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AER policy change: emergency travel for active-duty Soldiers

From Army Emergency Relief

As of Jan. 1, Army Emergency Relief has changed its approach to providing assistance to active-duty Soldiers and their eligible family members for emergency travel expenses.

AER remains committed to getting every Soldier and their eligible family member to the emergency location should they experience a death or serious illness of an immediate family member, in accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-10, para. 6-1. AER evaluates each emergency travel assistance initially starts as a loan.

This approach will change as

AER officers will review each emergency travel situation in the same manner as described above; however, the initial assistance will start as a combination of half loan (50 percent) and half grant (50 percent), and depending on the Soldier's financial situation, could become a full grant (100 percent).

An emergency travel loan will not increase beyond 50 percent and the grant will not decrease below 50 percent of the total assistance provided.

Additionally, this policy guidance will authorize a company commander or first sergeant under the Company Commander and First Sergeant Quick

Assist Program (formerly the Commanders Referral Program) to approve emergency travel requests up to \$2,000 as a loan (50 percent) and grant (50 percent).

AER officers will review all requests to ensure compliance with this policy and the emergency leave guidance prescribed in the Army regulation.

This policy guidance is not extended to active duty Soldiers traveling on a Department of the Army Form 31 (leave form) that is marked "Other — under emergency conditions" for grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or when the DA Form 31, states "Emergency Leave" for grandparents, aunts, uncles,

cousins and a Loco Parentis memorandum is not provided with the DA 31, Leave Form.

Any requests for assistance where a DA 31, Leave Form states "Other — under emergency conditions" for a non-immediate family member, IAW AR 600-8-10, para 6-1, the case will be processed as a full loan.

This change in approach aligns with AER's core mission, benefits Soldiers and families, and is good use of dollars to expand programs supporting the Army Team.

For more information, call the AER office at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-1612.

JBSA officials update Real ID Act compliance details

From 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Individuals from just three states are still not allowed to use their state-issued driver's license as proof of their identity when they attempt to access Joint Base San Antonio and other Air Force installations.

Louisiana, Michigan and New York are the remaining states under review for an extension renewal to comply with the REAL ID Act, which enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the federal government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." The act establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

However, all three states are under a grace period until Jan. 22 that allows federal agencies to continue accepting driver's licenses and identification cards issued by these states in accordance with each

agency's policies.

Texas is one of 27 states compliant with the REAL ID Act as of Dec. 29, while 20 states and three United States territories have received an extension renewal to comply with the act.

"JBSA security forces must be able to rely on government-issued identification documents and know that the bearer of such a document is who he or she claims to be," said Alberto Jorge-Sanchez, 502nd Security and Readiness Group Mission Assurance director. "REAL ID is a coordinated effort by the states and the federal government to improve the reliability and accuracy of state-issued identification documents, which should inhibit terrorists' ability to evade detection by using fraudulent identification."

Individuals accessing Air Force installations can use their state REAL ID-compliant driver's license for identity proofing; individuals with a driver's license from a state with an

extension are also allowed to use their license as proof of their identity until Oct. 10.

Individuals from states still under review must provide one of the following alternate documents for access to JBSA locations:

- ▶▶ U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- ▶▶ Permanent Resident Card/ Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- ▶▶ Foreign Passport with a temporary (I-551) stamp or temporary (I-551) printed notation on a machine-readable Immigrant Visa
- ▶▶ Employment authorization document that contains a photograph (Form 766)
- ▶▶ Identification card issued by federal, state or local government agencies, provided it contains a photograph and biographic information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color and address
- ▶▶ U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card/Credential
- ▶▶ Personal Identification Ver-

ification or Federally Issued PIV-1 Card issued by the federal government

- ▶▶ PIV-1 Card (Personal Identification Verification-Interoperable) issued by a non-federal government entity
- ▶▶ Department of Homeland Security "Trusted Traveler Card" (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- ▶▶ Border Crossing Card (Form DSP-150)
- ▶▶ U.S. Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-550) and U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551)
- ▶▶ U.S. Refugee Travel Document or other travel document or evidence of immigration status issued by DHS containing a photograph
- ▶▶ A Foreign Government-Issued Passport

DHS has also authorized installation commanders to determine locally acceptable alternative forms of identification, to be used under certain circumstances.

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JBSA names 2018 military ambassadors

By 502nd Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

Ten service members from across Joint Base San Antonio were chosen to represent their respective military services as part of the 2018 Military Ambassadors program.

During the year, they will represent their service and JBSA at events throughout South Texas, including nearly 50 activities associated with Fiesta San Antonio, according to Kathy Salazar, JBSA public affairs specialist.

Fiesta, which began in 1891, is one of the nation's premier festivals, with an economic impact of more than \$284 million for the Alamo City.

Taking part in the event not only allows the military ambassadors to play integral roles for JBSA's community relations program, but it permits the continuation of a tradition that goes back to 1891 when the granddaddy of Fiesta events, the Battle of Flowers, began, Salazar said.

"During the event, the Army provided its band to lead the first parade in horse-drawn carriages and supplied a number of carriages for others participating in the parade," Salazar said. "In the 1960s, both the Fiesta San Antonio Commission and local military commanders decided there should be a single point of contact – a military coordinator."

2018 U.S. Army Military Ambassadors

Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Weaver is the senior operations NCO for the Directorate of Training and Academic Affairs at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School, U.S. Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and is responsible for the daily battle rhythm of the directorate as well as synchronizing support requirements between various medical and training commands within the Army.



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2018 U.S. Army Military Ambassadors for Joint Base San Antonio: Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Weaver and Staff Sgt. Latrise N. Flanigan



2018 U.S. Navy Military Ambassadors for JBSA: Petty Officer 1st Class Shannon Chatterton and Petty Officer 2nd Class Diana Mendoza De Saenz

Weaver said it is with "the deepest pride and greatest pleasure that I get to represent the U.S. Army as a 2018 Fiesta Ambassador. I am honored and ecstatic for the opportunity to partake in a multitude of activities with the citizens of San Antonio as the city enjoys its Tricentennial Celebration!"

Staff Sgt. Latrise N. Flanigan is a religious affairs noncommissioned officer for U.S. Army South at JBSA. Flanigan said she is "truly honored to be selected and to serve as the 2018 U.S. Army Fiesta Ambassador and looks forward to representing the Army and continue the

relationship established with the community of San Antonio."

2018 U.S. Marines Military Ambassadors

Sgt. Jonathan T. McFadden Jr. is with the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2009 and completed recruit training in February 2010. After graduating Marine Combat Training, McFadden attended Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School to become a



2018 U.S. Marines Military Ambassadors for JBSA: Sgt. Jonathan T. McFadden Jr. and Cpl. Emanuela Shehu



2018 U.S. Air Force Military Ambassadors for JBSA: Tech. Sgt. Cristofer Mercado and Tech. Sgt. Melissa M. Bennett



2018 U.S. Coast Guard Military Ambassadors for JBSA: Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Long and Petty Officer 1st Class Victoria Toth

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JBSA tax centers opening soon for business

From 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Don't get taken by surprise April 17 by the individual income tax return filing deadline. Filing your tax return does not have to be stressful, and there are many services available — many of them free — that make filing quite easy.

Online programs are a popular and inexpensive way to electronically file your tax return. Military OneSource (<http://www.MilitaryOneSource.mil>) provides access to free tax preparation software with on-call assistance from tax professionals. This is available to active duty members, as well as Guard/Reserve members and dependents.

The City of San Antonio also has numerous Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (<http://www.vitasa.org>) locations for anyone with income below

\$60K. You may also complete your taxes yourself or hire someone.

In addition to these options during tax season this year, volunteers at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, and JBSA-Randolph will operate tax centers for eligible active duty members and military retirees. The tax centers provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for federal and state tax returns.

When receiving assistance at the JBSA Volunteer Tax Centers, clients must bring their Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and Form 1095, which is required under the Affordable Care Act. These documents are available through myPay.

Clients should also bring their Social Security card and the Social Security card of each individual you intend to claim as a dependent.

If applicable, you must also

bring the following:

- ▶▶ Most recent tax return
- ▶▶ December 2017 Leave and Earnings Statement
- ▶▶ Form 1099-INT or 1099-DIV to report any interest or dividends you received as income in 2017
- ▶▶ Form 1098 to report payment of mortgage interest and property taxes, if any
- ▶▶ Form 1099-B for stock sales in 2017 together with your cost basis for capital gain or loss calculations
- ▶▶ Form 1099-R to report any distributions from an IRA or 401k you've received in 2017
- ▶▶ Form SSA-1099 to report any Social Security benefits received in 2017
- ▶▶ If you've already received a state tax refund, you may need to report it as income
- ▶▶ Form 1099-MISC if you have self-employment or miscellaneous income, outside of your regular job

If you do not have the correct

documents, the volunteer tax preparer will not be able to help. Finally, bring all documents with you and do not expect to have access to previous tax returns, based on having received assistance through a VITA tax office in previous years.

JBSA-Randolph

Eligibility: active duty and family members; military retirees on a space-available basis (except those with business income/loss or rental property)

Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Location: Building 202, 10711 W. 2nd St.

Opening: Jan. 29, accepting appointment starting Jan. 22
Phone: 210-652-1040

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Eligibility: active duty, military retirees, family members (except those with business

income/loss or rental property; exception for family child care providers or having no more than two rental properties),

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays

Location: Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Java Café, 1395 Chaffee Road

Opening: Jan. 31, accepting appointments starting Jan. 22
Phone: 210-295-1040

JBSA-Lackland

Eligibility: active duty (E-6/O-2 and below) and their family members, military retirees (except those with business income/loss or rental property)

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: Building 6629, at Hughes Avenue and Gentile Street

Opening: Feb. 5, accepting appointments starting Jan. 29
Phone: 210-671-1001

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cyber network specialist. In March 2014, McFadden joined the Active Reserve Program.

He said he is “honored to have been chosen for the 2018 Marine Corps Ambassador. It was a great honor to be given this opportunity and to represent my command and Military City USA San Antonio”

Cpl. Emanuela Shehu is also from the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. She was born Vlora, Aalbania and later moved to New Jersey with her family. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 2008. She later went to intermediate administrative school, completed corporal's course, became a Marine Corps martial arts instructor, attended a legal clerk course and completed the collateral duty career planner course.

“I'm delighted to be to have been selected as the 2018 Fiesta

Military Ambassador representing the United States Marine Corps,” she said. I look forward to this experience and celebrating with you all. Semper Fi!”

2018 U.S. Navy Military Ambassadors

Petty Officer 1st Class Shannon Chatterton is assigned to Naval Technical Training Center Lackland, 341st Training Squadron Military Working Dog Handlers Course at JBSA-Lackland. She serves as the Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge, supervising 33 joint service instructors, overseeing the graduation of 450 students annually, supervising the safety and training of 150 Military Working Dogs and joint service Department of Defense students in a 440-hour, 11-week course.

“Fiesta is one of San Antonio's oldest and most cherished celebrations and I'm truly honored to have been selected as the 2018 United States Navy

Ambassador for the occasion,” Chatterton said.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Diana Mendoza De Saenz is assigned to the Navy Medicine Support Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, servings as an instructor for the Navy's Hospital Corpsman “A” School which graduates 4,300 Corpsman annually.

“It is an honor to have the opportunity to be the 2017 San Antonio Fiesta Navy Ambassador. I am excited to build roots here by being part of the culture and history of this great city.”

2018 U.S. Air Force Military Ambassadors

Tech. Sgt. Cristofer Mercado is the NCOIC of Student Affairs Flight Programs at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy at JBSA-Lackland, where he is responsible for the welfare, morale, counseling, safety, security, and health care of approximately 930 allied international students annually from 23 partner nations in

support of the building partner capacity mission, directly supporting four combatant command theater objectives.

“I am incredibly honored and excited to be selected as the 2018 Air Force Ambassador! It is a privilege to be able to participate in bring our city to life and showcasing its rich history and culture all in the spirit of giving back,” Mercado-Wallace said.

Tech. Sgt. Melissa M. Bennett is a Force Support Functional Area Manager for Expeditionary Support Division Force Support Readiness at the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center at JBSA-Lackland.

Bennett said she is “truly honored to have been selected as a 2018 Air Force Military Ambassador of this amazing city.”

2018 U.S. Coast Guard Military Ambassadors

Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Long works with the Coast

Guard Cryptologic Unit Texas at JBSA-Lackland.

“I'm very thankful to get the chance to be the U.S. Coast Guard's Ambassador for Fiesta 2018,” Long said. “This is something that I've looked forward to since I was stationed here in San Antonio.”

Petty Officer 1st Class Victoria Toth is also assigned to the Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit-Texas. A native of Central Texas, Toth provides support to Coast Guard assets by providing products that can assist to conduct drug interdictions, migrant interdictions, and provide search and rescue and coastal security.also works at the Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Texas at JBSA-Lackland.

Toth said she is “delighted to have been given the opportunity to be a U.S. Coast Guard Ambassador for Fiesta 2018. It really is an honor to represent the U.S. Coast Guard since we have such a small footprint here in San Antonio.”

Crime, punishment at Joint Base San Antonio

From 502nd Air Base Wing Legal Office and Army Support Activity Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

During the month of November, Joint Base San Antonio Air Force and Army commanders administered a variety of non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record.

A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

Adultery; Communicate Threat; Assault Consummated By Battery: An Air Force staff sergeant engaged in an adulterous relationship with a subordinate. During an altercation with the subordinate's spouse, the staff sergeant shoved and threatened the spouse. The member received a reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,267 pay per month for two months (suspended), 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Firearm Discharge: An airman first class negligently discharged a firearm while he was clearing his weapon. The member received a reduction to airman (suspended), forfeiture of \$896 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

Adultery: An airman first class engaged in an adulterous relationship with a supervisor. The member received a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$896 pay per month for two months (suspended), 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Drunk Driving: A senior airman was arrested off-base for driving under the influence of alcohol. The member received a reduction to airman first class (reduction to airman

suspended), forfeiture of \$896 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

Absent Without Leave; Disobeying an NCO, Larceny: An airman first class was late to the member's place of duty, took a shower curtain belonging to someone else and did not comply with an order given by an NCO. The member received a reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$896 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

Dereliction of Duty: A technical sergeant accessed health information without proper authority. The member received a reduction to staff sergeant, 15 days extra duty (suspended) and a reprimand.

Fleeing Apprehension; Drug Possession: An airman first class in technical training ran from armed forces police officers and possessed marijuana. The member received a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$799 pay (suspended), 14 days extra duty, 14 days restriction to base and a reprimand.

Willfully Disobeying A Superior Commissioned Officer, Sexual Assault and Abusive Sexual Contact: An Army specialist was found guilty at a general court-martial of two specifications of willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer, two specifications of sexual assault, and one specification of abusive sexual contact. The specialist received the following punishment: Reduction to the grade of Private (E-1), forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for eight years and to be dishonorably discharged.

False Official Statement: An Army specialist was found guilty of two specifications of false official statements. The Soldier received extra duty for 14 days, restriction for seven days to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility,



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and place of worship and an oral reprimand.

Failure To Obey Order Or Regulation: An Army specialist was found guilty of one specification of failure to obey an order or regulation. The specialist received extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility, and place of worship and an oral reprimand.

Failure To Obey Order Or Regulation: An Army sergeant was found guilty of one specification of failure to obey an order or regulation. The sergeant received extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility, and place of worship and an oral reprimand.

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order or regulation. The Soldier received extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility, and place of worship and an oral reprimand.

Absence Without Leave: An Army private first class was found guilty of one specification of absence without leave. The Soldier received extra duty for seven days, restriction for seven days to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility, and place of worship and an oral reprimand.

Underage Drinking: An Army private first class was found guilty of one specification of underage drinking. The Soldier received the punishment of reduction to the grade of Private (E-2), forfeiture of \$896 pay per month for two months, suspended for six months, extra duty for 35 days and restriction for 15 days to

the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility and place of worship.

Forgery: An Army sergeant was found guilty of two specifications of forgery and received extra duty for 14 days, suspended, and an oral reprimand.

Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance, False Official Statement: An Army private (E-2) was found guilty of one specification of wrongful use of marijuana and one specification of making a false official statement. The private was also guilty of the wrongful use of cocaine. The private was reduced to the grade of private (E-1), forfeiture of \$799 pay for two months with \$799 suspended for 180 days, extra duty for 45 days (suspended), restriction to the limits of the company area, dining/medical facility and place of worship for 15 days as well as an oral reprimand.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

Vogel Resiliency Center opens to help JBSA

By Sgt. 1st Class
Shelman Spencer

U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After more than three years of hard work, the day finally came to officially open the doors of the Vogel Resiliency center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, commander of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), hosted the grand opening ceremony to the new facility Jan. 5.

The Vogel Resiliency Center is a new facility providing resiliency services to the Joint Base San Antonio community, designed to focus, synchronize and integrate the execution of programs that are directly supportive of the Army's R2 (Ready and Resilient) objectives.

"Resiliency isn't about avoiding adversity, it's accepting the fact that adversity is going to happen to all of us and resiliency is a measure of how we bounce back," Buchanan said during the open-



SGT. 1ST CLASS SHELMAN SPENCER

Military and community leaders cut the ribbon to officially open the Vogel Resiliency Center Jan. 5. Those participating include (from left): Air Force Brig. Gen. Heather Pringle, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander; Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, Brooke Army Medical Center commander; Rear Adm. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, commander of Navy Medicine Education and Training Command; Army Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) commander; Army Lt. Gen. Nadja West, U.S. Army Surgeon General and US. Army Medicine commander; San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg; Sue Orosz, and Raymond Horoho, acting assistant of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

ing ceremony.

The VRC houses the Army Wellness Center, Public Health Nursing, Chaplain and Spiritu-

al services, Military Family Readiness, Health Promotion Operations, Army Substance Abuse Program, Nutrition

Coaching, as well as Comprehensive Solider and Family Fitness under one roof. The facility also has a teaching kitchen, which allows individuals to learn improved methods of nutritional cooking.

"This is the first organization of its kind where we try to integrate all of these different aspects of mind body and spirit, so that we can do the best for every service member, regardless of service," Buchanan said.

Another unique aspect will be the use of health navigators and a holistic screening tool. Working with the Army Public Health Center to develop a holistic iPad-based screening tool — the VRC Move-2-Health Screening app — VRC navigators will use this tool to identify which services best suit the needs of individual clients.

Although designed to support Army readiness, all branches of services assigned to the JBSA area have full access to the facility. The goal is to improve quality of life and

promote personal resilience through personalized assessments and strategies; it also helps foster healthy lifestyles, improve nutrition, fitness, spiritual and financial readiness by enhancing the ability to manage the rigors of life.

"Today we celebrate another great milestone as San Antonio and Fort Sam Houston continue to lead the way when it comes to cutting edge military care and readiness. The opening of the military's first fully integrated resiliency center," said Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio, during the opening ceremony. "San Antonio's proud to once again be a part of this effort and we pledge our continued support in the endeavor."

This facility will enable the sustainment of individual and unit personal readiness for service members, families, retirees and Department of Defense civilians within the JBSA community.

"In our book, resiliency is readiness," Nirenberg said.

BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER WELCOMES FIRST BABY OF 2018

From left: Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, Brooke Army Medical Center commander, and Warrior Transition Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Karen Hincinson deliver a gift basket to Petty Officer 1st Class Dylan Pendleton, his wife, Rachel, and baby, Violet. Violet was BAMC's first baby born in 2018. The 8-pound, 14-ounce, 20.2 inch baby girl, born at 2:27 a.m. Jan. 1, is the third child for the Pendleton family. "The care here at BAMC was very good," said Rachel Pendleton. "What I really liked about my experience was the nurses asked me what I wanted to do. They allowed me to do what made me comfortable."



ROBERT SHIELDS

A lesson in history: Army North celebrates 75th anniversary

By Army Staff Sgt. Tomora Nance

U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As soft instrumental music played in the background, five Soldiers dressed in the Army's World War II herringbone twill uniform with combat helmets stood in front of the famous clock tower of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army).

Soldiers, family members and civilians gathered Jan. 5 to celebrate the anniversary of Fifth Army at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston 75 years after the unit was officially activated under the command of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark on Jan. 5, 1943, at Oujda, French Morocco.

The significance of the ceremony was to preserve and maintain the history of the unit while celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Fifth Army, said Jacqueline Davis, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston museum director, who has worked at the museum since May 1987.

She noted the five campaign streamers earned during World War II and the 65 Medal of Honor recipients who earned the medal for their heroic actions on and off the battlefield.

The unit was organized to defend North Africa and plan for the invasion of mainland Italy. On Sept. 9, 1943, the unit invaded Italy.

"Fifth Army was in continuous combat for over 600 days up the 'boot' of Italy to Milan," Davis said. "When you think about the distance from Rome to Milan in a plane, it doesn't seem that far; but it's a mountainous region and they were moving during cold weather, which makes their campaign 10 times harder."

The unit engaged enemy forces in Salerno, Anzio, Rome, Po River Valley and the Apennines, a series of mountain ranges.

One aspect the Fifth Army had to their advantage was their diverse fighting force, Davis said.

Fifth Army was both an ethnically and internationally diverse force that contained units from Canada, Britain, France, Italy, Brazil, South Africa, India, New Zealand, Morocco and Algeria.

These units included Japanese and Chinese-Americans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Buffalo Soldiers of the 92nd Infantry Division, Scottish Highlanders in the British 1st Division,



STAFF SGT. TOMORA NANCE

Andrea Gastaldo, U.S. Army North foreign policy adviser, places the Rome-Arno campaign streamer on the unit's colors during the 75th Anniversary of Fifth Army on Jan. 5 inside the historic Quadrangle at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Ghurkas in the 4th Indian Division, Maoris in the 2nd New Zealand Division and Afghanis serving with Indian units.

"The U.S. also recruited Italian-Americans who spoke fluent Italian as part of the intelligence force who were sent to work with the partisans," Davis said.

"We have a direct descendant of one of those Italian-American Soldiers recruit-

ed to serve in today's intelligence force."

Andrea Gastaldo, the U.S. Army North foreign policy adviser, is the daughter of Maj. Edward "Eddie" Gastaldo, an Italian-American who fought behind enemy lines as an intelligence officer for Fifth Army headquarters.

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“My father specialized in linguistics for the purpose of interrogation,” Gastaldo said. “In 1943, as Fifth Army advanced to Rome, he moved forward with his group beyond the Allied forces occupied territory to work with the Italian partisans. He was more than 100 miles north of Rome before the main element of the U.S. Army seized the area.”

The Italian partisans were resistance groups of any gender, age, social stature or political view who opposed the Axis powers regime and helped the Allied forces.

“It is important to understand that Fifth Army had Italian partisan troops as part of the diverse combat force,” Davis added. “When Fifth Army and other U.S. units arrived in Italy, they fought alongside of us.”

Despite the fact her father never divulged certain information pertaining to the war, Andrea discovered through Davis that her father was dubbed an honorary Knight in the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Maj. Gastaldo left active duty in 1947 and although her father passed away in 1984, all of the values he instilled in her



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Capt. Edward “Eddie” Gastaldo, an Italian-American intelligence officer for Fifth Army headquarters during World War II, stands in front of his vehicle in late 1943 in Sicily, Italy. Gastaldo specialized in linguistics for the purpose of interrogation.

will always resonate in her heart and mind, said Andrea.

“He was an extremely humble man that I will always admire,” said Gastaldo. “I’m just proud to be a part of this ceremony because it means so much not only to the unit I work with but to me personally.”

BAMC personnel provide lifesaving support

By Lori Newman

BAMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brooke Army Medical Center doctors, nurses and medics recently returned after more than a month from a deployment to Puerto Rico. During their time on the island, they provided support to the local population in the wake of Hurricane Maria devastation.

Emergency medicine physicians Air Force Col. Mark Antonacci, Army Maj. Daniel Sessions and Army Capt. Melissa Myers, along with four nurses and two mobile medics from BAMC, joined members of the 14th Combat Support Hospital to provide medical care for the victims of the Category 5 hurricane.

Antonacci, a member of a six-person Air Force Ground Surgical Team, originally went to the U.S. Virgin Islands after Hurricane Irma and ended up in Puerto Rico to help support the mission there.

“My team was helping out in areas where they needed manpower more than anything else,” he said. “We also provided some assistance with evacuations, consultations and hands-on patient care.”

Sessions and Myers deployed to Humacao, Puerto Rico, with the 14th CSH, 44th Medical Brigade from Fort Benning, Ga., to provide lifesaving health care.

“The conditions were very bad when we first arrived,” Antonacci said. “There were downed powerlines everywhere, no electricity or cell phone service and a lack of food and water.”

Military personnel hit the ground running.

“We set-up the hospital in a basketball arena,” Sessions said. The arena offered limited protection from



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NICHOLAS DUTTON

Air Force Col. Mark Antonacci provides medical assistance to the residents of Humacao, Puerto Rico during a deployment in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.

the torrential rain and wind.

As soon as the field hospital was up and running, the people came. Sessions worked the day shift and Myers worked through the night.

“We had one doctor, two nurses and eight or nine medics doing the majority of the hands-on patient care,” Sessions said. “We were seeing up to 200 patients a day. The cases ranged from medical emergencies to primary medical care, preventive medical care and trauma.”

Along with environmental challenges, the language barrier played a significant role in the team’s ability to provide the much-needed medical support to the local population.

“Only about five percent of the people who came in

spoke English,” Sessions said.

In coordination with the BAMC Virtual Medical Center, two mobile medics, Sgt. Andrea Bloom and Spc. Christian Bark, accompanied the doctors and nurses from BAMC. The mobile medics coordinated with the BAMC V-MEDCEN to establish daily virtual health provider support from the Internal Medicine Clinic located at BAMC and providers at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Fort Gordon, Ga.

“This truly shows the versatility of virtual health care and effectively eliminates the tyranny of distance that so frequently diminishes the medical community’s ability to leverage access to provider support from almost anywhere in the world,” said Army Lt. Col. Sean Hipp, BAMC V-MEDCEN director.

“The medics worked side by side with us, providing direct patient care,” Sessions said. “It was similar to being downrange where you have medics practicing within their full scope. A lot of our job is teaching them to practice within their full scope, which is something we are working on here at BAMC.”

The emergency medicine physicians were there to provide training for medics and nurses who weren’t used to that type of environment.

As conditions improved, more local hospitals and clinics became available.

“As time went on it was more about informing people where to go and what was open, and less about patient care,” Sessions said.

All agree that even though they faced many challenges during this mission, they found it to be a rewarding experience with many lessons learned.

Army South Soldiers spread holiday cheer with toy ruck march

By Frederick Hoyt

U.S. ARMY SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The holiday season is well known for acts of generosity and kindness and Soldiers from U.S. Army South at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston helped by participating in a toy ruck march sponsored by the Headquarters Support Company.

Participants gathered in the early-morning hours of Dec. 14 at the MacArthur Parade Field and packed bundles of toys and goodies into their ruck sacks before heading off on a three-mile road march JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Child Development Center.

“We’re out here doing a holiday ruck to donate gifts to the CDC to help out the kids – for those who are in need,”

said Spc. Matthew Saenz. “It’s great for esprit de corps. The unit did a really good job of putting this event together.”

With ruck sacks full, some lit with colorful lights, and the Army South HSC colors displayed, the Soldiers marched their way to the Child Development Center.

“Each quarter, the Headquarters Support Company deliberately seeks out volunteer opportunities to give back to the community,” said Capt. Derik Strong, Army South Headquarters Support Company commander. “I have been a part of toy rucks at other units and was excited to work with the school liaison and the CDC to make it happen here and to get the toys to families of Soldiers in need.”



FREDERICK HOYT

Soldiers from the U.S. Army South Headquarters Support Company gathered early Dec. 14 at the MacArthur Parade Field and stuffed lots of toys and goodies into their ruck sacks before heading off on a 3-mile road march to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston’s Child Development Center.

5th MRB training a call to arms for medical recruiters

By **Derrick Crawford**

5TH MEDICAL RECRUITING
BATTALION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Leaders from the 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston believe that tried-and-true Army-issue discipline trumps the bells and whistles of today's high-tech recruiting tools when it comes to achieving mission success.

It's a mindset Lt. Col. Michael Peacock and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Castellano, 5th MRB's command team, made central at the battalion's 2017 Annual Training Conference, or ATC, held Dec. 12-14 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Each year, the battalion provides the peer-led training

conference to introduce new recruiting tactics, techniques and procedures and to re-emphasize others, bringing together officers and NCOs from the battalion's three companies, located in Kansas City, Mo., San Antonio and Houston, along with the medical and chaplain recruiters from 15 recruiting stations located in 10 states.

This year's conference included sessions on effectively using cyber recruiting tools and social media platforms to reach applicants, managing a school recruiting program and various topics regarding the nuts and bolts of medical recruiting.

At its core, this year's ATC was also a sort of call to arms

as Peacock continually stressed the need to take a disciplined approach to all phases of recruiting.

"That's the biggest thing I want them to walk away with is thinking, 'When I approach work ... I need to think ahead,'" Peacock explained. "I need to be focused on what I am doing; I need to be disciplined in ensuring I am putting out a full-fledged effort every day; and I am ensuring that everything I do is approached in a professional, disciplined manner."

He said responsibility rests with battalion leadership to clearly communicate standards during weekly IPRs with station commanders and officers in charge and throughout the recruiting cycle.

"Our mission hasn't necessarily increased drastically," said Peacock, citing a combined total of 262 active duty and Reserve medical physicians, nurses and chaplain recruits needed for fiscal year 2018, which is only a total increase of 21 recruits from fiscal year 2017's mission. "It's how we are approaching (the mission) that has changed this year.

For new team members like Capt. Virginia Bailey, a first-year OIC of the New Orleans Medical Recruiting Station, the battalion's hands-on management is welcomed.

"We have a lot on our plates. Everybody knows that ... but prioritizing what needs to be done each day is helpful," Bailey said.

Staff Sgt. Cullen Burns, the new station commander of Omaha MRS, added, "Sitting down face-to-face, sharing experiences and an understanding of medical recruiting from the ground-level is great to kind of get the meats and potatoes behind everything we do."

That is no accident, according to Peacock, who considers the networking and peer development as much a value as the training provided.

"You walk out of here with a network of recruiters and station commanders that you can turn to when you have a 'crazy' question," said Peacock, during his opening remarks to the group. "Creating a network is key in everything you do."

Navy Recruiting District San Antonio recognizes top Sailors

By **Burrell Parmer**

NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Navy Recruiting District San Antonio at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston recognized five of their own at the NRD's annual award banquet held on Dec. 19 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin.

Petty Officer 1st Class Victor Ubri Jr., a Navy officer recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, was awarded NRD's Active Officer Recruiter of the Year for Fiscal Year 2017.

"This award means that I did my job to the best of my ability and was recognized for my efforts," Ubri said. "I want to make sure the Navy's future and our future Sailors are in capable hands." Ubri was also awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for superior performance of duty.

Lt. Cmdr. Michael



PHOTOS BY BURRELL PARMER
**Petty Officer 1st Class
Victor Ubri Jr.**



**Lt. Cmdr.
Michael Stroud**



**Petty Officer 1st Class
Raymond Gonzalez**



**Petty Officer 2nd Class
Dennis Mitchell**



**Retired Petty Officer 1st Class
Jamie Emerson**

Stroud, a Navy Nurse Corps recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting District San Antonio at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, was awarded NRD's Medical Officer Recruiter and Division Officer of the Year for Fiscal Year 2017. Stroud, a psychiatric nurse who graduated from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in 2007, joined the Navy in 2009 to work in the mental health field. Stroud takes his job seriously and reminds his enlisted recruiters that they change lives on a daily

basis.

"It is a great honor to be recognized," said Stroud. "But the Division Officer of the Year means the most because it's about me taking care of my Sailors and their families." Stroud was also awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty.

Petty Officer 1st Class Raymond Gonzalez was awarded NRD's Enlisted Recruiter, Enlisted Female Upper Mental Group Recruiter, and Diversity Recruiter of the

Year for Fiscal Year 2017.

"I chose to steer my career in the direction of recruiting to make a difference in the recruiting community," said Gonzalez, who will be graduating from Post University in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. "My goal in recruiting is strictly to be an honest and unaggressive outlet of information for young adults to confidently explore their career options." Gonzalez was also awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for

superior performance of duty.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Dennis Mitchell was awarded NRD's Junior Sailor of the Year for Fiscal Year 2017. Mitchell became a recruiter to build a better Navy and help young adults who don't know what to do with their lives.

"This award means that I have taken my job as a Sailor seriously," Mitchell said. "It's an honor to come home to my children and tell them that I am the Junior Sailor of the Year. It motivat-

es them to do great in life." Mitchell was also awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty.

Retired Petty Officer 1st Class Jamie Emerson was awarded NRD's Civilian of the Year for Fiscal Year 2017. Prior to retiring in 2013, Emerson served as a classifier with the NRD.

"I have pride knowing that I helped young people get a great start in life," Emerson said. "I'm also happy to know that what I do for the command is appreciated."

LACKLAND

Kelly Field Annex is now officially Kelly Field

By Mary Nell Sanchez

502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Kelly Field Annex, home to one of the Department of Defense's only joint-use airfields, is ringing in the new year with its official new name: Kelly Field.

The name change to Kelly Field coincides with the 100-year anniversary of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce granting the airfield to the U.S. Government in 1917.

The request for the name change came from Port San Antonio in 2015 and was made official December 2017.

In an excerpt from the letter sent in 2015, Port San Antonio asked Joint Base San Antonio and the Air Education Training Command leadership to "preserve the heritage of Kelly Field and Kelly Air Force Base by maintaining the simplified Kelly Field namesake in all formal and informal references."

Lt. Col. Patrick K.F. McClintock, 502nd Operations Support Squadron commander at JBSA-Lackland, applauded the move.

"It's important to Military City USA, the city of San Antonio and Port San Antonio," said McClintock.

Kelly Field has undergone at least seven name changes in the past 100 years, according to Patrick Howard, Kelly Field historian.

"It's now got a modern function," said Howard. "It's sort of on the wave of the future with the public and private partnership. It's not solely a military facility anymore."

McClintock said they are working to get all publications in line with the new name.



SENIOR AIRMAN STORMY ARCHER

Visitors take in the sights during the 2017 Joint Base San Antonio Air Show and Open House rehearsal day, Nov. 3at JBSA-Lackland, Kelly Field.

Before this official name change, the airfield was called different names by different groups. It was even called Kelly Field for a while years ago.

"Some publications listed it as Kelly Field Annex or Lackland Air Force Base; there was a disconnect, or lack of synergy," said McClintock.

While Kelly Field's historic place in San Antonio is well known by many, McClintock said they are now speaking to international visitors to the air field.

"This is really for us to make sure that all airfield instructions and airfield databases show the airfield as Kelly Field and the [Federal Aviation Administration] recognizes it as Kelly Field."

Looking ahead, Kelly Field will continue to be as busy as ever. The civilian military airfield is home to the 149th Fighter Wing of the Air Force National Guard, 433rd Airlift Wing and home to one of Boeing's largest maintenance operations for civilian and military aircraft.

Kelly Field also maintains the civil support of military and government aircraft, as well as industrial and international aviation. During the holiday shopping rush back in December, daily Boeing 767 cargo operations used Kelly Field to land several aircrafts, McClintock said.

Roland Mower, President and CEO of Port San Antonio, said 2018 will be a busy time

for Kelly Field.

"In our ongoing collaboration with JBSA and partners at the local, state and federal levels, we look forward to continue to further development of Kelly Field's infrastructure and growth for years to come."

In December 2017, the Texas Military Preparedness Commission approved a \$5 million grant as part of a comprehensive \$20 million effort to build a new air traffic control tower at Kelly Field, build a new airfield operations complex and upgrade several hangars to support the growth of military missions. Port San Antonio will match the \$5 million, and funding for the remaining \$10 million is pending congressional approval of the 2018 DOD

budget, according to Mower.

"We have one of the oldest traffic control towers in the Air Force and we've had a lot of infrastructure issues with that tower to the point where we impacted air field operations and the ability for our folks (Air Force partners) to train here," said McClintock.

McClintock added their partnership with Port San Antonio is strong and while positive changes are coming that will benefit everyone, he wants to make sure that Kelly Field's air power heritage is always preserved.

"We are proud partners in honoring Kelly Field's legacy and ensuring that it remains a vital and strategic asset in the century ahead," Mower added.

LACKLAND BRIEFS

Transition Goals, Plans, Success (GPS)

Date/Time: Separation Only: Jan. 22-26, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 1249
This is a five-day workshop mandatory for all service members separating from the military. GPS is facilitated by the Department of Labor, Veterans Administration, and M&FRC. Spouses are welcome to attend. Prerequisite: Pre-Separation Counseling. To register call 210-671-3722.

Newly Assigned Commanders & First Sergeants briefing

Date/Time: Jan. 22, 8-11 a.m.
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 1249
This briefing is for newly assigned Commanders, Command Chiefs, and First Sergeants and is mandatory. It satisfies AFI requirements while introducing key personnel from installation support agencies such as Equal Opportunity, Family Advocacy, Medical, Military & Family Readiness and Sexual Assault Prevention Response. To register call 210-671-3722.

Newcomer's orientation

Date/Time: Jan. 24, 8 a.m. to noon
Location: Mitchell Hall, building 2300
This is a mandatory in-processing briefing for all service members new to JBSA. Coordinate with your Unit Personnel Coordinator or Commander Support Element to schedule your orientation.

Deployment & Your Money

Date/Time: Jan. 25, 10-11 a.m.
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 1249
Attendees will learn to minimize stress by organizing their financials before a deployment. They will review common concerns and challenges and become aware of the financial protection available for deployed service members along with tips that may help with organizing financial commitments and budgeting. To register call 210-671-3722.

FORT SAM HOUSTON BRIEFS

Construction detour

Starting Jan. 22, there will be a detour at the Cunningham Avenue Entry Control Point for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston due to an ongoing construction project.
Barriers will be placed along Cunningham Avenue and the intersection of Broadway Street, N. Alamo Street and Cunningham Avenue will be affected by the closure.
Detour signs in the area will guide motorists one block up to Brahan Boulevard, where they can take a right turn at Heywood Avenue, then turn left to gain access to Cunningham Avenue and proceed to the ECP. The reverse would be in effect for those leaving through the Cunningham Avenue ECP.

Tech Expo

Date/Time: Jan. 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Fort Sam Houston Community Center
Check out the latest in technology with numerous displays by various vendors.

U.S. Army North IG office moves

Date: effective Feb. 2
Location: Moving to building 199 on Stanley Road
The U.S. Army North Inspector General is moving to a new location in building 199 on Stanley Road.

Love and Logic

Dates/Time: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Building 198, 2270 Stanley Road
This class provides practical techniques and positive parenting tools to help raise responsible children, correct negative behavior and improve parent/child relationships. Best for those who are parenting children up to 9 years old. Call 210-221-1996.

Helping Us Grow Securely (HUGS) playgroup

Date: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Middle School Teen Center, building 2515
This playgroup for infants and toddlers (up to age 5) is open to parents and their children. Registration is not required. For more information, call 210-221-2418.

Post-Deployment Resiliency

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797
Attendees will discuss reintegration back into home life and learn about resources to help with associated stressors. The class will help develop positive relationship skills and build on existing skills. To register, call 210-221-2418.

Medal of Honor story shared at PACE Summit

By Kevin M. Hymel

AIR FORCE MEDICAL OPERATIONS
AGENCY HISTORY OFFICE

Janine Sijan-Rozina shared the story of how her older brother, Air Force Capt. Lance Sijan, earned the Medal of Honor, the country's highest award for valor, for his bravery to an audience of Airmen and Air Force civilians at the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence Summit Dec. 6, 2017, in San Antonio.

Sijan-Rozina described her brother to the audience as her childhood role model, a fighter pilot who managed to avoid enemy capture for over six weeks before becoming a prisoner of war, and a man whose legacy continues today.

Sijan was born in 1942 and grew up in Milwaukee, Wis. He was the oldest of three children to Depression-era parents. He was 12 years older than his sister, Sijan-Rozina.

He was accepted into the Air Force Academy in 1961. Shortly after, he attended pilot training and survival school training.

When Sijan received orders to go to Vietnam, he said goodbye to his sister and told her he would be back. When she looked at him he told her, "I can see the universe in your eyes, and every constellation. I love you."

"I adored him," Sijan-Rozina told the audience.

In Vietnam, Sijan flew an F-4 Phantom aircraft for the 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron. When his friend's aircraft was shot down Nov. 8, 1967, Sijan was selected to replace him as the last fighter of the wing.

Flying out of Da Nang, Sijan's aircraft wing dropped delay-fuse mines on the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos, near the North Vietnamese border. One of Sijan's munitions exploded as he released it, damaging his F-4 Phantom.

Sijan quickly ejected from the aircraft. The rough ejection and landing had ripped off his helmet and knocked him un-



COURTESY OF JANINE SIJAN-ROZINA

As a cadet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., Lance Sijan played football until his senior year, when he left the team to concentrate on his studies.

conscious for a day. When he awoke, Sijan had suffered a skull fracture, a broken right hand and a broken left leg.

Sijan-Rozina told the summit audience a massive rescue mission was launched to search for her brother. Several aircrafts went out on the search and rescue mission, but the planes and helicopters could not find him in the triple-canopy jungle.

When an MH-53 Pave Low helicopter approached the area Sijan laid injured, her brother radioed to them "I see you."

The rescue team offered to drop a Pararescue Airman to the ground to rescue her brother, but Sijan turned them away citing enemy presence around the area and he not wanting to risk the Airman's life. He instead responded to them, "I'll come to you."

Unable to walk, Sijan dragged himself through the jungle on his back to meet his rescuers, but he was too far away to reach them. Nighttime came, enemy fire increased, and the rescue had to be abandoned.

That evening, Sijan took shelter in a cave where he fell and damaged his radio. The rescue team never heard from him again.

With no communications,



AIR FORCE PROFESSION OF ARMS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Janine Sijan-Rozina forms a heart with her hands while standing next to a portrait of her and her brother, Capt. Lance Sijan. The portrait came from a screen capture of 8mm footage filmed during Sijan's Air Force Academy graduation. The artist, Charles Ingram, used the words "thank you" like brush strokes to create the image.

Sijan kept to the military Code of Conduct: a guide consisting of six articles to members of the U.S. Armed Forces, addressing how they should act in combat, when they must evade capture, resist while a prisoner or escape from the enemy.

Sijan crawled over jagged rocks and through the jungle for 46 days. He did not reach a water source until 10 days into journey. North Vietnamese soldiers found him passed out on a road on Christmas day. The once 220-pound fighter pilot weighed only 80 pounds with open sores covering his body.

Sijan-Rozina informed the audience that while her brother was placed in a holding pen, he was able to muster enough strength to motion to the guard to come close to him, at which point her brother karate-chopped him, rendering him unconscious, and escaped. He was eventually caught four hours later by villagers and transported to the Bamboo Prison in the city of Vinh,

along with two other American pilots.

The North Vietnamese captors interrogated and tortured Sijan, but he simply told them, "I can't tell you anything. It's against the code."

The two other pilots, hearing the torture, yelled to Sijan, "You're cleared. Give them something!"

Sijan shouted back, "I can take it, sir."

At some point all three pilots were placed on a flatbed trucks and transported to the Hanoi Hilton.

Sijan-Rozina informed the audience that the interrogations and the torture on her brother continued. They pulled his arms out of his shoulder sockets and tied his wrists to his ankles, leaving him that way for hours. When the pain faded, they untied him, bringing even worse pain to his arms. French-made leg irons intended for smaller Vietnamese prisoners, chewed the flesh off his ankles.

Still, her brother's only an-

swer to his captors' questions was, "I can't tell you anything. It's against the code."

By Jan. 21, 1968, Sijan lost the ability to speak. He developed pneumonia which went untreated. He was reduced to blinking his eyes once or twice to answer yes or no. His last words that day came when he suddenly sat up and called out, "Dad! Dad! Where are you? I need you!"

Sijan died the next day.

The day Sijan died, word of his incredible exploits spread around the POW prison. The American POWs developed a tapping code to communicate to one another and Sijan's story circulated.

Sijan-Rozina told the audience her brother's body was flown back to the United States March 13, 1974. Packed with the coffin was his wooden headstone with his initials, date of his death and two Vietnamese words, which translated to "hero without tears and chains."

Former POWs recommended her brother for the Medal of Honor, which Sijan was awarded.

President Gerald R. Ford presented the award to Sijan's parents March 4, 1976. During the ceremony his family learned, for the first time, of the details of Sijan's last three months.

That same year the family flew to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., where a new dorm was named for her brother.

In 2010, an Air Force representative asked Sijan-Rozina to share her brother's story to a group of Airmen — a story of the man who lived before those lasts three months in the Vietnam, a man who loved life, his family and his fellow Airmen.

"It took me decades to know his story was not about him, but this continuum that we live," Sijan-Rozina told the audience. "He was where he was supposed to be. I am where I am supposed to be."

24th AF participates in Hack the Air Force 2.0

By Trevor Tiernan

24TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Within 30 seconds of receiving the order to “start hacking” researchers at the Hack the Air Force 2.0 event had discovered two vulnerabilities — exactly the result the organizers were hoping for.

The researchers were cyber security specialists invited to an event in New York to identify security gaps in Air Force websites Dec. 9.

Hack the Air Force 2.0 is a continuation of the Hack the Air Force event held June 2017. Initiated by the Defense Digital Service, the event is a by-invitation opportunity for computer experts outside the Air Force to assist in strengthening the service’s defensive cyber posture, by discovering and reporting vulnerabilities in Air Force websites.

DDS contracted HackerOne, an internationally respected vulnerability disclosure and bug bounty company, to host and coordinate the event. 24th Air Force sent a team of Airmen from the 90th, 315th, 352nd and 390th Cyber Operations Squadrons to work alongside their industry counterparts discovering bugs and weaknesses.

“This was a first to showcase our offensive capabilities in an official capacity alongside private and commercial sectors, and international partners,” said Maj. Gen. Christopher Weggeman, 24th Air Force



TREVOR TIERNAN

Maj. Barret Darnell (right), 315th Cyber Operations Squadron, assists local high school students with some “Hacking 101” challenges Dec. 9. HackerOne coordinated with the nonprofit organization Code.org, to invite a group of students to the Hack the Air Force 2.0 event to learn more about computer sciences.

commander. “Not only does this program strengthen those partnerships, it allows the Air Force to both teach and learn from the best and brightest outside of the DOD.”

Even though HackerOne had invited some of the world’s elite hackers to the event, they were surprised to find the Air Force sites were not that easy to crack.

“They were impressed,” said Lt. Col. Jonathan Joshua, 24th Air Force deputy chief of staff. “As a vulnerability was identified, shortly thereafter, hackers

would be attempting to highlight the vulnerability to another team of hackers ... but the vulnerability had already been patched. They’d be trying to grab screen shots to prepare a post-day brief, but they couldn’t because the systems were already healthy.”

The non-Air Force researchers were able to receive cash rewards of up to \$50,000 for each vulnerability they identified under a practice commonly used in private sector known as “Bug Bounties.” Under bounty programs, companies pay so-

called “white hat” hackers a reward for pointing out holes in their security.

“Hack the Air Force allowed us to look outward and leverage the range of talent in our country and partner nations to secure our defenses,” said Peter Kim, Air Force chief information security officer. “We’re greatly expanding on the tremendous success of the first challenge by targeting approximately 300 public facing Air Force websites. The cost-benefit of this partnership in invaluable.”

For Maj. Barrett Darnell, 315th COS, the highlight of the day was the interaction between different groups participating.

“What stood out was seeing private sector, independent bounty hunters and the government all come together to find these vulnerabilities,” he said. “I was amazed at the creativity [of the researchers] with some of these issues that were found. So the best part was seeing all these resources come together to solve security problems.”

In a rapidly and perpetually evolving domain such as cyber, interacting with industry partners is essential for the Air Force to stay on top of its game.

“Our cyber warriors are in the fight every day,” said Weggeman. “Our Airmen operate within Air Force networks and employ offensive and defensive capabilities 24/7 in a highly contested environment where the adversary constantly changes tactics and techniques, creating complex vulnerabilities.

“Participating in the HackerOne hosted ‘hackathon’ allowed our cyber warriors to showcase their immense talent and skills while also learning and strengthening relationships with our partners in industry and other nations,” he continued.

At the close of the event, after 12 hours of hacking the participants had identified multiple vulnerabilities, protected 300 Air Force websites and forged immeasurable new partnerships.

RANDOLPH

A week of healing characterizes Warrior CARE event held at JBSA-Randolph

Tech. Sgt. Brewer shares story, hears journeys of other wounded warriors

By Robert Goetz
502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Seven years after surviving the attack of a gunman who took the lives of two of his security forces Airmen at Frankfurt International Airport in Germany, Tech. Sgt. Trevor Brewer continues his healing process.

But now his road to recovery isn't so lonely.

He was one of more than 150 wounded warriors and their caregivers who bonded as brothers and sisters while participating in Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's third annual Warrior CARE event Jan. 8-12 hosted by the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program.

CARE stands for caregiver support, adaptive and rehabilitative sports, recovering Airmen mentorship program, and employment and career services — which summarizes the range of activities that wounded warriors engage in during the weeklong event.

"We offer this event as a part of their recovery," said Marsha Gonzales, Air Force Personnel Center Warrior CARE branch chief. "We hope they leave here further along in their recovery. We show them what they can do, not what they can't do."

Warriors gain confidence and develop friendships while participating in adaptive and rehabilitative sports, learning ways to achieve employment and career readiness goals, and receiving mentorship training. In addition, their caregivers are provided with the training and support they need.

Some of the warriors who competed in sports will move on to the 2018 Air Force Trials Feb. 23-March 2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, a qualifying event for the 2018 Warrior Games in June.

Warriors at the Warrior CARE event also had an opportunity to find healing in laughter, music and art by engaging in resiliency programs such as "Combat to Comedy," "Rock to Recovery" and "Painting with a Purpose."

"The biggest thing we see is a change in their attitude," said Shawn Spray-



Guest Speaker Tech. Sgt. Trevor Brewer, 72nd Security Forces Squadron assistant flight chief, speaks during the opening ceremony of the 2018 south central Warrior CARE event Jan. 8 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

berry, AFW2 senior communications coordinator. "They're nervous at first, but by the middle of the week they're making friends and coming out of their shells. They realize they're not alone."

Brewer, who serves as 72nd Security Forces Squadron assistant flight chief at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, participated in adaptive and rehabilitative sports, including archery, swimming, and sitting volleyball and basketball, but he also played a role in warrior care by serving as a program ambassador.

During the opening ceremony on the first day of the Warrior CARE event, Brewer told a captive audience the story of the tragedy at the Frankfurt airport, his struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder and his long-delayed participation in the Warrior CARE program.

In March 2011, while awaiting a trip to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and a flight to Southwest Asia, Brewer and a

group of 15 security forces members he was leading were sitting on a bus at the Frankfurt airport when they came under attack from a lone gunman described as having radical Islamic views.

The gunman fatally shot Senior Airman Nicholas Alden outside the bus and continued his attack on the bus, killing the bus driver, Airman 1st Class Zachary Cuddeback, and wounding two others.

"Then the gunman put the gun to my head, pulled the trigger and the gun failed to fire due to a faulty primer," said Brewer, who called the malfunction a rarity comparable to winning the lottery.

After pulling the trigger a few more times without success, the gunman fled the bus with Brewer in pursuit. The chase ended inside the airport

WARRIOR CARE EVENT continues on 18



PHOTOS BY SEAN WORRELL

Retired Staff Sgt. Anthony Pearson sings the national anthem Jan. 8 during the opening ceremony of the 2018 south central Warrior CARE event at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Patrick to receive Order of the Sword honor

By Master Sgt. Joshua Strang

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Retired Maj. Gen. Leonard Patrick has been selected to receive the Order of the Sword honor during a ceremony Feb. 9 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Patrick served for 35 years and his final assignment was as Air Education and Training Command vice commander before retiring from active duty, Sept. 1, 2016.

According to Air Force instruction, “the Order of the Sword was established by the Air Force enlisted force to recognize and honor military senior officers, colonel or above, and civilian equivalents, for conspicuous and significant contributions to the welfare and prestige of the Air Force enlisted force, mission effectiveness as well as the overall military

establishment.”

The Order of the Sword ceremony traces its lineage to Sweden and the Middle Ages. In 1522, King Gustavus the First of Sweden enjoined the noblemen commissioned by him to appoint officers to serve him. Those appointed were the accountants, builders, craftsmen, teachers, scribes, and others responsible for conducting the ordinary daily affairs of the kingdom. The system worked so well it was incorporated into the Swedish army as a way to establish and maintain a cohesive, disciplined, well-trained force for protection of lives and property in the kingdom.

These noncommissioned officers would honor their leader and pledge their loyalty by ceremoniously presenting him with a sword. The sword, a symbol of truth, justice and power rightfully used, served as a token for all to see and

know that here was a leader among leaders. This ceremony became known as the Royal Order of the Sword. It was passed on through the ages, coming to the United States about the time of the Revolutionary War.

The practice of awarding a sword lay dormant for many years. The only known instance of its use was in the 1860s when confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was presented a sword by his command. The Royal Order of the Sword ceremony was revised, updated, and adopted by the NCOs of the United States Air Force in 1967. The Order of the Sword is the highest honor and tribute the enlisted corps can bestow upon an individual.

Historical background information was taken from Air Force Instruction 36-2824 – Order of the Sword Programs.



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Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Leonard Patrick

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when German police apprehended the gunman.

Brewer described the impact of the attack on his life.

“Personally, it was something that devoured my life initially,” he said. “It was the only thing I could think about.”

Brewer struggled with nightmares, sleep issues, hypervigilance, anger, survivor’s guilt and depression. He was diagnosed with PTSD, was automatically enrolled in the AFW2 program and sought counseling, but it took him many years to sign up for Warrior CARE.

“I knew about this program for a long time, but I didn’t feel like I needed to be a part of it or that I belonged,” he said. “I didn’t feel I was qualified in terms of what I thought a wounded warrior was.”

However, a retired security forces member Brewer described as a trusted friend encouraged him to join the program. He volunteered for the Warrior CARE event as a mentor and ambassador at Joint Base Andrews two months ago.

“I still struggle to this day with PTSD, but the last Air Force Wounded

Warrior CARE event lifted a tremendous weight from my shoulders and it changed my view on life forever,” Brewer said.

“Talking with other Wounded Warriors was a humbling and eye-opening experience.”

Serving as an ambassador has allowed Brewer to tell his story and hear the stories of other wounded warriors, which all contribute to the healing process.

“People say it’s helpful for them to hear my story,” he said. “It’s so helpful for me to hear theirs. I am so absolutely humbled and I know that I’m not alone.”

“These are guys that have been injured in combat and are missing arms and legs,” he said. “For them to say I belong here, it felt great and it feels awesome to become part of that kind of family.”

Brewer said the Warrior CARE event enables him to see the healing process unfold.

“This program opens up avenues and they make connections,” he said. “I see people healing every time I come to these events. This is only my second event and I’ve seen so many people heal in just the last few days.”

“I’ve made such good friends, I’ve had such good times, I’ve made memories that will last forever and it’s just been a great experience, to put all of it into words.”



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Tech. Sgt. Trevor Brewer (right), 72nd Security Forces Squadron assistant flight chief, greets Chuck Gafford as they play wheelchair basketball during the Air Force Wounded Warrior event at Jan. 12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

RANDOLPH BRIEFS

Flu shots available

The JBSA-Randolph Clinic is now offering flu vaccines for all TRICARE beneficiaries, age six months and older, at the Immunizations Clinic 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Patients must have a valid ID to get a vaccine.

Changes to VCC hours of operation

Starting Dec. 15, the JBSA-Randolph Visitor Control Center, or VCC, will modify hours of operation and be closed on Saturdays. Base passes can be issued at the main gate with a sponsor present after hours. The new hours of operation will be:

Monday through Friday: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed
Holidays and Family Days: Closed

Post-Deployment Reintegration

Date/Time: Tuesdays, 8-9 a.m.

Location: Military & Family Readiness Center, building 693

All military members returning from a deployment are required to attend this briefing. This training reviews reintegration into home life and provides resources to deal with associated stressors. Military spouses are encouraged to attend. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Walk-In Support Group for Separation & Divorce

Date/Time: Thursdays, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Location: M&FRC, building 693

This support group is open to military and family members dealing with a separation or divorce. Call 210-627-1223 or 834-6904 for details or to set up a one-on-one appointment.

Tech Expo

Date/Time: Jan. 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Parr O' Club

Future innovations will be the focus of JBSA-Randolph's 2018 Tech Expo.

Those interested in attending can register at www.federalevents.com/randolph.

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year Awards

Joint Base San Antonio Military & Family Readiness Centers are accepting nominations for awards that recognize the contributions of outstanding volunteers within the JBSA community. Military units and volunteer organizations can submit nominations of individuals for recognition. Award nomination instructions and forms can be downloaded at <http://www.jbsa.mil/Resources/Military-Family-Readiness/Volunteer-Resources/>.

Nominations should be submitted electronically to the e-mail address indicated on the forms. Deadline to submit an awards nomination is Feb. 23.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards recognize individuals who contributed their time and service to JBSA units and volunteer organizations in 2017. Individuals who are eligible for this award are active-duty, military family members, military retirees, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and non-military affiliated volunteers. The Volunteer Excellence Award honors federal civilians, military family members, military retirees and federal retirees of all branches who have dedicated a lifetime to community service.

For details about the workshops and the JBSA Volunteer Awards, contact M&FRC volunteer offices at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 210-221-2705; JBSA-Lackland, 210-671-3722; or JBSA-Randolph, 210-652-5321.