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Larry Welfel, 12th Maintenance Squadron, T-1A aircraft technician, briefs Wagner High School students inside the phase inspection facility during the job shadow tour Feb. 2 Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

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Safety of DOD members, families drives electronic device review

By Lisa Ferdinando

DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

The safety and security of Defense Department members and their families is Defense Secretary James N. Mattis' top priority as he reviews the use of electronic devices at DOD locations worldwide, chief Pentagon spokesperson Dana W. White said Feb. 1.

White said a "heat map" from the Strava fitness application provided an opportunity to see a "possible vulnerability." The heat map showed the routes of exercise enthusiasts who used the app to track their fitness activities, including at military installations worldwide.

"You have to also consider the fact that we have been attacked, bases have been attacked," White said at a Pentagon news conference.

"Information is power and our adversaries have used information to plan attacks against us."



A service member looks at a fitness app on his smartphone Feb. 1 at the Pentagon.

LISA FERDINANDO

Mattis is taking into consideration the "totality of the DOD enterprise," not just at the Pentagon, White explained. She said the review extends beyond cell phones and includes a "wide array" of electronic devices.

"We always are thinking about how do

we enhance and adapt our security procedures," she said, adding "and that's what's happening now."

White had no timeframe on when a decision would come out of the review, which she described as a comprehensive look at the use of electronic devices.

"Technology is very dynamic," she said. "It is important that we always adapt our security procedures."

Mattis' primary interest is to ensure that "we are all safe and that we are all secure," White said. "Operational security is his priority," she added.

"The secretary is looking across the DOD enterprise," she said. "He's taking a comprehensive look at our security measures, what we can do, mitigating factors, and of course he will also consider the concerns of the workforce."

She said the Strava incident and other incidents allowed Mattis to "take a bigger look at what are we doing and how are we doing it."

Move.mil updated to aid service members

By Maj. David L. Dunn

U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

Transportation Command, in partnership with the Air Force Digital Service, recently launched a modernized version of the Move.mil website, the Department of Defense's official portal to prepare for service members' upcoming household goods move.

The goal of the improved site is to provide a significantly better user experience to customers during relocations across the globe.

"Improvements to Move.mil are an important step in our efforts to build a more efficient and effective process for relo-

cating the Department of Defense's most precious resource, our military and civilian personnel and their families," said Army Col. Ralph A. Lounsborough, USTRANSCOM chief, personal property program. "Enhancing the customer experience is our top priority."

According to Lounsborough, Move.mil was built and designed in close collaboration with military members, civilian employees and their families to ensure the site provides the most up-to-date information and resources to assist with their moves.

"The new site features multiple new tools to help members and their families plan for



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their next move," Lounsborough said. "You can estimate the weight of your household goods to avoid overage charges,

there is a personally procured or do-it-yourself move calculator to help families take advantage of government incentives to plan your own move, current service-specific information, and a comprehensive list of top tips and answers to frequent questions from experienced movers."

These new tools are the first of many that will roll out onto the site throughout the rest of 2018.

For more information, visit the website at <https://www.move.mil/>. For more information, contact the USTRANSCOM Public Affairs Office at 618-220-4999 or transcom-pa@mail.mil

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FRONT & CENTER

Medical Education and Training Campus instructor a mentor to students, instructors

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING
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Eighteen years ago, when Master Sgt. Robert George walked into an Air Force recruiting office in his hometown of Binghamton, New York, he was asked by his recruiter to pick three medical occupations that he would consider if he were to join the Air Force.

When George looked over the list of career options presented by the recruiter, "pharmacy technician" caught his attention immediately.

"I had never heard of one before so that piqued my interest," George said. "Pharmacy technicians were needed, so that is the job they gave me."

Being selected to become a pharmacy technician turned out to be a wise career choice for George, the senior enlisted adviser for the Pharmacy Technician Training Program at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. In his role at METC, George oversees and evaluates the performance of more than 30 instructors in the program.

The Pharmacy Technician Training Program trains enlisted medical students from all military services, including Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, on the roles and functions of a pharmacy technician, who assist military pharmacists at military treatment facilities and in deployed settings.

As a supervising instructor in the METC pharmacy program, George said he wants to help set a good foundation for the students who are beginning their military service. Each year, about 300 students train in the program.

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"He's the role model instructor, in my opinion, on how to conduct a class, how to manage students and how to teach students. That's why I ask him to teach the other instructors."

Cmdr. Randy Martinez, program director for the METC Pharmacy Technician Training Program

riences that the students have in their military career," he said. "We want to set good examples for the students. We want to mentor them in ways that not only makes them want to be good pharmacy technicians, but to be good service members."

George, who has been at METC for three years, said one of things he likes about his job is that he also gets to mentor the instructors he supervises.

"I feel if I'm mentoring the instructors and setting a good example for the instructors, they will in turn do the same and set a good example for the students of what a leader is," George said.

George said he emphasizes four values to the students and instructors in the Pharmacy Technician Training Program that have guided him during his career – patient safety, trustworthiness, attention to detail and military core values.

He said pharmacy technicians perform a crucial job in the military since what they do is important to the health and well-being of the patients they serve, including active-duty, military family members or veterans.

"Pharmacy technicians are essentially the right-hand person to the pharmacist at military treatment facilities and they perform daily tasks within the pharmacy," George said. "They are like the last piece of the puzzle in the medical experience, double-checking the

doctor's work, checking for allergies and interactions with other medications that patients may have been prescribed."

He was deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, for five months in 2013. While there, he worked in both inpatient and outpatient services and served as both the pharmacy logistics technician and vault custodian, overseeing controlled substances, at the base's military treatment facility.

George's deployment to Afghanistan was the first time he got to work in an inpatient setting with service members.

"I got to see patients close up at their worst times," George said. "I realized how technical and precise our job needs to be because it could be the difference between life and death."

George has served as a pharmacy technician for 14 of the 18 years he has been in the Air Force, including at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; the Air Force Academy, Colo.; Brooks City-Base in San Antonio and JBSA-Randolph.

While at the Air Force Academy, he also served in the honor guard, performing funeral detail for former and fallen service members. George said that experience inspired him to go to JBSA-Lackland, where he was a basic military training instructor for four years.

George said by working as a military training instructor and being a member of the honor



SEAN M. WORRELL

Master Sgt. Robert George says being an instructor in the pharmacy technician training program has been "the most challenging experience I've had so far in my career."

guard at the Air Force Academy, he was able to be involved in the entire military experience, from the beginning of a person's military career to the ending of their military life.

METC is his first duty station in which he has had the opportunity to be a training instructor in a pharmacy technician training program.

"It's been the most challenging experience I've had so far in my career," said George of his time in the Pharmacy Technician Training Program, because of the many units he works with, including joint service partners, the 59th Training Group at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and METC.

Cmdr. Randy Martinez, program director for the METC Pharmacy Technician Training Program, said George has helped to improve the quality of instruction in the pharmacy technician program.

"He's the role model instructor, in my opinion, on how to conduct a class, how to manage students and how to teach students," Martinez said. "That's why I ask him to teach the other instructors."

Martinez said George's efforts to improve the quality of instruction have been reflected in comments given by students in surveys critiquing the faculty at METC. The surveys are given to students who have completed the program.

The comments from the students include much more satisfaction with the program and the feeling that their instructors are very motivated to educate and help them learn, said Martinez.

"He has helped our instructors and our program be better just by communicating, by assisting, by setting expectations and just being the quality person he is," Martinez said.

IRS tax tips help people guard against identity theft

From 502nd Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

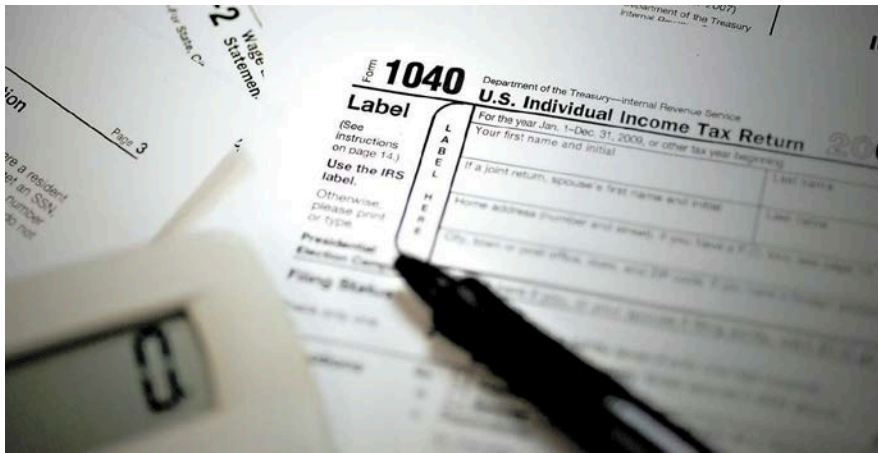
Tax season is here and so is the increased risk of identity theft.

According to the IRS, approximately 750,000 taxpayer accounts were accessed by cyber criminals in 2015 and approximately 100,000 taxpayers were compromised through a scheme in which hackers posed as students using an online tool to apply for financial aid in 2017.

IRS Tax Tip 2018-03 outlines simple steps that help people protect data from thieves:

Keep a secure computer

- Use security software that updates automatically. Essential tools for keeping a secure computer include a firewall, virus and malware protection, and file encryption for sensitive data.
- Treat personal information



SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL MEANS

like cash; don't leave it lying around.

- Give personal information only over encrypted websites — look for "https" addresses.
- Use strong passwords and

protect them.

Avoid phishing and malware

- Don't respond to phishing emails, texts or calls that appear to be from the IRS, tax compa-

nies and other well-known businesses. Instead, verify contact information about a company or agency by going directly to their website.

- Be cautious of email attach-

ments. Think twice before opening them.

- Download and install software only from known and trusted websites.
- Use a pop-up blocker.

Protect personal information

- Don't routinely carry a Social Security card or other documents showing a Social Security number.
- Do not overshare personal info on social media. This includes information about past addresses, a new car, a new home and children.
- Keep old tax returns and tax records under lock and key.
- Safeguard electronic files by encrypting them.
- Shred tax documents before trashing.

Additional IRS Tax Scam and Consumer Alerts can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>.

JBSA locations to host transition summits Feb. 21-23

From 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Three separate transition summits for service members, veterans, military spouses and family members seeking a career in the civilian job sector will be held Feb. 21-23 at the at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Scheduled for 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, the JBSA-Lackland event is Feb. 21 at the Gateway Club, 1650 Kenly Ave. For additional information call 210-671-2678.

The JBSA-Randolph event is Feb. 22 at the Parr Club, 500 Main Circle, building 500. For additional information call 210-652-5321.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston event is Feb. 23 at the Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. For additional information call 210-221-1213.

The Hiring Our Heroes Transition Summits are free and open to all JBSA members, including active-duty service members transitioning out of the military, as well as veterans and military dependents and spouses.

Hiring Our Heroes is a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation helping transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses find employment opportunities.

Activities at the transition summits include a seminar with representatives from major national and local employers, industry briefings with each of the employers, networking opportunities with employers from various industries and organizations and a job fair.

Visit <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/events/hiringfairs> for event details and to register.

Copay increases for TRICARE delivery, at retail pharmacies

From TRICARE Communications

Copayments for prescription drugs at TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and retail pharmacies saw an increase starting Feb. 1. These changes are required by law and affect TRICARE beneficiaries who are not active-duty service members.

While retail pharmacy and home delivery copayments will increase, prescriptions filled at military pharmacies remain available at no cost. You can save the most money by filling your prescriptions at military pharmacies.

"Military pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery will remain the lowest cost pharmacy option for TRICARE beneficiaries," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ann McManis, Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency.

Using home delivery, the copayments for a 90-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$0 to \$7. For brand-name formulary drugs, copayments

will increase from \$20 to \$24, and copayments for nonformulary drugs without a medical necessity will increase from \$49 to \$53.

At a retail network pharmacy, copayments for a 30-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$10 to \$11 and from \$24 to \$28 for brand-name formulary drugs.

In some cases, survivors of active-duty service members may be eligible for lower cost-sharing amounts.

TRICARE groups pharmacy drugs into three categories: generic formulary, brand-name formulary and nonformulary. You pay the least for generic formulary drugs and the most for nonformulary drugs, regardless of whether you get them from home delivery or a retail pharmacy.

To see the new TRICARE pharmacy copayments, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts. To learn more about the TRICARE Pharmacy Program, or move your prescriptions to home delivery, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy.

RETIREE NEWS

Retirees must inform DFAS when life changes occur

From Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Retirees must keep the Defense Finance and Accounting Service informed whenever changes happen that could affect retired pay.

Life-changing events such as marriages, divorces, births, etc., must be reported directly to Retired and Annuity Pay as soon as possible.

The following are examples of life-changing events and how these events could impact your account:

- ▶ Marriage: Survivor Benefit Plan, arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax
- ▶ Divorce: SBP, arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax
- ▶ Death of a spouse: SBP, arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax
- ▶ Birth of a child: SBP, arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax
- ▶ Moving to a new residence (even if just for the winter months): General correspondence delivery, 1099-R and retiree account statement mailing, state

income tax withholding

- ▶ Opening, changing or closing a bank account: Net pay and allotment direct deposit
- ▶ Changing the email address stored in myPay: MyPay account change notifications, receipt of Afterburner, myPay notifications for 1099-R and retiree account statement availability
- ▶ Paying off and/or closing an insurance policy: Net pay and allotment direct deposit

By keeping information current in myPay and submitting the appropriate paperwork when a life-changing event occurs, retirees will help DFAS improve the service it provides.

By reporting these events when they happen, beneficiaries will have fewer issues and concerns to resolve later.

Life-changing events can be reported by mail at: Defense Finance and Accounting Service U.S. Military Retired Pay 8899 E 56th Street Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

Events can also be reported by fax number at 800-469-6559, or by calling 800-321-1080.



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FORT SAM HOUSTON

ARNORTH helps kick off rodeo season

By Sgt. Maj. Dean Welch
ARNORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Caisson Section marched in the 11th annual Western Heritage Parade & Cattle Drive Feb. 3 in downtown San Antonio.

The parade traditionally kicks off the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The caisson section was just one of three military equestrian units in the parade, joining the Fort Hood-based 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment and the U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.

The parade organizers presented Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general, is presented with a plaque honoring the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Caisson Section as "Most Authentic" entry by parade organizers.



PHOTOS BY SGT. MAJ. DEAN WELCH

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan (second from right), U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commanding general, is presented with a plaque honoring the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Caisson Section as "Most Authentic" entry by parade organizers.



The U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard takes part in the 11th annual Western Heritage Parade & Cattle Drive in Feb. 3 downtown San Antonio.



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BAMC staff member confirmed with Legionella bacteria

From BAMC Public Affairs

A Brooke Army Medical Center staff member who works in Building 15 was confirmed to have Legionella bacteria, Feb. 6. The health and safety of our patients and staff is BAMC's top priority, and the staff are working diligently with local and regional public health officials to investigate this matter.

This case follows the two cases that were reported in August. Because there were two or more cases associated with the same facility (in this case Building 15) or other common location within 365 days, this is

considered an outbreak per the Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Guidelines.

BAMC officials are not currently aware of any patients or clients who have moved through Building 15 who are exhibiting symptoms.

The safety of the staff and patients is BAMC's utmost concern. Testing is ongoing to determine if the building is the source of the bacteria. No source for the Legionella has been identified at BAMC to date. Out of an abundance of caution, BAMC is relocating staff members who work in that facility to another location.

As a reminder, the bacteria can cause

symptoms ranging from a flu-like illness to a type of pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease. The bacteria are not spread from one person to another. It is transmitted by breathing in a mist or vapor (small droplets of water in the air) that contains the bacteria. According to the CDC, there is a low risk of Legionnaires' disease for most healthy people.

Those experiencing symptoms (upper respiratory or flu-like) should contact their medical provider.

For more information on Legionella, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/index.html>

Fort Sam Houston students bug out during entomologist visit

By David DeKunder
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A group of second graders in the gifted and talented program at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School learned about insects from Dr. William Miller, U.S. Army Environmental Command entomologist, Jan. 31.

Miller spoke to the students and their teacher, Laura Lamoureux, about the characteristics that make up an insect and about metamorphosis, the process in which an insect transforms itself from an immature form to an adult.

The students viewed a display case of insects from South Texas, including moths, cockroaches, flies, dragon flies and beetles, and got the opportunity to see and touch a tarantula, handled by Miller.

Lamoureux said the students have been learning about zoology in class, which includes the study of insects.



PHOTOS BY DAVID DEKUNDER

Above: Dr. William Miller (right), U.S. Army Environmental Command entomologist, allows a second-grade student at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School to handle a tarantula Jan. 31 during his entomology presentation.

Left: Dr. William Miller, U.S. Army Environmental Command entomologist, shows a display case of insects to second-graders and their teacher, Laura Lamoureux, in the gifted and talented program at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Jan. 31.

BAMC TROOP COMMAND CHANGES RESPONSIBILITY



ROBERT SHIELDS

Col. Lee Freeman, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center's Troop Command, passes the guidon to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Deonn R. Cannon during a change of responsibility ceremony Feb. 9 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's Army Medical Department museum amphitheater as outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Batiste looks on.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ARMY NURSE CORPS!



ROBERT SHIELDS

Retired Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan (right), former deputy commanding general (operations), U.S. Army Medical Command and Chief, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, and 2nd Lt. Jorden Fitts help celebrate the U.S. Army Nurse Corps' 117th Birthday during a ceremony Feb. 2 at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Army Emergency Relief campaign kicks off March 2

April 2 is deadline for scholarship applications for spouses, children of Soldiers

From 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 2018 Army Emergency Relief, or AER, kick-off campaign takes place from 2:45-4 p.m. March 2 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater, 2472 Stanley Road, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, commanding general of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army). Following the campaign kickoff, a reception will be held in the Fort Sam Houston Theater lobby. All Soldiers and their families are invited to attend.

This year, AER celebrates its 76th Anniversary of dedication to "Soldiers Helping Soldiers" by providing Soldiers and their families assistance for a wide variety of financial situations with no-interest loans or grants.

The AER mission is to provide financial assistance to Army Soldiers in times of valid emergency need. Last year, AER provided JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Soldiers and their families with more than \$1 million in assistance (\$1,006,972.32), a 54 percent increase locally.

In 2017, the community donated \$159,701.45, an increase of 16 percent over the previous year, beating the annual goal of \$150,000.

Scholarship program

The Army Emergency Relief scholarship program is a

secondary mission to help Army families with the cost of education.

AER offers two scholarships: The Spouse Education Assistance Program and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for Dependent Children.

The Spouse Education Assistance Program provides need-based scholarships for spouses of Soldiers. Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships for up to four years of full-time enrollment or eight years of part-time enrollment in an accredited college or university. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, English as a Second Language and GED classes, CLEP and Test of English as a Second Language, or TOEFL, tests. Scholarships may not be used for second undergraduate degrees or master's programs.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship for Dependent Children provides need-based scholarships for



children of Soldiers. Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships for up to four years of full-time enrollment in an accredited college or university. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and room and board. Scholarships may not be used for second undergraduate degrees or master's programs. For scholarship eligibility and how to apply, go to the AER website at <http://www.aerhq.org>.

The scholarship application timeline opened Jan. 1 with the deadline for all applications and supporting documents submitted online of April 2.

Last year, AER awarded \$8 million in scholarships to 2,553 dependent children and 640 to spouses of Army Soldiers. Locally, eight spouse scholarships totaling \$18,640 were awarded and 50 dependent children scholarships were awarded, totaling \$123,500.

For more information on the AER campaign or assistance programs, contact the Army Emergency Relief office at 210-221-1612.

Army Secretary: Fewer nondeployable Soldiers, PCS moves

Frequent PCS moves hurt cohesion, cost the Army money

By David Vergun

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The Army is taking a hard look at the number of Soldiers who are designated as nondeployable and also at possibly reducing the frequency of permanent-change-of-station moves, Secretary of the Army Mark Esper said at a meeting with service organizations.

Esper spoke at the Military/Veteran Service Organization and Non-Federal Entity Partner Roundtable in the Pentagon Feb. 6.

More than 100,000 Soldiers are currently in a nondeployable status, Esper pointed out, adding that they are "hurting Army readiness."

A business would not survive if 10 percent of its workforce could not perform its core mission, he said, yet the Army continues to carry these Soldiers on its rolls.

It's also a health-of-the-force issue. For every Soldier who cannot deploy, someone must take that person's place, and that puts a strain on an already over-deployed force.

Getting nondeployable Soldiers transitioned out of the Army is "an approach I hate to do," but it has to be done, he said. However, he also noted that the Army will do everything it can to help get as many Soldiers as possible changed to a deployable status.

For some, it may be very easy to do, he said — something as simple as getting some dental work done, for example. But for others, there's no easy fix. Many are on extended profiles

and will never be able to deploy.

The Army is also taking some proactive measures to reduce the number of Soldiers who get injured in the first place, he said. For instance, the Army is changing its physical fitness program to focus more on functional movements designed to strengthen the body in ways that reduce injuries. The Army is also looking to provide physical trainers at the small-unit level to provide better coaching on fitness and injury prevention.

Many Soldiers are PCSing every two or three years, which concerns Esper.

"Changing duty stations too often hurts families," he said.

Spouses can't find employment or get their jobs cut short, and kids are yanked from schools. In an effort to keep their kids in school or hang on to a good job, some families

have opted for the Soldier to become a geographical bachelor, he said. That can't be good for the family.

In addition, frequent PCS moves hurt team cohesion. Imagine a football team with a 30 percent turnover of players every year. It would be hard to win games that way, he said.

Besides that, frequent PCS moves cost the Army money, he added.

On the other side of the coin, moving can be good for career growth, he said, noting that in the private sector it's a given that to climb the corporate ladder, one has to move on or stagnate.

Since issue of PCS moves is multifaceted and not cut-and-dried, any change would have to be studied carefully first, he said.

Perhaps a solution might be to offer Soldiers a choice of

staying put or moving. Those who move might further their careers more than those who stay, but those who stay might have some compelling reasons to do so, such as caring for a sick relative, he said. For them, staying put would boost morale.

The Army is also looking at increasing home-station training times, he added.

Another topic that the secretary highlighted the importance of was the budget process and its negative impact on the Army — continuing resolutions in particular, as well as another possible government shutdown.

Reservists in particular felt the impact of the last shutdown, he said. They missed work to go train and then the government shut down, so they missed training as well.

That can't be good for readiness, he said.

LACKLAND

Harvey provides lessons for Texas ANG member

Ward realized how important all his core military training was during disaster

By Tech. Sgt. Mindy Bloem
149TH FIGHTER WING

It's been several months since Hurricane Harvey devastated Texans residing in the Gulf Coast region. Nathan Ward, a local police officer from Rockport, is now reflecting on the days leading up to the hurricane and how his training in the National Guard made a noticeable impact on his first responder duties.

"My wife will tell you I always stock up on food and water and am ready to go," said Ward. "That's just the military part of me, I guess."

Ward, currently a staff sergeant assigned to the Texas Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, said that mentality traces back to his 2003 enlistment in the Army National Guard.

"I had gone into the hurricane initially with the mindset of 'Hey, as long as we come out of this, we'll be all right,'" Ward said. "I'd gone on hurricane missions with the Army Guard several years ago so I knew what this was going to look like."

Ward tried to pass the benefits of those experiences to his co-workers.

"I said, 'Hey, heads up, just in case this happens, this is what you need to be prepared for,' and everyone is just brushing me off," he said. "A lot of them were making fun of me as I was bringing in food and water into the police station before it hit. They were like, 'You're taking this way too

seriously and you're packing too much.' I was like 'OK, whatever, at least I'll be prepared.'"

When Ward thinks back on it now, he can't help but feel vindicated.

"That first night about midnight — a lot of them realized they were hungry and wanted to eat, but no one had brought food and there was very little water," he said with a laugh and with the benefit of hindsight. "They started realizing pretty quickly that my theory wasn't so far-fetched. I mean relief came in — water came about a day and a half later, so they were OK."

After the storm first struck and the eye was passing over their building, Ward and his fellow officers stepped out in pitch blackness in groups of four within a two-block radius to assess the damage. He described familiar smells he compared from deployments he'd rather forget and mist and smoke-filled air akin to what happens after a building is demolished.

"There is this junk that's in the air — this dust and smoke and all kinds of stuff like that," Ward said. "Stuff you don't want to breathe. The air was filled with that. It was like it was hovering. It wasn't even blowing around. It was just there."

As the eye wall passed over them and the hurricane resumed, Ward and his team retreated back inside to ride out the second half. All through the night, calls poured into the station of people who had misjudged the situation, tried to



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Nathan Ward searches for some identification that may have been lost in the rubble of a collapsed apartment Aug 28, 2017, shortly after Hurricane Harvey struck the coastal town of Rockport. Ward is a police officer in Rockport as well as a member of the Texas Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Wing, headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

leave in their vehicles and had gotten stuck.

"That's why we tell people take the evacuation seriously," Ward said. "You never know how bad it's going to be."

The next morning and many weeks thereafter, Ward worked extended and exhausting shifts responding to calls and assisting in the long game that is hurricane recovery.

It was during these numerous calls for help that Ward realized just how important all his core military training was in helping him respond to various situations.

"Something that's echoed here for me is how all the military training has paid off, specifically with the Air Force — the core training that's due

annually, like SABC [self-aid buddy care], CPR, PT [physical training], family care plan — everything has played into our situation here," he said.

Ward elaborated on how physical conditioning especially helped him during intense shifts.

"Just the resiliency, staying in shape — it's a big deal," he said. "I can tell you when you're doing 12 on and 12 off, and especially when you're doing 14-hour shifts or during initial recovery efforts where we had no days off for several weeks, and all the other stresses that are involved — PT is a big deal."

Ward also praised SABC and CPR training as being "hugely helpful" during the response,

and was even pleasantly surprised to see his flightline driver's training play a part.

"We have an airport here, and there's no airport police, so the city police actually have to cover the airport," Ward said. "Other officers can be afraid to drive out on the airfield because they don't know what they're doing, so having flightline driver's training has actually paid off in my job here. I can use that and help the airport respond in whatever they need out here including — and I hope it doesn't happen — aircraft accidents or hazardous spills."

While some in the Air Force may dislike the idea of computer-

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Oshiba assumes leadership of Air Force CEC

By Armando Perez
AFIMSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center welcomed its new director during an assumption of leadership ceremony Feb. 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Edwin H. Oshiba, a member of the senior executive service, becomes the center's third director since the organization activated in 2012. As a primary subordinate unit of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, AFCEC executes civil engineering services in construction, energy, environment, housing, operations, planning, real property and readiness and emergency management around the globe.

"Our goal is to remain resilient, adaptable and focused on sustainable solutions. I look forward to working with our CE community to ensure our engineers maintain a trained and ready force, and provide the installation and combat readiness capabilities to enable Air Force and AFIMSC core missions," Oshiba

said.

The first civil engineer to take the helm at AFCEC, Oshiba commissioned in the Air Force in 1989 after graduating from Santa Clara University, Ca. He served in a variety of CE leadership positions at the base, major command and headquarters levels before retiring from active duty in 2015 as a colonel.

Oshiba most recently served as the Air Force deputy director of civil engineers, deputy chief of staff for logistics, engineering and force protection in Washington, D.C. In that role, he trained and equipped an engineering force of 51,000 people and provided policy and oversight for a portfolio valued at more than \$297 billion.

"I have been very fortunate in my career, both as an officer and now as a civilian, to lead men and women in CE who are doing great things for the Air Force enterprise," he said.

As the newest director for AFCEC, Oshiba leads an organization of more than 1,900 people responsible for provid-

ing responsive, flexible full-spectrum installation engineering services. The center's missions include facility investment planning, design and construction, operations support and real property management at more than 75 locations worldwide.

Oshiba plans to build on his predecessors' successes as he moves the center forward.

"I appreciate (former directors) Mr. (Joe) Sciabica and Mr. (Randy) Brown for setting the foundation for AFCEC and leading this organization to provide best-practice solutions to Airmen — anytime, anywhere. I hope to follow in their footsteps as I now lead AFCEC to be ready when called to conduct readiness operations, execute base civil engineer operations and perform facility lifecycle management," he said.

Headquartered on JBSA, the center has seven directorates. The environmental management, facilities engineering, installations, and planning & integration directorates operate on JBSA;



STEVE WARNES

Ed Oshiba (right), the new director of the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, shakes hands with a member of Team AFCEC during his assumption of leadership ceremony Feb. 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

the energy, operations, and readiness and emergency management directorates operate at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

For more information about AFCEC, visit www.afcec.af.mil.

Members of ABLE Flight provide vital wing-level support

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70TH ISRW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For Airmen newly assigned to 25th Air Force arriving at their first duty station, the security clearance required for them to do their jobs may take some time to process. At the 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, these Airmen are often stuck, waiting for several months, unable to access the information required for their assigned profession.

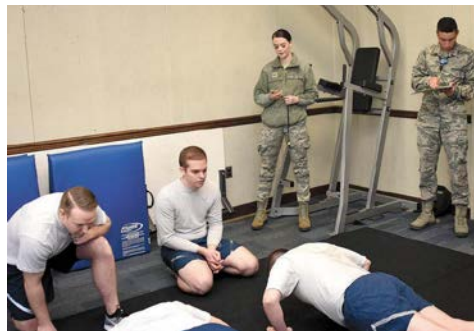
That is why the 70th ISRW began using Airmen by Leadership and Example, or ABLE, Flight.

ABLE Flight is not an official military flight, but was created for Airmen awaiting clearances as a way to provide support to prioritized wing level jobs, said Master Sgt. Clifford Hunsaker, 707th Force Support Squadron ABLE Flight chief.

"ABLE utilization is beneficial, as the reallocated manpower alleviates the unit's workload and gives those waiting on clearances the opportunity to gain a different perspective and appreciation of fulfilling a different job while still supporting the wing's mission," Hunsaker said.

There are currently 68 Airmen awaiting security clearances assigned to ABLE Flight and working throughout the wing, he said.

ABLE Flight provides support to various wing organizations, such as the Chaplain's office, Military Personnel Flight, Fitness Center, Inspector General's



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Members from Airmen by Leadership and Example, or ABLE, Flight conduct an official Air Force physical training test Jan. 29 at Fort George G. Meade, Md. ABLE Flight uses Airmen, who are waiting on their security clearances, to support prioritized wing level jobs.

office, Dental Clinic, the Meade Attic, Legal Office and many more, Hunsaker said.

Airman 1st Class Nicholas, 22nd Intelligence Squadron fusion analyst, has been supporting the 70th Forces Support Squadron Fitness Assessment Cell for nearly a year, as he waits for his security clearance.

Nicholas and several other ABLE Flight Airmen

report to Staff Sgt. Dearon Wiley, 70th FSS FAC NCO in charge, to assist with administering official Air Force physical training tests.

"ABLE Flight Airmen have conducted approximately 3,000 official Air Force Physical Training test," Wiley said. "They conduct most of the hands-on work, and we provide assistance and periodically to troubleshoot any issues."

In addition to regular assignments for ABLE Flight Airmen, units that need extra personnel to complete a tasker or project can submit a request to the ABLE Flight Chief for assistance.

The ABLE Flight Airmen are able to accomplish many tasks, freeing up cleared Airmen for other duties.

"They do it all ... from collecting samples at the Drug Demand Program to clearing snow from the sidewalks," Hunsaker said. "ABLE is important because it allows Airmen who would normally just be sitting around places to be useful, while at the same time allowing the wing commander a chance to alleviate work load in areas that are often overtasked and undermanned."

The support provided by ABLE Flight Airmen not only allows the 70th ISRW to maximize the Airmen's time while they wait for clearances, but it also provides the Airmen with a unique opportunity to experience a job outside their career field and begin contributing to their new wing's mission.

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based training, Ward's most recent experience with Harvey gave him fresh insight on the matter.

"Anything that you can think of that we view as CBTs for the Air Force has paid off in this job, including cyber awareness because we all have computers, and we have to deal with everyone's personal information," he said. "The state of Texas is pushing a lot of that down now for law enforcement but the Air Force in a lot of ways is ahead of the power-curve on that."

Besides all his military core training, Ward said knowing his Guard family not only had his back but was looking out for his family members made a lasting impression on him.



Staff Sgt. Nathan Ward (far right) gathers for a group photo with his fellow 149th Fighter Wing members during a regularly scheduled drill weekend at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

"Family readiness was a huge deal getting my wife out here and getting her help," he said. "The Guard has absolutely helped us and stepped in to help her."

Shanita Lanier, the 149th Airman and Family Readiness Center coordinator, explained how getting her members the family support is a team effort.

"The key element that is helpful for us is having our key volunteers appointed that the com-

manders trust to pass on information to and working with the first sergeants — that's how information comes back to us so we know how to further support and meet the intent of the program for our families," she said.

Lanier, along with Master Sgt. Eryn Ulmer, Ward's first sergeant, collected donations from local businesses and other good Samaritans to help replace items from Ward's house that were

ruined during the storm. "Each family is important," Lanier said. "Even if we don't have a face or a name, if they are connected to you, we can navigate and see what's out there to get them what they need."

Ward took comfort in the concern he received from his fellow Gunfighters — a nickname for 149th FW members.

"On the basic level, I appreciate that accountability because it's an extra set of eyes looking out for you, asking, hey, are you OK? And if you don't respond, they're willing to send someone to go look for you," he said. "That's really awesome — that they're willing to fill the gap that much. It's extra support you wouldn't get anywhere else."

Following his experience in Rockport, Ward has developed a newfound respect for the mission.

"At the drop of a hat you might have a natural disaster and have to leave the shop," he said. "We might have to go help people, so it's very important to keep up with your deadlines and timelines and mission mandates so we can be ready to go."

For Ward, his military training complemented his responsibilities not only to his local community but also to the state. These days, he is quick to remind people of this point during his weekends on duty here at the wing.

"What I've been telling people is you don't understand how much everything you do played into what happened here as far as relief — the Houston mission, this mission, all over Texas — you know it's a big deal," he said. "It's very fulfilling to see all that training and all that work paying off."

AF seeks nominations

By Staff Sgt. Alexx Pons
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force officials are seeking 2018 nominations for the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award.

The award recognizes 12 enlisted Airmen for exceptional job performance in their primary duty who epitomize the whole Airman concept across three categories: Airman, non-commissioned officer and senior NCO.

Major commands and the Air Force District of Washington may each nominate three candidates (one per category) to the Air Force OAY selection board, which will select the final winners. The period of service for the award is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2017.

Nominees must maintain retainability through Sept. 30, 2019. Any nominee with a projected separation date prior to

that date must take immediate action to extend or reenlist. Local military personnel section officials may approve or disapprove extensions for the purpose of the program.

The Air Force's Personnel Center will make the final approval determination for extension requests sent from the MPS for OAY nominees. Any nominees who extend their enlistment for the award program and are not selected may cancel their extensions through their local MPS.

Organization and base-level personnel must contact their major command, forward operating agency, direct-reporting unit or MAJCOM equivalent for applicable suspense dates. Nominations are due to AFPC by April 4, 2018. Specific eligibility and application procedures are available via myPers. Select "any" from the dropdown menu and search "12 OAY."

Workforce Recruitment Program helps young people with disabilities

By Richard Salomon
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The Air Force is increasing its participation in an annual work program that gives on-the-job experience to college students and recent graduates with disabilities.

The Workforce Recruitment Program connects federal and private sector employers nationwide with job-seeking college students and recent graduates with disabilities. The program is sponsored by the Defense Department and the Department of Labor.

In support of this initiative, the Air Force Equal Opportunity office works with the major commands and individual bases to raise WRP awareness among managers and hiring officials.

"Each year, the Air Force provides summer or temporary jobs to more than 35 motivated interns with disabilities who are eager to prove their abilities in the workplace," said Kendra Duckworth, Air Force EO disability program manager. "Our goal is to double the number of internship opportunities this year, so we can increase the representation of persons with disabilities in the federal workforce."

WRP recruiters conduct interviews with interested candidates from accredited colleges and universities from across the country. Candidates represent all majors and range from college freshmen to graduate and law students. Information from the interviews is loaded into a searchable database for hiring officials, who can register at

www.wrp.gov to review candidates and rank top selections.

WRP internships run from Jan. 15 to Sept. 30 each year and are funded by the DoD at no cost to the unit. If desired and if a vacant position is available, the Air Force organization may convert the intern into a permanent position without a competitive announcement at the end of the internship.

"The Air Force takes pride in striving to be a model employer for individuals with disabilities and is committed to maximizing their opportunities while supporting the overall mission," said Mary Villarreal, Air Force Personnel Center human resource specialist.

For more information, call the Air Force's Equal Opportunity Policy office at (240) 612-4006.

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Military Saves Week

Financial advice abounds at workshops for JBSA members

By Robert Goetz

502ND AIR BASE WING
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Joint Base San Antonio military members and Department of Defense civilians will have an opportunity to learn ways to save their money and invest for the future at more than a dozen free financial workshops Feb. 26-March 3.

The workshops at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph will highlight Military Saves Week, an annual readiness initiative that seeks to motivate, support and encourage military families to save money, reduce debt and build wealth.

"We want to encourage the members of our military community to save their money and invest it wisely, preparing them for the future," said Bob Williams, JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness community readiness consultant. "We're reaching out to them, emphasizing the importance of money in their lives and showing them how to utilize it in a way that it becomes a pillar of stability."

Although Military Saves Week officially begins Feb. 26, one event is planned for 4-6 p.m. Feb. 22 at JBSA-Lackland's Stacey Junior-Senior High School. During "Understanding Student Loans," students will learn about different kinds of loans and better understand loan repayment options.

Three workshops are scheduled at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's M&FRC, 3060 Stanley Road: "Understanding Your Retirement" from 1-3 p.m. Feb.



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26, "Thinking Money (Couples)" from 8-10 a.m. Feb. 27 and "Hit the Road Debt!" from 3-4:15 p.m. Feb. 28.

During "Thinking Money," couples will explore ways behavioral biases affect financial decisions, how too many choices can be paralyzing and how a good nudge can help them achieve goals.

In addition to the loan workshop for students, sessions at JBSA-Lackland will be "How to Save 101" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 27 and "TSP Account Check-Up," a 30-minute one-on-one consultation, both at the M&FRC, 2160 Kenly Ave.

"The highlighted activity here at JBSA-Lackland will be our Thrift Savings Plan clinic," said Kevin Keith, M&FR personal financial readiness manager. "Members will have a chance to meet with a counselor and review their individual TSP account and get questions answered about how and where there money is being

invested within the TSP. Many folks have signed up for the TSP and never thought about it again, but this will be an opportunity to ensure that their money is working hard for them."

Four workshops are planned at the JBSA-Randolph M&FRC, 555 F Street West: "Maximize Your Tax Return" from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 26, "Wise Investment Strategies" from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 27, "Social Security and You" from 10-11:30 a.m. March 1 and "Discover Your Money Personality" from 10-11 a.m. March 2.

A workshop for high school students, "Money Smarts Youth Rally," is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs, building 585. During this session, students will learn about the value of money and how it affects every aspect of life.

"Maximize Your Tax Return" is a new offering during Military Saves Week, Williams

said.

"Most of our young military members will be getting a tax refund, so we want them to utilize it in a productive way," he said. "A tax refund offers an investment opportunity."

Another new workshop is "Discover Your Money Personality," which explores the psychology of money and how individual values influence money management decisions.

"This workshop helps individuals gain insight into their use of money, the value they place on it and the decisions they make with it," Williams said.

The workshops are facilitated by staff members at JBSA M&FRCs and by representatives of banks and credit unions based at the JBSA locations.

Throughout the week, patrons can schedule an appointment at any of the M&FRC locations to receive a free credit report and FICO score, Wil-

liams said.

Military Saves Week is also an opportunity for members of the military community to commit to saving by taking the Savers Pledge online at militarysaves.org, a website that provides a wealth of financial information, or at the workshops. Military Saves is a component of America Saves, a campaign managed by the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America.

Military Saves Week allows members of the JBSA community to stop and consider their savings strategy, Keith said.

"The goal is for members to understand that they need to pay themselves first through a structured savings plan rather than an 'I'll just save what I have left over' mentality," he said. "It is through such a structured consistent savings strategy that members will be able to meet life's unexpected challenges and still attain their short- and long-term financial goals."

Financial savvy also contributes to mission readiness, Williams said.

"Military members who are worried about their family's finances and are in debt cannot focus on the mission because they're worried about other things," he said. "The better we can teach our young military members the importance of money, the more productive they can be in their military careers and in their family lives."

For more information, call 221-2705 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 671-3722 at JBSA-Lackland or 652-5321 at JBSA-Randolph.

12th MX Group hosts Job Shadow Day 2018

By Tech. Sgt. Ave Young

502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force civilians with the 12th Maintenance Group at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph hosted 22 students from Wagner High School in the Judson Independent School District as part of the San Antonio Job Shadow Day Feb. 2.

During their visit, the students engaged in a discussion about internship programs, received a window tour of the T-1 and T-38 flightlines and visited a phase inspection facility where mechanics explained their jobs and answered questions. The visit ended with a working lunch where the students dined with four maintainers and learned more about the 12th MXG employees' duties.

"This was a learning experience where the students were introduced to opportunities and expectations within the aircraft maintenance community," said Felicia Sargent, 12th MXG Aircraft Maintenance Program manager. "This gave the students an opportunity to ask questions and hopefully help them plan for the future and help them decide what major to pursue in college or vocational school.

"It's much better to learn which jobs you like or don't like now, rather than wait until after you've graduated college to learn you don't like the career your major prepared you for."

More than 100 companies in San Antonio connected with local high school students in an industry-led effort to generate interest in local jobs. Job Shadow Day is sponsored by San Antonio Works, an industry-led collective impact initiative developed by the Alamo Colleges to implement workforce development national best practices, and partnered with Junior Achievement to allow a half-day of experience-based learning while mentors explain



PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. AVE YOUNG

Larry Welfel, 12th Maintenance Squadron, T-1A aircraft technician, briefs Wagner High School students inside the phase inspection facility during the job shadow tour Feb. 2 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

how to join and succeed in the workforce.

"This is an opportunity for the students to learn there are good jobs available for those that have the grades, skills, attitude and motivation to work on aircraft and aircraft-related support equipment — if they stay out of trouble with the law, stay away from drugs and are willing to work hard," said Robert Hamm, 12th MXG deputy director. "Working in federal service is a great deal for these folks if they have what it takes."

Sargent said she hopes students walked away from this experience knowing there are many opportunities out there if they work hard and were able to gain a real-world perspective on the knowledge, skills and attitude needed for success in

the world.

She also said there are job opportunities for them right here at home.

"Hopefully when they finish their education, they'll be able to come back here and help the community grow and prosper," Sargent said.

Headquartered at JBSA-Randolph, the 12th MXG is an all-civil service maintenance outfit with 559 assigned and 593 authorized personnel. The 12th MXG has three squadrons — 12th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 12th Maintenance Squadron and 812th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in Pensacola, Florida. The 12th MXG performs launch, recovery and off/on equipment maintenance for T-1A, T-6A, T-38C and T-38 aircraft valued at more than \$760 million.



Felicia Sargent, 12th Maintenance Group aircraft maintenance program manager, briefs Wagner High School students on the Premier College Intern Program during a job shadow tour Feb. 2 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

FSHISD seeks Board of Trustee members

Deadline: Feb. 28
The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is soliciting for two nominees to be considered for the Board of Trustees. The positions must be filled by either a military member or civilian living on or employed by Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Interested applicants must meet requirements and apply no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 28. Resumes may be submitted to the School Liaison Officer at 2484 Stanley Road, building 2263, 107 B (in the basement room). For more information, call 210-221-2214 or 2256.

Basura Bash

Date/Time: Feb. 17, 8 a.m. to noon
Location: Salado Creek Park, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston
Looking for a volunteer activity for the whole

family? Spend time with family and friends while enhancing local wildlife habitat, improving the community and volunteering. Pre-register at www.basurabash.org as a team, group or individual or register the day of the event. If you pre-register, there will be free food for you. Call 210-221-4967 or 210-671-0396 for more information.

Pre-separation counseling – Airmen, Sailors and Marines

Date/Time: Feb. 20; 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797
Airmen, Sailors and Marines planning to separate or retire from the federal service must attend this mandatory counseling. Appointments may be scheduled up to 24 months before retirement date or 12 months prior to separation. To register, call 210-221-2705.

LACKLAND BRIEFS

JBSA-Lackland Hiring Our Heroes transition summit

Date/Time: Feb. 21, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Gateway Club
Transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses are invited to a Hiring Our Heroes transition summit. The event features military and career connection workshops, interactive panel discussions, a career fair and a networking reception for employers, senior leaders and job seekers. Call 210-671-3722 or visit <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/events/hiringfairs> for event details.

Lackland ISD presents ‘Let’s Talk’ College, Career Readiness

Date/Time: Feb. 22, 4-6p.m.
Location: Lackland ISD, 2460 Kenly Ave., building 8265
The Lackland Independent School District College and Career Readiness Team presents a session on financial aid, the Post-9/11 GI Bill, scholarship information, summer opportunities, a college fair and more. All students and parents welcome.

‘Quit Trippin – It’s The 80s’

Date/Time: Feb. 23-24, 7 p.m.
Location: Arnold Hall Community Center
Join the Lackland Performing Arts Group at Arnold Hall for this fun and upbeat musical with the music and styles of the 80s. When a beloved community center is slated to close, the counselors and kids set out to save the center from closing its doors with the help of ‘80s pop icons, a bit of faith and a lot of hard work. Come dressed in your best ‘80’s costume. Adults tickets are \$20, seniors are \$15 and youth are \$5. For more information, call 210-671-2619.

Firing Range trespass notice

Location: Medina Firing Range, 900 Patrol Road, JBSA-Lackland Training Annex at Medina.
It is illegal and dangerous to trespass on the Medina Firing Range. Weapons training is conducted daily. For more information or valid entry requests contact the 37th Training Support Squadron, Combat Weapons Section range control office at 210-671-2349 or 210-671-0023.

RANDOLPH BRIEFS

12th FTW Munitions Office closes for inventory

Date: March 5-9
The 12th Flying Training Wing Munitions Office (12 FTW/MXMW) will close March 5-9 to conduct its semiannual 100 percent inventory of ammunition and explosives. Only emergency issues can be honored during this period. Call 210-652-6780 or 210-652-3361 for more information.

Spring Camp registration

Date: Feb. 12 until full
School Age Spring Break Camp Registration starts Feb. 12 and continues until full. Request a spot by logging on to <http://www.militarychild-care.com>. Fees are based on total family income. All required paperwork must be on file including immunization records with a flu vaccination. Camp runs March 12-16, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Camp is open to youth 5 years, and in kindergarten, through 12 years, or in sixth grade. For more information, call 210-652-2088.

Presidents Day golf tournament

Date/Time: Feb. 19, tee time 7-9 a.m.
Location: Randolph Oaks Golf Course
Visit the Randolph Oaks Golf Course for a Presidents Day tournament Feb. 19, with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is a low-net, low-gross tournament and entry fee is \$10 per person plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 210-652-4653.

JBSA-Randolph Hiring Our Heroes transition summit

Date/Time: Feb. 22, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Parr Club
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