadening opportunities available for NAF IV-V. You can find more information about NAF civilian development programs is available at

<https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/10042/Pages/HR/NAFCareerProgram.aspx>

## Installation & Facilities

**Q.** When will the "no talking on cellphones while driving regulation" be enforced?

**A.** Distracted driving is an issue I take very seriously. Our roads, sidewalks and intersections are filled with a dynamic mixture of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, some familiar with JBSA, and some not. Even in the best of conditions, a poor decision can lead to disaster. Distracted driving adds an unnecessary risk to this already complicated situation.

To help, I recently signed an updated JBSA Traffic Code (local supplement to AFMAN 31-116) which includes specific requirements for using hands-free devices and penalties for violations. Our Security Forces have already started enforcing the updated traffic code, but we all have a role in keeping our roadways safe.

It's imperative we resist the temptation to use our phone unless it's with a hands-free device. It's also important we encourage the right behavior in our teammates, customers, and family. And, as always ... remember, "See something, say something." If you see unsafe behavior, please let Security Forces know.

**Q.** Is there a schedule for the gates on Lackland?

**A.** Thanks for the question and the

opportunity to highlight our JBSA website. Gate hours as well as installation access requirements and visitor information are always available online at our JBSA website at <http://www.jbsa.mil/Information/Visitor-Information/>.

For your convenience, I've included JBSA-Lackland's gate hours below. Please note hours may be adjusted during federal holidays, special events or as necessary to support mission requirements. However, whenever possible our Public Affairs team will make every effort to advertise changes well in advance.

Medina Gate, Valley-Hi Gate, Luke East Gate, and Gen. McMullen Gate: 24/7, 7 days a week.

Selfridge East Gate and Security Hill Gate: Monday-Friday, 0600-1800 (in and outbound); closed on weekends, holidays (Selfridge East also closed on AETC family days).

Growden Gate: Monday-Friday, 0500-1800; Saturday-Sunday, 0500-1700; closed on holidays.

Luke West Gate and Selfridge West Gate: Monday-Wednesday, 0600-0900 (in and outbound) and 1500-1800 (outbound only); Thursday-Friday, 0600-1800 (in and outbound to support graduation events); closed on weekends, holidays and AETC family days.

Highway 90 Gate (behind Wilford Hall): Monday-Friday, 0600-0900 (in and outbound) and 1400-1800 (outbound only); closed on weekends, holidays and AETC family days.

**Q.** Can we repaint the parking lots at the permanent party dorms at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston? Can we add more parking spots?

**A.** Thank you for your question! The good news is that requesting a refresh painting of parking lines is an easy process. All your facility manager needs to do is fill out an AF Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request, asking for the lines to be repainted, and we will get your project on our list!

If you would like to add parking spots, CE would need to conduct a parking survey for your building to determine the necessity of adding more spots. Things that we consider when making our decision are the number of personnel who work in the building and availability of land for expansion. If the survey deems that more parking spots are needed, CE will pursue the project and work to secure the funding necessary.

# JBSA among units supporting Department of Homeland Security along southwest border

From U.S. Northern Command  
Public Affairs

The Department of Homeland Security has requested the Department of Defense to provide a range of assistance, including planning, engineering, transportation, logistics and medical support to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or CBP.

This request for assistance will enhance CBP's ability to impede or deny illegal crossings and maintain situational awareness as it contributes to CBP's overall border security mission.

DOD forces in support of the DHS and CBP are under the command of U.S. Northern Command. The DHS support operations have been designated DOD Support to Southwest Border Operations.

The Secretary of Defense approved the following Title 10 (active-duty) forces and support in response to the DHS request:

- ▶ Military planning teams to coordinate operations, engineering, medical, and logistic support
- ▶ Helicopter companies to support the movement of CBP tactical personnel
- ▶ Engineer battalions to erect temporary vehicle barriers and fencing
- ▶ Deployable medical units to triage, treat and prepare for commercial transport of patients
- ▶ Temporary housing to support CBP and military personnel
- ▶ Light towers, barrier material, barbed and concertina wire, as well as cases of meals ready-to-eat

The following locations have been identified to serve as Base Support Installations. BSIs are DOD installations located near the operation area and serve as primary logistics hubs, during a response to a request for Defense Support to Civil Authorities. Bases may be added or subtracted as operational planning continues.

- ▶ Arizona: Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Fort Huachuca
- ▶ California: Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Naval Air Facility El Centro, Naval Base Coronado, Naval Base San Diego, Naval Base Point Loma
- ▶ Texas: Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Bliss, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Naval Operations Support Center Harlingen, Naval Air Station Kingsville,



SENIOR AIRMAN ALEXANDRA MINOR

Staff Sgt. Michael Harrison (right), 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron passenger service NCOIC, directs a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, or HMMWV, from the back of a C-130 Hercules as part of DOD Support to Southwest Border Operations Oct. 29 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The following military units have been identified to deploy to the southwest border in support of CBP. The number of troops deployed will change each day as military forces flow into the operating area, but the initial estimate is that the DOD will have more than 7,000 troops supporting DHS across California, Arizona and Texas.

## Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston

- ▶ Texas Defense Logistics Agency Contingency Contracting Team
- ▶ 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command Assessment Team
- ▶ Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 505th Military Intelligence Brigade

## Fort Bragg, North Carolina

- ▶ Headquarters & Headquarters Command, 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command
- ▶ 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division
- ▶ Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 16th Military Police Brigade
- ▶ 51st Medical Company, 261st Multi-Functional Medical Battalion
- ▶ 172nd Preventive Medicine
- ▶ 264th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion
- ▶ 329th Movement Control Team
- ▶ 403rd Inland Cargo Transfer Company
- ▶ Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 503rd Military Police Battalion

## Fort Carson, Colorado

- ▶ Headquarters & Headquarters

- Company, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
- ▶ Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 68th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

## Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

- ▶ Joint Enabling Capability Team and Aviation Planner from U.S. Northern Command

## Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

- ▶ Joint Public Support Element - Public Affairs

## Fort Meade, Maryland

- ▶ 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera)

# FORT SAM HOUSTON

## JBSA members give input on quality of life issues at Armed Forces Action Plan forum

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio members studied, discussed and recommended action to be taken on several quality of life issues brought forth by service members at the Armed Forces Action Plan forum held Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

During the four-day forum, four workgroups consisting of 11 delegates each selected from installation and tenant commands throughout JBSA reviewed issues concerning quality of life, readiness, morale, health, mental health and youth opportunities at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, which hosted the forum.

A total of 26 issues brought forth were selected to be reviewed and discussed by workgroups at the forum. Delegates from each of the four workgroups – family support, force support, military health and teen support – reviewed and discussed the issues designated for their workgroups.

In her introductory remarks Oct. 29, Brig. Gen. Laura Lenderman, 502nd Air Base Wing and JBSA commander, said the forum gives JBSA members the opportunity to take action to improve the quality of life issues that are important to them.

“What I love about the Armed Forces Action Plan is the focus on action,” Lenderman said. “We’ve

gathered an incredible group of people here today who are not satisfied with the status quo. Our AFAP team is committed to taking action to improve our JBSA community.”

Each workgroup selected and prioritized their top two quality of life issues for senior JBSA leadership to act on and resolve, making a total of eight issues from the forum that were prioritized for action.

On Nov. 1 in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC auditorium, the workgroups presented their recommendations to a panel of JBSA leaders, including Lenderman; Rear Adm. Tina Davidson, commander, Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command; and Robert Naething, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) deputy to the commanding general.

As each workgroup presented their reports, the panel of JBSA senior leaders asked spokespersons from each group about their recommendations and made comments pertaining to the quality of life issues recommended for further action.

Some of the issues workgroups recommended for action and resolution by JBSA leaders included extending provisions of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, which addresses educational issues encountered by schoolchildren of transitioning service members, beyond the current 12-month time period coverage; allowing Department of Defense civilians shopping privileges to



MARCELO JONIAUX

Brandon Greenwood (right), Exceptional Family Member Program System Navigator, leads a discussion about family support with program delegates during the Armed Forces Action Plan held at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center Oct. 28.

installation commissaries and exchanges; extending tele-health capabilities for behavior analysis therapy services for transitioning military family members; and initiating one-on-one military youth mentorship programs in schools with peer support, encouraging schoolchildren of service members to talk to peers about any issues or problems they have.

Lenderman thanked the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC staff who put on the forum and the delegates who participated in it.

“These events are so important,” Lenderman said.

“We appreciate your valuable time and commitment to serving our community. Keep coming back and sharing your ideas.”

Leroy Shelvin, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC community readiness specialist, said the 26 issues brought forth at the forum, including the eight prioritized for action by the workgroups, will be reviewed by an executive steering committee headed by Col. Samuel Fiol, 502nd Force Support Group commander, to see if any of the issues can be acted upon or resolved.

Capt. Timothy Burnett, 106th

Signal Brigade behavioral health officer, was a delegate for the military health support workgroup. He said the AFAP process allows JBSA members to look at quality of life issues that aren't getting a lot of attention.

“I think it's a good process where we can look at issues that a lot of people might not realize, or are not tracking, that affect a lot of family members,” Burnett said.

Victoria Abner, who presented the final report for the teen support workgroup, had favorable comments about the AFAP forum.

“AFAP is a powerful process that has made a significant difference for over 35 years by providing the people's perspective,” Abner said. “It is a grass-roots process which enables leaders to make education decisions that foster satisfied, informed and resilient communities. This was a great event and we look forward to doing it again next year.”

Started in 1983, the AFAP program has led to hundreds of legislative, regulatory and policy changes concerning over 600 issues that came out of forums throughout the military.

Each of the workgroups were supported by subject matter experts, who wrote issue papers and provided information on designated issues submitted to the workgroup and were a resource to delegates, and a Facilitators, Recorders, Transcribers, or FRTI, support team made up of JBSA staff members and community volunteers.

# NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT SAN ANTONIO HONORS RESEARCHER

*Capt. Michele Kane (left), Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio executive officer, and Capt. Thomas Herzig (right), NAMRU-SA commanding officer, present Leasha Stygler with the Tammy Hess Maestas award for Excellence in Laboratory Research for her professional achievement as a Research Assistant III. The award was established to honor the memory of Tammy Hess Maestas, a former NAMRU-SA employee and outstanding laboratory research technician with a passion for science. It is presented annually and recognizes non-PhD laboratory researchers at NAMRU-SA for excellence in the performance of their scientific and technical duties in research. The mission of NAMRU-SA is to conduct gap-driven combat casualty care, craniofacial and directed-energy research to improve survival, operational readiness, and safety of Department of Defense personnel engaged in routine and expeditionary operations.*



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## SOLDIERS, AIRMEN TRAIN AT JBSA-LACKLAND FOR DOD SUPPORT TO SOUTHWEST BORDER OPERATIONS



SPC. ETHAN VALETSKI

*Capt. Whitney Bond (center), from the Air Force Legal Operations Agency, speaks to Soldiers during de-escalation of force scenario training as part of DOD Support to Southwest Border Operations at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Oct. 31. Soldiers are deploying for DOD Support to Southwest Border Operations in order to assist the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Patrol officers along the southwestern border of the U.S. and Mexico.*

# 700 pounds of goods donated to local food bank

By Jose Rodriguez

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL CENTER AND SCHOOL, HEALTH READINESS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The U.S. Army Medical Center and School, Health Readiness Center of Excellence Headquarters Support Company at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston dropped 400 pounds of food items to the San Antonio Food Bank Oct. 29 in support of the annual Feds Feed Families campaign.

Company First Sgt. Julie Morris led the annual food drive, which resulted in AMEDDC&S HRCoE collecting more than 700 pounds of items to the food bank.

“It’s basic human instinct to want to help others who are in need and struggle to provide nutritional food for themselves or their families,” Morris said. “I understand economic struggles so when there is an opportunity to give back to the

community, the commander and I are eager to support.

“We are so grateful to all of the HSC military and civilian personnel who supported, a true testament to the compassion of the human spirit,” Morris added. “The success of the Feed the Families Food Campaign is attributed to them.”

In August, the HSC collected 300 pounds for the food bank during the first half of their drive.

In accepting the donations, Adam Limon, who’s been working at the SAFB for seven months, said the much-needed items will help stock their warehouse.

“I became involved with the food bank by volunteering with my church, and then I was hired on,” Limon said. “The food bank makes a difference.”



JOSE E. RODRIGUEZ

*Sgt. 1st Class Lemuel E. Rodriguez (right) from the Army Medical Department Board, helps Adam Limon from the San Antonio Food Bank unload food items donated by Army Medical Department Center & School Health Readiness Center of Excellence. In total, more than 700 pounds were donated to the San Antonio Food Bank.*

# Navy recruiter looks to be a leader

By Burrell Parmer

NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“Now that I am in the Navy, I’m not only representing myself as a man, but also my parents,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Vincent Barnes Jr., assigned to Navy Recruiting Station New Braunfels, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio.

Barnes was born in Chicago and grew up in Memphis, Tenn. After graduating from Cordova High school in 2008, he enrolled in a private college in Kentucky where he spent his time attending classes and working for UPS at night.

“I never knew anything about the military because I never paid attention to it while growing up,” Barnes said. “I was always told that the only way to be successful is to go to college right after high school, that was my goal at that time.”

Barnes remembers contacting companies that he wanted to work for after college.

“I asked them what I needed, other than a degree, to get my foot in the door and the consensus was about two years of work experience at a reputable company,” Barnes said. “So I decided I did not want to keep compiling debt and not know if I would even get a job that I was aiming for.”

According to Barnes, a recruiting advertisement sparked his interest to seek military service.

“I saw a Navy commercial and it caught my attention,” said Barnes, who was recruited from Navy Recruiting Station Louisville. “One word caught my attention: travel. I went to see recruiters for the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. The rest is history.”

Barnes joined the Navy in July 2009 and has served on the USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723), as well as the USS Frank Cable (AS-40) and USS Emory S.



BURRELL PARMER

*Electronics Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Vincent Barnes Jr. (right) of Chicago, assigned to Navy Recruiting Station (NRS) New Braunfels, Navy Recruiting District (NRD) San Antonio, goes over the 30-day recertification process with future Sailor Noah Wilson of Cibolo on Oct. 25 at the NRS.*

Land (AS-39).

“I joined the Navy because they offered me opportunities and a challenge that no one else had,” Barnes said. “I wanted to push myself and not back down from any challenges. I wanted to travel the world and I knew that the Navy covers water, which makes up most of the world.”

Barnes started his recruiting career at NRD San Antonio in April 2016.

“I heard about Sailors being selected for recruiting duty from the ‘cream of the crop,’” Barnes said. “I also heard that recruiting was very challenging, and I wanted a challenge in order to be one of the elite.”

“Recruiting is important to me because the Navy has a reputation for having the most highly developed technology of all the armed services,” Barnes said. “I believe we need the best and brightest to operate our equipment and ensure we maintain our reputation as these young bright minds replace us.”

According to Barnes, recruiting is unique because it

is independent duty.

“The mentoring I provide, training, presentations, as well as my interview-to-contract process is all done my way, which helps me to be successful in ways that others may not be,” Barnes said. “I’ve overcome the challenge of being taken out of my comfort zone and going alone to speak in front of hundreds of kids at multiple schools and colleges. I have also overcome the challenge of selling something nontangible in the form of careers and dreams.”

Barnes is appreciative of the Navy, which has provided him with financial stability and job security.

“The Navy has paid for my personal education and training,” Barnes said. He is currently attending Ashford University pursuing a degree in organizational management. “It has also helped me build and purchase my new home at the age of 26.”

While assigned to NRD San Antonio, Barnes has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal,

recognized as the Enlisted Leads Recruiter of the Year, received the Admiral’s Warrior Award and was meritoriously advanced to the petty officer first class.

During his off-duty time, Barnes volunteers at local schools and within the community.

“I volunteer as a personal trainer and develop meal plans,” Barnes said. “Personal trainers and meal plans can be expensive, so I enjoy helping others for nothing more than genuinely wanting to help them reach their fitness goals for a healthier lifestyle.”

Barnes’ goals are to join the Career Recruiting Force, serve a minimum of 20 years of service, and attain a master’s degree.

According to Barnes, the best part of the Navy is its diversity, as well as the travel and networking opportunities.

“Being trained by and training men and women of multiple ethnicities and ages are priceless,” said Barnes. “We all learn in different ways, and diversity offers endless outlooks and input to create maximum

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Petty Officer 1st Class  
Vincent Barnes Jr.

growth both personally and professionally.”

Barnes takes pride in everything he does.

“The Navy has taught me to be a leader since boot camp and I never stop learning how to be a better leader,” Barnes said. “That alone will follow me through the rest of my career and my life in general.”

NRD San Antonio recruits in an area covering more than 144,000 square miles of Texas territory, spanning from Waco, west to Midland/Odessa, southwest toward El Paso, southeast along the Rio Grande Valley, and west of College Station.

Navy Recruiting Command consists of a command headquarters, two Navy Recruiting Regions, 20 Navy Recruiting Districts and six Navy Talent Acquisition Groups that serve more than 1,000 recruiting stations across the country.

The Navy’s recruiting force totals over 6,100 personnel in more than 1,000 recruiting stations around the globe. Their combined goal is to attract the highest quality candidates to assure the ongoing success of America’s Navy.

## DINE AT JBSA FOR THANKSGIVING FEAST

Several Joint Base San Antonio Dining Facilities (DFACs) will prepare and serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Individuals who are authorized to dine are active-duty service members; DOD civilians and retirees; and their family members. Participating DFACs are listed below with the hours of operation for the Thanksgiving Day meal. Reservations are not required.

### **Mealtimes and locations:**

#### **» JBSA-Lackland**

Lackland Training Annex, DFAC,  
Bldg. 124

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **» JBSA-Fort Sam Houston**

Rocco DFAC, Bldg. 2745

12 noon to 2 p.m.

#### **» JBSA-Randolph**

Wingman Café, Bldg. 860

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### **» JBSA-Camp Bullis** (meal served on Wednesday, Nov. 21)

Camp Bullis DFAC, Bldg. 5107

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## LACKLAND

# Special Warfare Training Wing donates wetsuits

By Airman 1st Class Dillon Parker  
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As the Special Warfare Training Wing keeps pace with the latest equipment, something has to be done with the older gear that can still provide utility.

When the SWTW's pararescue indoctrination course received new wetsuits, Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Taylor, a 350th Special Warfare Training Squadron pararescue (PJ) indoctrination instructor, used his previous experience as a firefighter to recognize a potential lifesaving application of the old gear.

"I know that getting gear can sometimes be a challenge for fire departments, especially for smaller, rural units," Taylor said. "I had the idea that we could repurpose these used wetsuits by offering them to fire departments who have a swift water



*Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Taylor, a 350th Special Warfare Training Squadron pararescue indoctrination instructor, donates wetsuits to members of the Galveston Fire Department Oct. 3 at Joint Base San Antonio-Medina Annex. To date, seven fire departments across Texas and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol have received wetsuits for their swift water rescue teams.*

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# Civilian honored with 2018 Visionary Leadership award

By Mary Nell Sanchez  
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While many people around the world are able to get into their cars to drive to their destination, that wasn't always the case in Saudi Arabia, a place where women had been forbidden to do the same until this past summer.

A female Defense Language Institute instructor from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland was able to get behind the wheel of a car and actually drive in Saudi Arabia, thanks to Kathleen A. Carraway, a Commanders Action Group chief for the 637th Support Squadron.

Carraway, who oversees plans, policy and process improvement for the squadron, was recently honored with the 2018 Brig. Gen. William Vaught Visionary Leadership Award in

the civilian category.

Named in honor of Vaught for her outstanding service and dedication to the Air Force and nation, the award is presented to an officer, an enlisted Airman and a civilian from any career field or occupation who exhibits innovation, commitment and a selfless spirit of service for others whose personal efforts have significantly improved the integration of and opportunities for women in the Air Force.

"It's an honor to receive this award. I'm extremely humbled by it," Carraway said. "I think it's a reflection of our squadron's efforts, initiatives and improving our processes so that we can continue on that path toward growth and development."

Carraway's boss praised her work ethic.

"Katie is an amazing asset for our

squadron in support of DLI and the 37th Training Wing," said Lt. Col. Dear Beloved, 637th International Support Squadron commander. "She's always ready to provide intelligent and visionary contributions to our global support mission. Best of all, she leads with moral courage and displays the utmost humility."

Carraway has also been recognized for her efforts in operations and policy for more than 5,000 international military students. Her planning efforts enabled the first all-female English language instructor team and female driver in Saudi Arabia after 64 years.

"I think it's important for us, as Americans, to recognize that our team and our female driver is visible on the road will hopefully, in some way, set an example that this is not an unusual capacity and this is not something to be feared," Carraway added.



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# Silent Warriors honored at 25th Air Force ceremony

By Lori A. Bultman

TWENTY-FIFTH AIR FORCE  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of Twenty-Fifth Air Force, their friends and colleagues, gathered at the Numbered Air Force's headquarters at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Sept. 28 to remember the year's fallen Silent Warriors.

Throughout its 70-year history, the command has seen many Airmen pay the ultimate sacrifice.

"We gather to read their names and honor their sacrifices to our service and country," said Ted Colquhoun, president, Freedom Through Vigilance Association. "This year, in honor of all our Silent Warriors, the city of San Antonio has issued a proclamation for Twenty-Fifth Air Force."

In the prestigious document, the mayor proclaimed Sept. 28, 2018, to be Twenty-Fifth Air Force Remembrance Ceremony Day.

During the ceremony, a

bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" and the names of the fallen were read.

"You will hear many names read today as we honor our fallen eagles, but I wanted to highlight two individuals who passed more recently that we wished we had for one more day."

Colquhoun recalled Staff Sgt. Eddison Alexander Hermond, a cryptologic professional beloved by many in the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance community.

"He was a kind individual with a quick wit," Colquhoun said. "He would give you the shirt off his back and then ask you how many more you needed. He quickly became the rock people could rely on,

wherever he was."

Ten years into Hermond's Air Force career, he decided to transfer to the Army National Guard in Maryland.

"Much as he did when he was an Airman, Eddie took special pride in his job working search and rescue mission," Colquhoun said. "He never wavered from his mission, and rose to the occasion despite deadly circumstances. Eddie lived as a hero and died as a hero May 27, 2018. His attempts to save a complete stranger during the Ellicott City flooding that day places him in rare and elite company; those who have died so that others may live."

Senior Master Sgt.

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ALEXS PONS

A C-5 aircraft from the 433rd Airlift Wing flies over while U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary O'Brien, Twenty-Fifth Air Force commander, speaks about the organization's losses during its 70 Years in the Fight Sept. 28 at the Twenty-Fifth Air Force's Remembrance Ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

## DOD SUPPORT

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### Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia

- ▶▶ 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division
- ▶▶ 90th Human Resources Company, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade

### Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina

- ▶▶ 1st Combat Camera Squadron

### Fort Bliss, Texas

- ▶▶ 24th Press Camp Headquarters, 1st Armored Division

### Fort Hood, Texas

- ▶▶ 89th Military Police Brigade, III Corps
- ▶▶ Headquarters, 62nd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade
- ▶▶ 937th Engineer Sapper Company, 8th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade
- ▶▶ 87th Engineer Sapper Company, 8th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade
- ▶▶ 104th Engineer Construction, 62nd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer



*Soldiers arrive at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Oct. 29 as part of DOD Support to Southwest Border Operations. The Soldiers, who will be temporarily housed at JBSA-Lackland, will provide a range of support including planning assistance, engineering support, equipment and resources to assist the Department of Homeland Security along the southwest border.*

SENIOR AIRMAN ALEXANDRA MINOR

### Brigade

- ▶▶ 289th Quartermaster Company, 553rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade

### Fort Knox, Kentucky

- ▶▶ Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 19th Engineer Battalion,

- 20th Engineer Brigade
- ▶▶ 15th Engineer Company (Horizontal), 19th Engineer Battalion
- ▶▶ 541st Engineer Sapper Company, 19th Engineer Battalion

### Fort Campbell, Kentucky

- ▶▶ 887th Engineer Support Company, 101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade
- ▶▶ 372nd Inland Cargo Transfer Company, 129th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade
- ▶▶ 74th Transportation Company, 129th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade

### Fort Riley, Kansas

- ▶▶ Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion, 1st Infantry Division
- ▶▶ 977th Military Police Company Combat Support
- ▶▶ 287th Military Police Company Combat Support
- ▶▶ 41st Engineer Company (Clearance), 4th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade

*(Source: U.S. Northern Command news release, Nov. 1, 2018)*

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rescue division.”

So far, seven fire departments across Texas and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol have received donations of wetsuits for their swift water rescue teams. This effort has led to some powerful stories about how these wetsuits are helping local fire departments

do their job, Taylor said.

“In Coleman, Texas, they are in the process of setting up a swift water rescue team,” Taylor said. “This area of Texas is currently without this rescue capability, so helping stand up this team has the potential to save lives.”

As a former firefighter and current instructor, Taylor recognizes the impact proper equipment can have both directly and indirectly on

emergency operations.

“If you don’t have the proper gear for training, then you’re not going to be able to accomplish the mission when the disaster hits,” said Taylor. “You don’t just turn it on and all of a sudden be great in the water. You’re only gonna be as good as the last time you trained, and these suits help get them that time they need in the water.”

Fire and police departments

were chosen as recipients of wetsuits due to their relation to the PJ mission, Taylor said.

“PJs specialize in search and recovery dives, swift water rescue, confined space rescue, and are trained to shoot, move and communicate alongside other special operations forces,” Taylor said. “While what we’re doing generally takes place in austere environments, I wanted the suits to help with emergency

rescue, something I think is incredibly important.”

As a recent recipient of some of the wetsuits, Mario Troncoso, Cibolo Fire Department assistant chief, expressed his gratitude for the donation.

“We’re extremely grateful for these wetsuits,” Troncoso said. “The equipment will benefit our swift water rescue team and give us the capability to work in frigid, swift water.”

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Christopher Lee Crawford was a cyber professional who knew he was meant to serve, Colquhoun continued.

“A consummate professional, he knew what it meant to serve,” he said. “Senior Master Sgt. Crawford also believed the mentorship he provided to many of his fellow Airmen was one of the

most important services he could accomplish. He gave quiet counsel and career guidance to many men and women within Twenty-Fifth Air Force and leaves a hole that many of us are trying to fill today.”

These are just two in a long line of Silent Warriors lost over the past 70 years, Colquhoun said in preparation for the reading of the names of all warriors lost in the previous 12 months.

In remembering the fallen, today’s Airmen recognized the sacrifices of those who came before.

“Each year, we meet here to commemorate our fallen ‘Silent Warriors’ ... men and women who’ve served our nation with distinction,” said Maj. Gen. Mary O’Brien, commander, Twenty-Fifth Air Force. “Their actions set the stage for our present-day Airmen; we owe them a great deal of gratitude.”

This year’s remembrance

ceremony and anniversary week activities marked a unique milestone in Twenty-Fifth Air Force’s history, “70 Years in the Fight.”

“In 1948, the United States Air Force Security Service was established and with it, a tradition of excellence and vigilance through the ‘silent’ service of ISR Airmen. And for the past 70 years, Silent Warriors continued to serve in the air, at sea, on land and in the information and cyber

domains,” O’Brien said. “They served in every type of conflict ... quietly ... discreetly, and with unparalleled dedication, determination, and above all, devotion to duty.

“One unfortunate reality of our calling are the risks to life and livelihood that come with it,” she said. “And many Silent Warriors have paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. These silent warriors are remembered. The legacy of these Airmen lives on.”

# Black Eye Campaign raises domestic abuse awareness

By Daniel J. Calderón

59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nearly two dozen volunteers dispersed throughout Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Oct. 26 with faux black eyes to spread awareness of domestic violence.

The volunteers participated in the Black Eye Campaign as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which has been observed in October since its official designation in 1981.

“The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness for domestic violence,” said Craig Hodge-Young, domestic abuse victim advocate in the Family Advocacy Program office.

Among the main goals of the Family Advocacy Program is helping military and civilian members understand the signs

of healthy, unhealthy and controlling behaviors and learn ways to improve relationships — through information, skill-building resources, counseling and support.

The Black Eye Campaign is one tool the FAP office used to help build awareness of the signs of possible domestic violence in conjunction with the 2018 Domestic Violence Prevention Month campaign, “Know the Signs.”

The campaign focus is to reach people as early in the relationship life cycle as possible, invite them to think about their relationship, and consider whether it could be classified as healthy, unhealthy or abusive.

“I wanted people to ask me questions and make comments about my face. I wanted them to just ask and see if I’m okay,” said Airman 1st Class Victoria

White, Pediatric Clinic team member.

Marci Martinez, a Family Advocacy Program assistant, volunteered to apply the makeup to create “black eyes,” and other simulated trauma, for the other volunteers at the Family Advocacy Office. Once that was completed, they went to their regular duty sections to gauge the reactions of their co-workers and of people they encountered throughout the day.

One of the main goals for the event was to encourage people who see the signs to speak up about them.

“It was nothing like I expected. Only one person [outside of my work area] acknowledged the fact that I had a bruise,” said Senior Airman Danielle McDaniels, Pediatrics Clinic team member.

For the campaign at WHASC, the FAP printed 80

cards with the “thank you” messages. At the end of the day, volunteers returned only five of them.

“With domestic violence, it’s kind of a taboo subject. Not only does it affect individuals, it affects the whole family,” Hodge-Young said.

The Department of Defense is committed to addressing and ending domestic abuse. FAP offices throughout the DOD work to prevent abuse by offering programs to put a stop to domestic abuse before it starts. When abuse does occur, the FAP works to ensure the safety of victims and helps military families overcome the effects of violence and change destructive behavior patterns.

Hodge-Young, and the other three DAVAs across JBSA offer a variety of services to victims of domestic violence tailored to individual needs.

DAVAs provide victims assistance with safety plans or relocation efforts if the individual feels they are not safe at home. Additionally, DAVAs can assist with obtaining civil protective orders or no-contact orders, or – if necessary – military protective orders. Advocates can also assist victims with counseling for them and their child[ren], information on medical agencies and support, and assistance in finding legal representation if a victim requests it.

The Family Advocacy Program has a crisis line available 24 hours a day. The number is 210-367-1213.

In addition, there is a National Domestic Abuse Hotline at 800-799-SAFE (7233). However, anyone who is in immediate danger of assault or physical injury should call 911.

# RANDOLPH

## Never fly faster than your guardian angel can maintain your equipment

By 2nd Lt. Austen Jarboe  
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On Sept. 18, a T-6A Texan II training sortie from JBSA-Randolph experienced an in-flight emergency requiring the pilots to eject from the aircraft. The investigation is underway.

Lt. Col. Lee Glenn, mission instructor pilot, and 1st Lt. Nick Donato, his student, joined an exclusive club that day, military aviators who egressed their aircraft without major incident.

“Being shot out of an airplane is, well, I haven’t been shot out of a cannon, but I can only expect it would be something like that,” said Glenn.

Having more than 3,800 hours in ejection seat aircraft, he is no stranger to strapping himself to a series of

rocket motors available for use at a moment’s notice.

With great (rocket) power comes great responsibility, and those ejection seats are maintained by a specialized team at the 12th Operations Support Squadron’s egress shop at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

“We’re talking about 36 components all firing together in the course of 1.4 seconds,” said Jim Pulido, egress shop supervisor.

Such precise operation requires a high level of craftsmanship and wealth of experience to ensure its successful deployment and — with more than 100 years combined military and civilian experience on multiple airframes — that expertise is in no short supply.

The egress shop performs time-critical inspections of T-6 and



DEBBIE GILDEA

Lt. Col. Lee Glenn and 1st Lt. Nick Donato present a custom plaque to members of the 12th Operations Support Squadron’s aircrew flight equipment shop as a token of their appreciation for maintaining the equipment that saved their lives on Sept. 18. Standing from left are: Dustin Mitchell, John Pintirsch, Jason Clark, Howard Sharrott, Dave Amaya, Rey Gutierrez, Bill Pressley, Eddie Scribner, 1st Lt. Nick Donato, Greg Parks, Lt. Col. Lee Golden, Dan Guerra, Gene Lott and Lt. Col. Benjamin Cox.

T-38C Talon aircraft ejection seats and ensures all 36 components in that sequence are ready to perform as advertised.

“We hope that the system is never

used, but we take care in making sure all maintenance and inspections are done correctly,” Pulido said.

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Members assigned to the 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department participate in low-angle rescue training at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph on Oct. 31. The Rescue Technician One Course included both classroom and hands-on training to respond to emergencies.



TECH. SGT. AVE I. YOUNG

## Preparedness key when responding to emergencies

By Tech. Sgt. Ave I. Young  
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio Fire Emergency Services is hosting a Rescue One course at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph from Oct. 22 to Nov. 15.

A mobile training team, consisting of two instructors from the 312th Training Squadron at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, taught the class to members of the 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron and the Fort Hood Fire Department.

“We’re teaching basic rescue principles like ropes and how to tie knots,” said Staff Sgt. Alexander Spears, 312th TRS Rescue Technician Course instructor. “We move on to advanced techniques like ascending, repelling, packaging patients and rescuing victims from the ground.

The third block is confined spaces with possible atmospheric hazard.”

The capstone event — a real-world scenario the firefighters could actually face — is planned to take place at the water tower. They will package patients and lower them to the ground.

“The course teaches us to use basic gear like ropes, carabiners, webbing and cordage to accomplish a task that can be accomplished with advance gear,” said Michael Coscarelli, 902nd CES lead firefighter.

A firefighter’s mission is to protect life and property, he said.

“Knowing how to rescue someone with advance gear and techniques is imperative because you can easily hurt yourself or kill someone else if you don’t know what you’re doing,” Coscarelli said.

Firefighters encounter dangerous situations and have many responsibilities. Firefighter safety is imperative to remain successful on the job.

“This course helps JBSA by having people who are qualified and trained on rescue operations know what they’re doing and ready to go,” said Senior Airman Aaron Leal, 902nd CES firefighter. “This puts more tools in our tool bag to resort back to; training provides us exposure so if we see something on an emergency, it’s not the first time we’re seeing or dealing with it. It prepares us.”

Preparedness is key when responding to emergencies.

“It’s a great three and a half weeks. I’ll be taking this back to the station to pass this knowledge on to our younger guys,” Coscarelli said.

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Above and beyond their technical expertise is the level of care and dedication these maintainers have for the aircraft they support.

"I tell the guys in the shop, when the pilots leave the house, kiss their families goodbye, and say 'See you this afternoon,' our job is to make sure that happens," Pulido said. "If our equipment failed to operate, I would feel personally responsible to go to those families and explain why our system didn't work."

On each sortie pilots board the aircraft with full faith in the equipment working flawlessly, if needed.

"You really have no way to preflight the egress system," said Glenn. "You're completely trusting the craftsmen and the attention to detail is there and it can't fail or you are not going to make it home."

The responsibility of

securing pilots to the ejection seat and catching them on the way down falls to another of the 12th OSS's maintenance shops, aircrew flight equipment.

Another talented team maintains all personal aircrew equipment to include helmets, oxygen masks, G-suits, survival kits and in the event of an ejection, the shop ensures the strength of the harnesses attached to the seat and the parachute deployed to bring the pilots safely to the ground.

"I like to think about it like we're the 'last line of defense' for the pilots. We're the last people to touch their gear before they put it on and go out to the aircraft," said Dustin Mitchell, an AFE technician who supports the 559th Flying Training Squadron.

As yet another maintenance unit with over 100 years' experience between the technicians, the AFE shop's defensive line is built to last.

Upon arriving to the squadron, pilots are personally

fitted for gear and instructed on the proper use of all equipment they take in the air. If even the smallest discrepancy is found in a routine inspection or upon donning the gear for a sortie, the equipment is immediately replaced and repaired.

As with the egress shop, the responsibility to ensure pilots return safely is always on the minds of the technicians.

"There's a level of trust and respect there, because we maintain gear that will save their lives in the event something goes wrong," Mitchell said.

Every piece of equipment they touch could be used in an emergency and potentially save a life. "I know if someone hadn't done their job the right way, I might not be here right now," said Donato.

Day in and day out, the benchmark for a successful mission remains constant.

"The pilots are counting on us to do our jobs," said Edward Scribner, an AFE

technician who supports the 559th FTS. "All we want to see is them walk back through that door."

Across the U.S. Air Force, there are maintenance technicians who come to work every day with the sole purpose of making sure a pilot's worst day is not his or her last.

"I have a much better appreciation for all the personnel who support us as aviators," said Donato.

As a student pilot inundated with a sea of technical data and procedures, it is easy to lose sight of the bigger picture your sorties fit into. This sortie included an impactful lesson of just how important the total force team is to a successful mission.

After their experience, both pilots sought out the 12th OSS's maintenance professionals who directly touched the equipment they used during their emergency egress. They immediately walked up and "hugged their necks," as Glenn

likes to say, and gave their heartfelt thanks for another chance at life.

The pilots then publicly recognized both the 12th OSS egress and aircrew flight equipment shops and presented them a plaque for their dedication to the mission of the 12th Flying Training Wing.

"The egress shop, I had never met them before. I couldn't tell you who they were, couldn't pick them out of a lineup, but I relied on them to save my life that day," said Glenn.

September 18th, 2018 is a date Lt. Col. Lee Glenn, 1st Lt. Nick Donato, and these maintainers will not soon forget, especially the moment at which both pilots walked back through the door.

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*For more in-depth coverage of this story, including an exclusive interview with both Lt. Col. Glenn and 1st Lt. Donato, view the article on <http://www.JBSA.mil>.*