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U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson (right), Regional Health Command-Central commanding general, presents the guidon to U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Wendy L. Harter (left), Brooke Army Medical Center commanding general, during the BAMC change of command ceremony July 16 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

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Air Force chief of staff stresses multi-domain operations

By Charles Pope

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein urged fellow air chiefs from 39 nations to fully embrace, institute and refine a warfighting approach that links air, sea, land, space, cyber and information assets in a powerful system for identifying threats and defeating them.

The complex effort, known as multi-domain operations or MDO, “will change the character of modern warfare” Goldfein said in a closely scrutinized keynote address at the Air and Space Power Conference 2019 in London July 18.

“Where we are going is using dominance in one domain or many, blending a few capabilities or many, to produce multiple dilemmas for our adversaries in a way that will overwhelm them,” Goldfein said.

While the concept appears straightforward, putting it into practice is not. The technical challenges require linking systems to collect vast amounts of data from an array of sensors from the various domains in a way the information can be assessed, understood and transmitted quickly to commanders and combatants to produce correct, coordinated, successful actions.

It requires instilling a new culture that moves thinking away from a single “platform” to using a highly connected, agile and resilient system. It refines the familiar command chain to use more

heavily artificial intelligence and machine learning that yields better options faster. As Goldfein explained in his appearance to the air chiefs, it means creating a system where “people are on the loop, not in the loop.”

“Where we are going, I believe, will change the character of modern warfare,” he said.

For the most part, Goldfein’s remarks fell on a receptive audience. The conference, which is one of the most influential air power gatherings each year, attracted more than 40 air chiefs from around the world. Many of those nations are moving to install a multi-domain approach, which explains why the conference focus was “Multi-Domain Operations for the Next Generation Air Force.”

Underpinning Goldfein’s focus on multi-domain operations is his belief — commonly and often expressed for more than a year — that modern warfare and tactics are as much about “cognition” as distinct weapon systems.

“Our nations are investing in a wide array of technologies which will play key roles in how we advance our combat capabilities, but modernization is not defined solely by hardware; it requires change in the ways we organize and employ forces,” he said.

“Victory in combat will depend less on individual capabilities and more on the integrated strengths of a connected network of weapons, sensors and analytic tools. This is important because as air

component commanders of the world, we are uniquely positioned to integrate capabilities and we are often the ones who must pull it all together,” he said.

With broad agreement on the importance of MDO, Goldfein used his speech to identify specific steps the United States Air Force has taken to establish the programs.

“I can report to you today that the U.S. Air Force has made some progress,” he said.

The U.S. Air Force, he said, created a new officer career field “focused on multi-domain command and control” and how that connects to operational warfare.

The Air Force has established a “shadow” operations center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, that offers the ability to “exercise and experiment” with multi-domain warfighting concepts. Those two steps will refine the operation, identify important problems and, perhaps most importantly, provide a clear and tangible signal of the new, and necessary, culture.

The Air Force has developed a warfighting integration capability in the Pentagon “to help design a future MDO force and make the hard choices about future investments.”

Overarching all of it, Goldfein said, is an understanding decisions ahead must “go beyond tradeoffs between platforms, sensors and weapons ... and instead build integrated systems that allow us to close kill chains at a speed our adversaries can never counter.”

DOD delays Post 9/11 GI Bill changes

By Staff Sgt. Courtney Dotson-Essett

434TH AERIAL REFUELING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Defense delayed the implementation of a policy that would limit a service member’s ability to share education benefits with family members.

The policy, originally slated to take effect July 12, discontinues the transfer benefit for members with 16 years or more of service.

The implementation has been delayed until January 12, 2020, giving long-serving members more time to transfer their

education benefits to spouses or dependents.

Currently, members who serve a minimum of six years and commit to serving another four years can transfer their education benefits to dependents.

Those who agree to four additional years but who are unable to complete them because of a service-connected injury, medical discharge or receive a waiver can also keep their transfer benefits.

If a service member has more than 16 years of service after January 12, 2020, he or she will not be able to transfer GI bill

benefits.

Purple Heart recipients will be able to transfer any unused benefits regardless of years of service.

“This extension will be significant for our Airmen, or any service member, with longer careers,” said Senior Master Sgt. Adam Oswalt, 434th Air Refueling Wing training technician. “It gives them more time to make an informed decision or start the transfer process.”

To learn more about education benefits, visit: <https://www.va.gov/education/>.

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Feedback Fridays

By Brig. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman
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Feedback Fridays is a weekly forum that aims to connect the 502d Air Base Wing with members of the Joint Base San Antonio community. Questions are collected during commander's calls, town hall meetings and throughout the week.

If you have a question or concern, please send an email to RandolphPublicAffairs@us.af.mil using the subject line "Feedback Fridays." Questions will be further researched and published as information becomes available.

Personnel Issues

Q. I was under the impression that part of the joint basing objective was to provide the same services and/or the main services at each main location for military, family members and Department of Defense members.

Why did the 502nd Comptroller Squadron remove Defense Travel System, or DTS, services from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Randolph? There are no DTS lead defense travel administrators, or LDTAs, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Randolph to assist the Organizational Defense Travel Administrators, or ODTAs, military, and DOD members. There used to be one at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, but they removed the person and sent them to JBSA-Lackland.

As the ODTAs, we are supposed to contact them for assistance prior to calling the DTS helpdesk. The 502nd CPTS LDTAs wants you to just use their workflow box, which I do, but some questions are simple and need an immediate answer.

The majority of the time, I just send a ticket to the DTS helpdesk because I can get an answer from them faster than from my local office but when I do call the JBSA-Lackland office the line just rings, and I let it ring until I'm automatically disconnected. If I can't reach them after several attempts, I call one of my colleagues and ask them to walk up to their office for an answer to my situation.

This is the second time I am submitting this issue (first time through ICE). Please place at least one DTS LDTA or have a military member that

can provide the same service of the LDTA at each location. Thank you for your consideration.

A. Thank you very much for your question. Our intent is to provide a world class customer service experience to every customer and we depend on honest feedback to identify opportunities for improvement. While we can't address specifics to your scenario in this forum, we want you and all customers to know that ICE surveys are the perfect way to identify both positive attributes and improvement areas.

If you request a response, our staff will analyze the unique situation and respond in kind.

Now back to the issue. We have several challenges when it comes to timeliness: voucher volume (30,000 vouchers year), internal manpower fluctuations (compounded by separation of duties requirements), network downtime and customer education, just to name a few.

As you can imagine, a backlog of vouchers compounds all other issues because the same individuals who process vouchers also respond to customer inquiries. Traditionally, we have addressed these challenges by surging manpower, increasing duty hours, and realigning personnel to meet demand (when manpower is available).

The root cause is actually something that you have accurately depicted ... obtaining accurate and complete data from the customer on the first try. Quite simply, DTS vouchers take so long, because approximately 85 percent of the vouchers are returned for corrections.

Those returned vouchers create wasted process time because the voucher often remains stagnant before being readdressed by the customer, then waits in line behind all the vouchers finance has received since it was last touched.

So what does all this mean and what are we doing about it? It means we need to do a better job of providing training tools to DTS users and ODTAs. We're currently developing a customer facing, but ODTA-focused, SharePoint site that provides training curriculum necessary to assist customers in providing accurate vouchers on the front end, thereby, decreasing processing time, improving customer experience and bolstering Airman and Joint Partner readiness.

It'll take more than just a providing



SharePoint site, and our team will be conducting assistance visits with ODTAs to improve the disbursed skill sets necessary to serve our distributed population. Every player in the DTS/Travel process has a role to play in system success.

While it won't be immediate, with training and collaborative effort from each person in the process, we will remedy travel voucher delays. Thanks again for your question and the opportunity to respond. A link to ICE can be found at <https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=109438>.

Installation & Facilities

Q. My family and I decided to go to JBSA-Canyon Lake on the military side and noticed that they never seem to have handicap portable latrines for those with wheel chairs. The regular portable latrines are not wide enough to accommodate a wheel chair even for a child.

A. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I really appreciate it.

This is an oversight on our part which we can easily correct. JBSA-Canyon Lake management is coordinating with the Civil Engineers to provide handicap accessible port-a-lets to the recreational park as soon as possible.

I believe during your next experience out at JBSA-Canyon Lake, you will find that we better support you and your family with accessible restroom options.

Q. Why is the JBSA-Randolph pool not handicap friendly?

A. Thank you for your question as we strive to make all facilities inclusive to all customers. At JBSA-Randolph, both swim pools have operational chair lifts that will support customers who need

physical assistance getting in and out of the water. The lifeguards are trained to use the lift and will assist anyone with the process to enter and exit out the pool.

This question has sparked some additional concerns about making the entire area more accessible; therefore, the 502nd Force Support Squadron and CES will ensure they conduct a full review and initiate necessary improvements to ensure these recreational area are handicapped accessible.

Q. The handicapped stall in the men's restroom of building 1052 at JBSA-Lackland has been out of order for more than six months. I have pinged our ranking facilities person twice with limited response. CE work orders changed to a new system and are backed up.

I suffered an injury downrange that effected my lower back, wherein at times, I cannot stand up without assistance. Today I was stuck in the restroom again, unable to raise myself.

We do have a private restroom, however, in this day and age of technology it presents itself with a great place to watch TV and play games.

A. Thank you very much for bringing this issue to light. I sincerely apologize for the time it's taken for us to repair the handicap accessible bathroom stall in your building and the physically challenges it's caused you and others in your building.

The good news is that the toilet is now repaired; however, we need to do better. Generally, when a single toilet goes down in a multi-stall restroom the work

One World Terrain to allow Soldiers to train anywhere

By Joe Lacdan

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Carrying only a backpack and a drone, Soldiers could capture and eventually re-create entire sections of forests and steep mountains.

They can map 3D data from the rough, dry wasteland of the Mohave Desert, the dense rain forests of Hawaii or the rocky, hilly landscape of woodlands. They can even replicate the detail of a bustling metropolis.

And with this data, they can capture intricate details down to the species of trees. That data will be optimized and aggregated with data from other geospatial sensors to build a digital environment Soldiers could use to train for war or duplicate an operational battlefield.

A tedious process that once took weeks can now be achieved in three hours: within that time, Soldiers can fly a drone within a one-square kilometer area and visualize the environment in 3D run-time.

Wherever Soldiers wish to hone skills or where commanders choose to send them, Soldiers will soon have the capability to simulate that environment at their home stations.

“One of the things we identified early on was the existing systems often require that you bring several Soldiers to a central location to get training,” said Col. Marcus Varnadore, project manager for the Synthetic Training Environment Cross-Functional Team. “So what we’ve challenged industry with is creating systems that can actually go to the point of need; go to where the Soldier is actually training, potentially at their home-station location or even a deployed location.”

One World Terrain, a pillar of the Army’s synthetic training environment, will give Soldiers a tool that could improve readiness by providing training in an accurate, realistic representations of theater environments. It would help achieve the vision of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley and Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper to build a more lethal force, by providing Soldiers skills at a more frenetic pace.

“It’s rapidly expediting the capability of being able to capture the terrain and creating the terrain environment,” said Kyle McCullough, lead researcher at the Institute for Creative Technologies at the University of Southern California. The



JOE LACDAN

Austin Drexler (right), researcher at the Institute for Creative Technology in Los Angeles, assists Maj. Gen. John George, Army Futures and Concepts Center deputy director, use special interactive goggles to view One World Terrain 3D interactive simulation data.

ICT works in conjunction with the Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center to research and develop immersive technology advancing realistic, synthetic human experiences.

The capability is being developed at an opportune time in the Army, as the service prepares for possible large-scale ground-combat in environments that contrast starkly with the close quarter counter-insurgency operations in the Middle East. Soldiers soon must prepare to battle in forested areas and massive urban centers.

The technology will also be used to eventually help Soldiers on the front lines map terrain on the battlefield. While connected to command and control systems on the battlefield, they will be able to receive rapid updates provided by the OWT program.

“You won’t have to rely on pre-existing data or possibly older data,” McCullough said. “You can get brand new data when you’re actually in a deployed environment, and so a commander would have access to the latest state of a battlespace.”

The Army expects to reach initial operating capability for OWT by the end of fiscal year 2021 and full operational capability in fiscal 2023. Earlier this month, the Army awarded a contract to build an OWT prototype to Virginia-based developer Vricon.

The cross-functional team assigned to develop the technology has CFT members collocated with the Program

Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation in its home base at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and here in the ICT.

Tucked in a budding technology park in western Los Angeles, Army ICT researchers have been working on the finer points of the program, including how to transmit the data over a secure connection efficiently.

OWT data collection and processing can be broken into phases.

In the collection phase, a Soldier uses a backpack kit that contains a tablet that runs on special software. Soldiers must simply find the area of environment where they wish to train. The kits have been distributed to 200 Marine Corps units, and some units within the Army and Navy.

Once they define the area they wish to train, they use the tablet to draw an extension point on a map. The drone will automatically hover over the area and begin the data collection process. Army units can collect data not just for training but for intel purposes and battlefield planning.

“Whether it’s an area that they want to train on, an area that they want to plan on, an area that they just want better ... cognizant awareness of, it can apply to anything like that,” McCullough said.

The user collects data from multiple sources including still images and underwater topography.

Then the users begin the data

processing phase, where they transform the collected data into information that can be used in a simulation. The process includes dividing the data into categories such as road surfaces, structures and vegetation.

In the third phase, data must be stored securely in a repository and then optimized for distribution to locations where Soldiers require the data — at a forward-deployed location or at their home installation.

In the fourth phase the developers have run into a difficult obstacle, as rapid delivery of data has proven to be challenging. Soldiers in deployed locations often do not have access to a reliable internet connection, which could further delay the data transfer.

“We’re able to process very efficiently, fully automated with very little human intervention,” McCullough said. “Some of that data can be gigs to tens of gigs in size. The biggest hurdle that we’re facing actually getting this into a higher level of operability, is actually figuring out how to distribute that data efficiently.”

In the fifth and final phase the Soldiers apply and use the data in their training using lightweight virtual reality goggles that transmit the live 3D map allowing them to interact with the simulated 3D environment.

“It’s one thing to have a whole bunch of data,” said David Krumb, associate director of the ICT’s mixed reality laboratory. “It’s another thing to be able to understand what that data means and employ it in a simulation.”

The data has already been used by units at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. The NTC offers Soldiers a wealth of data collection from its desert environments to unique independent facilities.

The researchers said Soldiers who have tested the One World Terrain have responded positively. Some have even requested to use the kit to map their home installations.

“A lot of the Soldiers really enjoy it,” McCullough said. “They enjoy the ease of it, and they enjoy how quickly they’re actually able to turn around the data.”

By the time the service achieves FOC for One World Terrain, it plans to also support training in the synthetic training environment across each of its six warfighting functions: mission command, movement and maneuver, intelligence, fires, sustainment and protection.

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is scheduled for routine repair which can sometimes take time to accomplish. However, when it is a handicap accessible stall, CE will classify the work as emergency or urgent due to the immediate impact on users.

In this instance, the handicap concern was not initially identified or recognized as a factor. Once this element was brought to light, CE responded and identified the issue as a leaking flush valve. They completed the repair and then followed up with the facility manager to close out.

In order to reduce the chances of this reoccurring, CE will highlight the issue during their facility manager training to ensure ADA concerns are elevated, as well as ensure that CE Customer Service reps ask the question if not stated up front.

Additionally, CE is working on a number of initiatives to help increase their workforce capacity and therefore improve service to our customers. The new system you referenced in your question, TRIRIGA, is just one of those initiatives, though it is recognized that it has created some interim challenges as all new systems generally do.

Miscellaneous

Q. I have gone to many JBSA events/ceremonies where the Army song, Navy song and the Air Force song are always played.

There are several Marines stationed at JBSA, and there are numerous retired Marines who are now civilians working throughout JBSA. Is it possible when the services songs are played at JBSA events/ceremonies that the Marine's Hymn is also included? Or, maybe the Armed Forces medley be played?

A. Thank you for your question regarding the playing of service songs at various events and ceremonies across JBSA.

We value the service of the men and women across all of our branches of military. We will work with our team and our mission partners to ensure we're recognizing all of the services represented across JBSA as often as possible.

Of note, when the Air Force Band of the West performs the service songs, it is the band's standard practice to perform all service songs at community events: "The Army Goes Rolling Along"; "The Marine's Hymn"; "Anchor's

Aweigh"; "The U.S. Air Force Song"; and Coast Guard "Semper Paratus."

Additionally, when performing specifically for veteran's events, we will perform the official song of the U.S. Merchant Marine, "Heave Ho! My Lads, Heave Ho!"

When performing in a ceremonial function, such as a change of command or a retirement, the service songs performed are determined by the service involvement in the ceremony and the proper protocol recognizing those represented.

For the joint environment that we are accustomed to across JBSA, Army Regulation AR220-90 is our guidance for ceremonial musical support.

Q. Last Friday, I attended the Basic Military Training graduation ceremony at JBSA-Lackland with former co-workers from my Air Force career. They brought families to visit and cherish the memories and ceremonies of Lackland Air Force Base.

After the ceremony, we walked around to the dorms on the Valley Hi gate area. The question was asked by my friends pertaining to why there are 13 portable latrines assigned to the dorms, including other BMT buildings.

They commented about what's happening to our young Airmen today and expressed their feeling of past histories when they graduated from those buildings. He said, there were no portable latrines when they were assigned to BMT – Airmen had time to go inside to use the facilities.

A. Thank you to you and your friends for your service and for supporting BMT graduation events. JBSA-Lackland has a rich history, and I'm happy you were able to visit the campus.

We spoke with our partners in the 37th Training Wing regarding the portable latrines near the BMT Recruit Housing and Training Complexes, and we learned they are placed there for use by trainees during PT or during parade practice on Saturdays. During PT on the PT pad, if a trainee needs to use the restroom, the portable latrines afford them the opportunity without having to go back to the dorms.

In the training environment, it is a real timesaver to allow our trainees to use the facilities at the area where they are training as opposed to taking 15 minutes to use the facilities inside of their dorm. With 41,000 trainees assessed every year, the time savings really adds up. Thank you again for your question and thank you especially for your service.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

BAMC welcomes first woman commander

By Robert A. Whetstone

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Brooke Army Medical Center experienced a unique “first” during the change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston July 16. Brig. Gen. George Appenzeller relinquished command to Brig. Gen. Wendy L. Harter, making her the first woman to command BAMC in its storied history.

History within military units often goes unnoticed unless passed on by word of mouth. Being the first woman to command BAMC is no secret in the medical community, and it is significant to Harter personally and professionally.

“It is an honor, but just as importantly, it allows others to see themselves and opportunities for their future,” Harter said. “Diversity is the strength of our Army and military. Everyone brings unique skills and dedication to the fight to contribute to BAMC’s success, and everyone has a leadership role. Being the first woman is historic for all.”

The officiating officer for the ceremony was Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, Regional Health Command-Central commander. Johnson added another unique aspect to the event. It was just 14 months ago that Johnson relinquished command of BAMC to Appenzeller. Later in the same day, Johnson and Appenzeller once again changed commands with Appenzeller taking over RHCC-C. Johnson’s next assignment is yet to be determined.

Johnson recognized the 8,500-strong BAMC staff consisting of military, civilians, contractors and volunteers as



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From left: U.S. Army Brig. Gen. George Appenzeller, outgoing Brooke Army Medical Center commanding general; Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, Regional Health Command-Central commanding general; and Brig. Gen. Wendy L. Harter, incoming BAMC commanding general, look on during the BAMC change of command ceremony July 16 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

being a compassionate team that supports and serves 250,000 beneficiaries in Military City USA.

“The hard work that you completed to form an integrated health system, already sounds like the model we are moving toward with the Defense Health Agency,” Johnson stated.

Johnson listed a number of accomplishments achieved during Appenzeller’s tenure as BAMC’s commander, and he also welcomed Harter as the right leader at the right time.

One of those accomplishments was BAMC recently earning the Joint Commission Gold Seal of approval. It is only one of many achievements the organization

has worked diligently to maintain as the standard for safe, quality healthcare and a success shared by the entire BAMC family.

Appenzeller told the crowd that BAMC is the Department of Defense’s premier joint live fire complex. “What you are going to see (at BAMC) are service members exercising every medical battlefield operating system in a phenomenal way,” Appenzeller said. “This team you (Harter) are going to lead is the best at creating ready medical forces, creating ready medics and training medicine. You are not going to find a better group; and you’re going to do it in a city that is more dedicated to taking

care of service members than any I’ve ever seen.”

“Standards” was one of the overarching themes of the remarks given during the ceremony.

“As I walk around BAMC, the culture is one of a professional family committed to our mission, action oriented and standards based,” Harter said.

Gen. David Hurley, former Chief of the Australian Defence Force and current Governor-General of Australia, once said, “The standard you walk past is the standard you accept.” Harter talked about the importance standards play for organizations like BAMC.

“We will remain a standards-based organization,

“BAMC is truly the pinnacle of military healthcare and a producer of ready medical forces for the Department of Defense.”

Brig. Gen. Wendy L. Harter,
Brooke Army Medical Center
commander

transparent and introspective, and will sustain the world-class healthcare our beneficiaries enjoy today throughout this time of transition,” Harter said. “The Defense Health Agency has the same goals, quality care, education and Joint Commission standard that is the pillar for all.”

Harter said she was humbled and deeply honored to join BAMC’s exceptional team. BAMC operates the only Level I trauma center in the Department of Defense, with cutting-edge research, education, warrior and family care, and training programs.

“BAMC is truly the pinnacle of military healthcare and a producer of ready medical forces for the Department of Defense,” Harter said. “The world remains a dynamic place and BAMC will continue as the cornerstone of global medical readiness providing critical capabilities for our nation.”

Free school supplies available at Back to School Bash

By David DeKunder

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Children and families can get ready for the start of the school year by getting free school supplies and enjoying free beverages, activities and music at the Back to School Bash from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 3 at the W. Ed Parker Youth Center, building 1630, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The event is open to children of service members, military retirees, government civilians and Department of Defense ID cardholders and is organized by JBSA Community Programs.

"It's really a fun event for children and families to gear up and get ready to go back to school," said Katy Taylor, JBSA Community Programs and Partnership specialist. "It is a way for us to give back to our community and a way for us to provide scholastic provisions



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for families."

Schoolchildren in grades kindergarten through eighth will be eligible to receive free school supplies from JBSA Community Programs. The school supplies will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Children of contractors are not eligible.

Water will be provided for

event attendees. Starbucks is donating free tea and coffee and free sandwiches will be provided by Jimmy John's. Two food trucks will be on site to provide frozen treats for purchase, ranging from \$2 to \$10.

Taylor said the school supplies that will be given out at the event are donated from

various JBSA organizations and units, including the USO, JBSA Military & Family Readiness Centers, the JBSA Child and Youth Services School Liaison Office, JBSA Fire Emergency Services and the JBSA Safety Office.

She said the school supplies that will be handed out to the children are from the required supply lists of several area school districts provided to JBSA Community Programs. Children and parents are asked to bring a bag to pick up and collect school supplies they need.

Parents can pick up school supplies for children who will not be present by presenting their child's Department of Defense ID card, a report card or a school registration form for the upcoming school year.

Activities at the Back to School Bash include an appearance from the San Antonio Spurs Coyote, a

display by LEGOLAND Discovery Center San Antonio, inflatable jump houses, a dunking booth and music provided by a DJ.

In addition, reusable grocery bags will be provided by Natural Grocers.

Because of the heat that will be expected at the event, Taylor said attendees should bring water and wear comfortable clothes as they wait in line to collect the school supplies.

The Back to School Bash has been held for the last 10 years. During last year's event, 800 attendees, including children and parents, received free school supplies.

JBSA Community Programs is still accepting donations for school supplies for the Back to School Bash. JBSA organizations, units or individuals who want to donate school supplies can contact JBSA Community Programs at 210-652-5763.

Medical professionals change command at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Jose E. Rodriguez

HEALTH READINESS CENTER OF
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Army Col. Shannon N. Shaw accepted the unit colors entrusted to her by Maj. Gen. Patrick D. Sargent, commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Health Readiness Center of Excellence, in a change of command ceremony for the Medical Professional Training Brigade, or MPTB, at a ceremony held at the AMEDD Museum July 16.

Shaw comes to the HRCoE after completing the U.S. Army War College and has served in numerous leadership positions at every level in her career.

Shaw assumes command from Col. Shauna L. Snyder, who has commanded the MPTB since 2017 and was only the second commander of the brigade. Formerly called the Academy Brigade (Provisional), the MPTB became fully operational on June 1, 2017. Snyder will move to a new position within the HRCoE as Chief of the Professional Education and Training Department.

A diverse brigade, with a cadre of more than 700 active duty and civilian personnel, the MPTB consists of the 187th Medical Battalion and 188th Medical Battalion. The MPTB is responsible for the School of Leadership, the Graduate

School, the Center for Prehospital Medicine, the AMEDD Student Detachment, the School of Health Readiness, the School of Allied Health Services, the School of Nursing Science and the School of Army Aviation Medicine Detachment.

Sargent spoke of Snyder's many accomplishments during her time in command while leading such a multi-dimensional organization.

"Shauna, you and your team, have done exceedingly well and have set the Army Department on a course and path for success in the future."

Snyder will be remembered for envisioning and spearheading efforts to increase rigor in professional military education courses for both officer and enlisted training and enabling the Leader Training Center to develop Captains Career Course curriculum to meet U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command standards. She also



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Col. Shannon N. Shaw (left), incoming commander Medical Professional Training Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, accepts the unit colors from Maj. Gen. Patrick D. Sargent (right), commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Health Readiness Center of Excellence, as she assumes command of the brigade July 16.

improved medical readiness for the brigade by over six percent and executed pre-deployment certification training for the Expeditionary Resuscitative Surgical Team-Africa.

"Shauna, I am proud of your tenure in command," Sargent

added. "Shannon, as you take Shauna's place in the arena, you have my complete trust and confidence. I look forward to witnessing you and your brigade excel in accomplishing your noble mission of training our medical force."

Navy Recruiting District SA hosts educators, counselors

By Burrell Parmer

NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Navy Awareness is an important element in recruiting America's best and brightest for naval service. To assist the recruiting effort in Central and South Texas, eight educators and counselors, along with support personnel from Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, visited naval commands in support of an Educator Orientation Visit, or EOY, July 8-12.

The EOY is a Navy Recruiting Command, or NRC, program with a main focus of showing educators the various facets of America's Navy and the many career paths available to students.

According to Joseph Grote, a counselor with Poteet High School in Poteet, Texas, the EOY experience was a great opportunity to learn about the Navy and military overall.

"I learned about military culture, ranks and the traditions of the Navy," Grote said. "In addition, I learned about the career opportunities and jobs in the military. It was amazing to see all the opportunities from healthcare jobs, to computer information systems, engineering, mechanics, advanced manufacturing and so many other jobs that many would not think are offered through the Navy."

Additionally, Grote stated that he was unaware of the civilian and contract personnel which augment the Sailors in their missions.

The group visited Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron SIX (HSC 6), USS Alexandria (SSN 757), USS Fort Worth (LCS 3), Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewmen (SWCC) Training Center, Naval Medical Center San Diego, Pacific Beacon Housing, the Fleet Readiness Center, and the Navy's Undersea Rescue Command, among others.

The highlight of the EOY was

Grote was touring the submarine and listening to the stories of the Sailors about their careers and lives in the Navy.

"I never knew the type of submarines that are out patrolling the seas and their various missions," Grote said. "The skill set that each Sailor has to have in order to operate the submarine was amazing. They are a very tight community and very passionate about their job duties."

Grote highly recommend other educators and counselors attend the annual EOY.

"My experience of being on the EOY will definitely help me with answering questions that our high school students have about the military and will help me better guide them in making a decision on joining," Grote said. "It will also help me better educate them on when to join and in explaining all the benefits the military has to offer them."

According to NRD commanding officer, Cmdr. Nicholas Gamiz, the EOY participants came into the week with varying perspectives about the Navy, most of which were based on anecdotal stories.

"Our guests left with a greater appreciation for the remarkable Sailors they met, the level of professionalism exhibited, and the large breadth of mission areas the Navy covers, Gamiz said, who assumed command of NRD San Antonio in June. "As the EOY participants take this perspective back to their schools, they will undoubtedly generate a more positive community opinion of the Navy and those who choose to serve."

The schools represented included Waco High School, Poteet High School, Eastside Memorial Early College High School, Bandera High School, Winston Churchill High School, Wagner High School,



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Central and South Texas educators and counselors, along with support personnel from Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, toured the Freedom-class littoral combat ship, USS FORT WORTH (LCS 3) during the NRD's annual Educator Orientation Visit July 11.

Midway High School and Baylor University.

"The investment into this program will reap great rewards for years to come, and the Navy should continue to commit resources to enhancing community relations in this way," Gamiz said.

NRD San Antonio's area of responsibility includes more than 34 Navy Recruiting Stations and Navy Officer Recruiting Stations spread throughout 144,000 square miles of Central and South Texas territory.

NRC consists of a command headquarters, three Navy Recruiting Regions, 18 Navy Recruiting Districts and eight Navy Talent Acquisition Groups that serve more than 1,330 recruiting stations across the world. Their combined goal is to attract the highest quality candidates to assure the ongoing success of America's Navy.



Joseph Grote, a counselor with Poteet High School in Poteet, Texas, had the opportunity to use the Symbion Branch Mentor Trainer in the Medical-Surgical Simulation Center at Naval Medical Center San Diego during Navy Recruiting District San Antonio's Educator Orientation Visit July 9.



Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Monthly Events

August

Aquatics

Patrons compete in a triathlon

The August triathlon is the Sprint Triathlon and includes a 400-meter swim, 15-mile bike and a three-mile run. The cost for each triathlon is \$20 per person and the registration deadline is July 10 and August 8 respectively. Individuals or teams can participate. Packet pickup begins at 5:30 a.m. on race day. For more information, call 210-221-4887.

Dive in movie night offered

Bring the family for a fun night floating in the pool and watching family friendly movies at the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Pool Tuesdays, 7:30-10 p.m. Participants need to bring their own clear colored tubes. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 10 years and younger and free for season pass holders. For more information, call 210-671-3445.

Volleyball is played Thursday nights

Join the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Pool Thursdays, 7:30-10 p.m., in the pool for pick-up water volleyball games. Balls are available at the pool. There are no referees, so please play fair and when forming teams, make sure everyone that has come to play has a chance and both sides have a mix of all ages. If there are a lot of people, the winning team stays on after each game. For more information, call 210-671-3445.

Bowling

Fall leagues begin

Sign up for a fall bowling league at the JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center beginning August 1. Information about the different leagues and times is available at the front desk of the bowling center. For more information, call 210-671-1234.

Get ready for the fall league season and sign up for a weekly league at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center. Leagues include Sunday First Nighters, 900 Global Monday Mayham, Tuesday Ladies Early Birds, Tuesday Night Mixed Doubles, Wednesday ROWL Ladies, Wednesday Vince Best Memorial, Thursday Morning Ladies, Thursday Night Mixed, Friday Pioneer Senior League, Friday Night Mixed and Saturday Ben Friedli Youth Memorial League. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

League bowlers are welcomed back

Tune up your game for falls leagues at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center August 19-23 and August 26-29 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with the special "Welcome Back League Bowlers" rate of \$2.00 per game per person. Based on lane availability and does not include rental shoes. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

Party under the lights

Get the party started at the Bowling Center every Saturday at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with high tempo pop music, bowling and a glowing light show. For more information call, 210-221-4740.

Canyon Lake

Sunset cruises offered at the lake

Head to the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake Friday evenings in August for a sunset cruise on the lake. Cast off from the Hancock Cove Marina at 7:30 p.m. and take a scenic ride around the lake on the chartered pontoon boat. This ride lasts approximately one and a half hours. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and younger. Guests may bring drinks and snacks, but Styrofoam and glass are prohibited. Reservations are required. For more information, call 1-830-226-5357 or 1-800-280-3466.

Patrons make boat rental reservations

The JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake is now accepting reservations for boat rentals. There is a \$25 deposit fee for reservations and reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance. A valid Department of Defense ID and Boater's Safety card must be presented before the rental boat is checked out. For more information, send an email to jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com. To reserve a boat, or for more information, call 830-964-3544.

Clubs

Entertainment offered at the club

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club invites patrons to relax in the Lone Star Lounge or hang out on the patio with pool tables and big-screen televisions Fridays, 5-11 p.m. Entertainment is provided by DJ LJU August 3 and 24, DJ Tony Style August 10 and DJ J Rock August 17. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club invites patrons to come out Friday nights for Unwind Fridays at 5 p.m. and stay late for delicious food, professional bartenders and hot dance music with D.J. Scandalous. Social hour food is served 5-6 p.m. and the Grill is open 4-9 p.m. every Friday.

Bingo fun is at the club

Join the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for Bingo Extravaganza August 5 and 19 with \$15,000 in total jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and Early Bird bingo at 6 p.m. Free admission for members, and nonmembers pay \$10.

Bingo takes place at 3 p.m. every Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Play August 11 and 25, 3 p.m. Come to the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club in

the ballroom. Admission is free to members and \$10 for nonmembers. Members have the chance to win the full jackpot and nonmembers can win a half jackpot. Don't forget to play every Tuesday and Wednesday to qualify for the monthly member prize give-away.

Bring the children to the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for Back to School Kiddie Bingo August 18, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children can play bingo and have a chance to win prizes. School supplies are given away while supplies last. A complimentary buffet is available for kids 12 and younger and Gil's Pub grill menu is available for all others. Please come early to claim a table. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Doors open early for members at 10:30 a.m. and at 11 a.m. for all others.

Birthday Bingo is held August 13, 7 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club. Birthday members receive a complimentary bingo machine and cake. This event is for Randolph Club members only and an ID card is required. For more information, call 210-652-3056.

Sky Lounge hosts live entertainment

Stop by the Sky Lounge on the second floor of the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club for musical entertainment August 9, 6-10 p.m. A live band performs from 6:30-10 p.m. with complimentary food from 6-7 p.m. Let our friendly bartenders take care of you. Members get in free and the cost for nonmembers is \$10. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

August birthdays are celebrated with a buffet

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club offers a complimentary buffet every month for members with birthdays in that month. There is no cost for the birthday member. The cost is \$12 for adult guests and \$6 for their children ages 6-12. Club members that are not celebrating are invited as well and the cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for their children ages 6-12 and kids 5 and younger eat for free. Everyone is welcome. Coupons not accepted. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Club offers Sunday brunch

Club members and all Department of Defense ID cardholders are invited to enjoy brunch at the historic JBSA-Randolph Parr Club August 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$23 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, \$12 for members' children, 6-12 years, \$15 for nonmembers' children, 6-12 years, and free for children 5 years and younger. Ask for the frequent brunch card and after a required number of paid brunches patrons get one free. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

JBSA FSS

Guests fly into the Auger

Join the party at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club Auger Inn for "old school" camaraderie, free light refreshments and great music August 16, 5 p.m. Meet neighbors, folks from other squadrons and leadership. There is no cover to join the fun. For more information, call 210-658-7445.

Community Programs

Teams compete in the Rambler 120

Calling all athletes. Start assembling your teams and training for this stimulating race through the Texas Hill Country. The event consists of a 22 mile bike ride, a 6 mile run and a 2 mile raft at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake on Oct. 5.

This adventure race has several team categories such as four-person Xtreme teams (must have at least one Department of Defense ID cardholder, eight-person Relay teams (must have at least two Department of Defense ID cardholders), and all active duty military Xtreme/Relay teams. There will be male, female and coed divisions for the categories, as well as the opportunity for individuals to compete.

The Early registration fee is \$100 for Xtreme teams, \$150 for Relay teams and \$25 for Individuals. The registration fees go up to \$120 for Xtreme teams, \$180 for Relay teams and \$30 for Individuals after Sept. 13. The fee covers lunch, commemorative T-shirt and awards for the top three teams in each category.

Interested participants can register and pay online at <http://bit.ly/rambler120>. The deadline to register is Sept. 25.

This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, THE GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, First Command and Silver Eagle. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information, call

JBSA Community Programs at 210-652-5763 or email them at 502FSS.FSK.JBSACommunityevent@us.af.mil.

Calling all thrill seekers

The third annual JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Zombie Run will take place November 16 from 4-8 p.m. in. Run through three miles of dilapidated, brain eating monster infested terrain all while trying to make it to the finish line unscathed.

Volunteer sign ups are now being accepted for anyone looking to participate in the event. There are openings for participants to play the roles of zombies during the run, as well as makeup artists to transform participants into zombies. To sign up or for more information, call 210-652-5763 or email 502FSS.FSK.JBSACommunityevent@us.af.mil.

Community Services

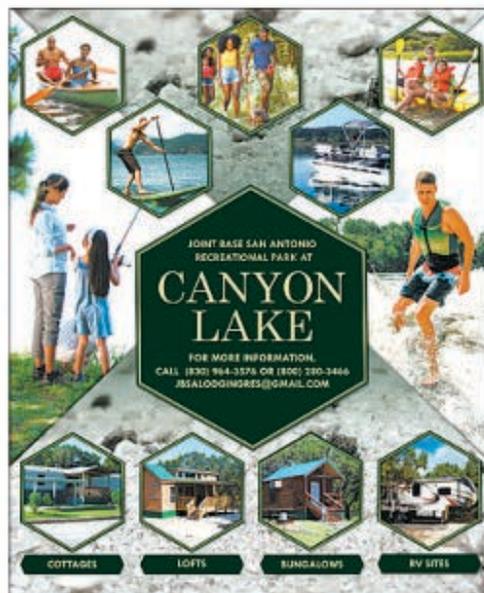
Auto hobby shop keeps vehicles running

The technicians at the JBSA-Lackland Auto Hobby can keep any vehicle safe through any time of the year, but especially through our hot summers, which can be extremely brutal on vehicles. The full-service side of the house performs A/C inspections, tune-ups, battery tests and servicing, oil changes, tune-ups, and many more maintenance items plus state inspections. The self-service side of the house gives the do-it-yourselfers a place to work

on a vehicle and access to tools patrons may not have at home. Don't let the heat ruin your vehicle or summer plans. To make an appointment today to get your vehicle a clean bill of health, call 210-671-3549.

Events of all kinds are catered

Consider the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center for any upcoming celebrations. If you have something to celebrate with friends and family, such as a Hail or Farewell, come see us. With the hottest menus and decor to the coldest refreshments any event can be tackled. The skilled and dedicated staff are sure to make any event a huge success. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 210-808-6262 or 210-808-6263.



Equestrian Center

Horseback riding lessons offered

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers horseback riding lessons for beginners and advanced riders in both English- and Western-style riding. Therapeutic riding lessons are also available and taught by certified instructors. Horses, saddles and tack for lessons are provided if needed. Patrons must be at least 7 years old. The price is \$60 per hour for a private lesson, \$50 for semi-private lessons and \$40 for group lessons. Lessons are available most days of the week and in the evenings. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

Trail rides are for all ages

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers trail rides for patrons ages 7 and older for \$30 Saturday

and Sunday. Departures are at 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Adults must accompany children under the age of 13. Riders must be at least 4 feet, 6 inches tall and weigh no more than 200 pounds. Weekday trail rides, group rides and team-building rides area available by appointment for \$40. To make reservations, call 210-224-7207. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

Pony rides available

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers parent-led pony rides Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for patrons 6 years and younger for \$10. Adults must accompany children and availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

Fitness

Two-Person Team Biathlon encourages teamwork

Participate in the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Two-Person Team Biathlon August 3, 7:30 a.m., at Heritage Park. The first team member must complete the 10-mile bike route before the second team member starts the 5K run. Open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. This event is sponsored by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

Superhero 5K run or walk held

Power up superhero powers, dust off capes and join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the Superhero 5K Fun Run or Walk August 17, 7 a.m. Get dressed up and run or walk with other heroes. This event is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 210-221-1234.

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Patrons take on the cardio challenge

Come to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Medical education and Training Campus to participate in the cardio challenge. The contest is held during normal operating hours for the entire month of August. Participants are to complete a different cardio challenge such as jump rope, treadmill elliptical, etc. each day. Prizes are awarded for the top three individuals who complete the most days. Participants are required to sign up on the daily sign-in sheet available at the front desk. Results are tallied at the end of the month to determine the winners. This competition is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders, age 16 and older. For more information, call 210-808-5713.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to Spend a Sunday afternoon enjoying the outdoors August 18 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course with a spouse, friend or significant other. The cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Cost includes green fee, cart rental, prize fund and social after play.

Six hole mix-up tournament held

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts a six hole two player tournament August 17, with 8 a.m. tee times. The Format is a six hole mix-up two player team event. On holes 1-6, teams play a two-player scramble. On holes 7-12, teams play a modified alternate shot and on holes 13-18, teams play best ball. Prizes are awarded for lowest combined scores of all three formats with Gross and Net winners. For more information, call 210-671-3466.

Golfers get a personal club fitting

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course offers custom features such as club settings, brand of shaft or grip size. If there are custom features you want on your club, the staff at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course can provide all your custom fitting needs. Come by the Pro Shop or and let us take care of your custom club needs. For more information, call 210-222-9386

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course is a certified Ping Custom Club fitting pro-shop. To schedule your personalized fitting with Clay, call 210-652-4653.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Patrons travel to Las Vegas

The JBSA-Lackland Leisure travel office offers a three night, four day trip to Las Vegas August 19-22. Round trip airfare and all inclusive hotel accommodations on the Las Vegas Strip included. Rates start at \$190 per person. For more information, call 210-671-7111.

Several tours offered in the fall

The JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel office offers a shopping trip to Fredericksburg Texas September 21. Shop and eat at the plethora of shops along the beautiful Main Street in Fredericksburg. Sign up now for \$35 per person.

Join the JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel office October 5 for a trip to the renowned Antique Fair in Round Top Texas. Experience one of the biggest antique

shows in the nation. Registration opens in August. For more information, call 210-652-5142.

Tickets for out of town attractions offered

If heading out of town, stop by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information, Tickets and Travel office for discounted tickets to attractions like Disneyland®, Universal Studios™ Hollywood, San Diego Zoo, Legoland® California, Walt Disney World®, Universal Studios™ Orlando or Legoland® Florida. For more information about pricing, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-808-1378.

JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel office offers discounted tickets for many local attractions. Before planning a day to the San Antonio Zoo, K1 Speed, Natural Bridge Caverns or any of the attractions downtown by the river walk stop by and get tickets at a discounted rate. For more information, call 210-652-5142.

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Military & Family Readiness

Patrons connect with their new community

Get to know your new community, discover resources, and find out what's happening on JBSA during the Military Spouse Expo, August 7, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. For details, call 210-221-2705.

Social Security retirement planning held

Learn about changes to social security benefits and how they can affect your retirement August 8, 10 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Key Spouses attend training

Newly assigned Key Spouses and KS mentors attend the mandatory initial training August 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at

the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Support group for single parents offered

Long- and short-term single parents learn about resources, network with other parents, and participate in open discussions August 15, noon to 1 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 210-652-5321.

Car buying workshop prepares shoppers

Before purchasing a car, review the ins and outs of the car buying game and build awareness of sales traps, dealer scams and predatory lending August 16, 2-3:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Participants discover home buying strategies

Patrons attend Home Sweet Home: Home-Buying Strategies to review information and become informed consumers August 22, 10 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center, and August 20, 2-4 p.m., at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston M&FRC. To register call JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3722 or JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-2705.

Guided tour of Fort Sam Houston

Dating back more than 150 years, learn about the rich history of Fort Sam Houston during a guided tour, August 23, 8-11 a.m. The tour departs from the Military & Family Readiness Center, to reserve a seat, call 210-221-2705.

Transition assistance now offered for spouses

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Transition Assistance Program hosts TAP Too, August 28, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., a workshop specifically designed to help spouses prepare for the transition from military to civilian life due to the retirement or separation of the military by their service member. Discuss popular topics that impact the transitioning community, psychological aspects of change, new financial obligations, and more. To register visit e.afit.edu/ghddd7VV or call 210-221-2705.

Outdoor Recreation

Flea market available for buyers and sellers

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Recreation Center's Flea Market takes place August 3, 8 a.m. to noon at the MacArthur Field parking lot adjacent to Worth Road and Stanley Road. Tables and chairs are available for rent at the field by the Outdoor Recreation team. Chairs rent for \$.50 cents each and tables rent for \$5. For more information call, 210-221-5224.

Concealed handgun license class offered

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center offers concealed handgun license classes August 10 and 24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion of this class is required for a Texas CHL. To register for a class, visit <http://www.chlregistration.com>. Once on the website, select "register for class." Then select "Dan Willis-Leatherneck Arms." Class details are available online at <https://www.jbsatody.com>. For more information,

call 210-363-2332.

Archery takes on another dimension

The JBSA-The Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a 3-D archery competition August 23 and 24. Competition registration is 8-10 a.m. and Fun Shoot registration is 8-11 a.m. The Fun Shoot cost is \$5 for E1-E4 active duty or medically retired and \$15 per person for all others ages 13 and older. Youth 12 and younger shoot for \$5. The Competition fee is \$10 for E1-E4, active duty or medically retired, and \$20 per person for all others ages 13 and older. For more information, call 210-295-7577.

Patrons gather at the park

Salado Park at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is perfect for family fun and events and is located adjacent to Salado Creek. The 13-acre park has 10 picnic areas available for rent, two large patio areas, and a covered pavilion. Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance at the Outdoor Recreation Center and include picnic tables and a BBQ stand. The park also features a volleyball court and playground areas. The park is open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 210-221-5225 or 210-221-5224 for reservations.

The weather is great for being outdoors

The JBSA Outdoor Recreation locations have the equipment to enhance plans with sporting and camping goods for whatever plans are made. Take the family or go camping with friends with travel trailers that can sleep five to eight people. Hit the water with one of the wide array of speedboats, fishing boats and pontoon boats. For parties, barbecues and group gatherings, Outdoor Recreation has popcorn machines, chocolate fountains, champagne fountains and margarita mixers as well as sporting equipment for the more active bunch. Add more fun with bouy castles and sumo wrestling suits. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston ODR at 210-221-5224, JBSA-Lackland ODR at 210-925-5532 and JBSA-Randolph ODR at 210-652-5142.

Patrons partake in paintball

Summer time is the perfect time to play paintball at the JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation paintball field. The field may be reserved for parties, squadron events, training days, birthdays and morale events. A group minimum of 15 people is required to reserve the field. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a paintball marker, air tank refills, face mask, a bag of paint per player (500 rounds each) and limited clothing items. For dates and availability, call 210-925-5532 or 210-925-5533.

Youth and Children

Sports registration continues

Register youth for JBSA-Randolph Youth Sports now through August 9. Flag Football is for youth 5-18 years; cost is \$50 per child. Volleyball is for youth 9-18 years; cost is \$50. Cheerleading is for youth 5-18 years; cost is \$45. First Steps Soccer is for youth 3-4 years; cost is \$35; this is a six-week introductory sport. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports invites youth

to register for flag football or cheerleading. Registration runs through the month of August and takes place at YP2, bldg. 1630, for youth ages 5-18. The cost is \$50 per child. A copy of the child's updated shot record and a health assessment is required at registration. For more information, call 210-221-5513 or 210-221-3502.

Back to school bash held

JBSA Community Programs invites parents to bring their children to the Back to School Bash, August 4, 9 a.m. to noon at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs, building 1630. Free school supplies are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. Parents must bring Department of Defense ID, children and backpacks to receive supplies. If children are not available to attend, parents must bring a report card and his or her Department of Defense ID card. Contractors are not eligible for this event. For more information, call 210-652-5763.

All youth and families are invited to come out to ring in another academic year with the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs on August 23 from 4:30-7 p.m. Themed activities and games are based on "19" and "20". Wondering what that means? Come over and find out that having fun is how we work. Light refreshments, bounce houses, and prizes are available for those who play. For more information call, 210-671-2388.

Families are invited to Bistro Night

Dinner is served at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center August 7 from 5-7 p.m. A fun and different cuisine is served each night along with games and fun activities. This special night is free for all registered families at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs. Come prepared to have great food and fun for the whole family. For more information, call 210-221-3502.

Parents offered a break

JBSA Youth Programs offers parents a break through the Give Parents a Break or Parent's Night Out program. August 16, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at JBSA-Lackland, and August 10, 1-5 p.m. at JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The cost is \$25 per child with a sibling discount or free with a Give Parents a Break referral. The last day to register is the Wednesday prior to the event. Pre-registration and a minimum number of participants is required. To register with JBSA-Lackland, youth ages 5-12, call 210-671-2388 and for infants/children ages 6 weeks to 4 years, call 210-671-2366. For JBSA-Randolph children ages 3-12, call 210-652-3298 and for ages 6 weeks to 2 years, call 210-652-1140. To register with JBSA-Fort Sam Houston children ages 3-12, call 210-652-3298 and for ages 6 weeks to 2 years, call 210-652-1140.

National S'mores Day is here

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs is making s'mores in celebration of National S'mores Day August 9, 4 p.m. Come and toast marshmallows, smash them together with Hershey's chocolate and graham crackers to make a yummy treat! For more information, call 210-221-3502.

First Steps soccer registration

Parents of all Department of Defense children, 3 to 5

years, are invited to sign up for the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs First Steps fall soccer season August 5-16. Sessions begin in September. First Steps teaches the fundamentals of soccer in harmony with the gross motor movements of preschool and early school-age children. Parents are required to participate as an extension of the instructor. A current immunization record is required at the time of registration. The cost is \$35 per child and includes six weeks of one-hour instruction each week. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

Youth participate for free

Celebrate recreation and summer fun and participate in the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs for free August 12-17. Youth Programs has a lot of activities, programs, camps and classes to enjoy over the summer and during the school year. Stop by Youth Programs, building 585, to check out everything offered. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

Youth celebrate the end of summer

Say goodbye to summer with family games and activities at the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs End of Summer Bash August 15, 1-4 p.m. This free event includes activities like face painting, arts and crafts, relay races, water games, a bouncy house and more. The event is sponsored by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 210-652-2088.

Outdoor pool party held

Youth ages 11-18 are invited to join JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs August 23 from 7-10 p.m. for free swimming, music, food and prizes to celebrate the end of an awesome summer at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center. For more information, call 210-221-3630.

Youth enjoy membership

Kids, 9-12 years, and teens, 13-18 years, are invited to become members of JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Come by Youth Programs, building 8420, to get an application and see what they have to offer. Membership is free. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

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Special Warfare Airman receives Silver Star

By Danielle Knight

SPECIAL WARFARE TRAINING WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In the early morning hours of Jan. 11, 2018, a five-man team set out to conduct a seemingly uneventful and successful key leader engagement in Afghanistan.

On July 18, an Air Force Special Warfare Airman stood in front of a crowd at the Gateway Club at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to be presented with a Silver Star for his actions that secured the safety of his joint and allied partners.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Perolio, an assessment and selection instructor assigned to the 350th Special Warfare Training Squadron at JBSA-Lackland was awarded the nation's third highest medal for his heroic actions in combat during Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The presentation of the Silver Star was hosted by Col. James Hughes, Special Warfare Training Wing commander, and the presiding official of the ceremony was Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, incoming commander of Air Education and Training Command. U.S. Army Capt.



SARAYUTH PINTHONG /

Lt. Gen. Bradd Webb (left), incoming commander of Air Education and Training Command, presents the Silver Star to Tech. Sgt. Michael Perolio from the Special Warfare Training Wing during a ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's Gateway Club July 18.

William Clark, the ground force commander of Perolio's unit in Afghanistan, was a guest speaker at the event.

"The Silver Star is a big deal," Webb said. "Mike is going to join the ranks of some notable Airmen such as Chuck Yeager, Bud Day, Jimmy Doolittle, and

special warfare operators such as Calvin Markham, Cam Kelsch, Ishmael Villegas and Brian Claughey to name a few."

The citations for both the Silver Star and the Bronze Star Medals were read in front of family, friends and fellow special warfare colleagues.

Perolio's family looked on, tearful and proud as they heard the details about his heroism for the first time.

On that early January morning in Afghanistan, Perolio's actions under dangerous circumstances distinguished himself as a Special Tactics Combat Controller.

As his team left the key leader engagement, they were engaged by heavy machine-gun fire from enemy fighters, injuring three members, including Clark. Perolio immediately took charge by treating his wounded comrades. Once he realized that Clark was gravely injured with wounds to the chest and leg, he moved directly into the line of enemy fire to identify the safest route back to friendly lines.

Perolio then directed a precision airstrike, killing 12 enemy combatants and completely destroying the heavy machine-gun minutes after first contact with no further injury to his team or collateral damage.

According to the citation, Perolio's calm thinking under fire and innate ability to manage a crucial situation allowed two members to receive life-saving medical care within 15 minutes

of injury.

"Perolio is an expert at his job," Clark said. "He's everything that you would want from someone standing next to you in a gunfight. Mike and some very talented surgeons are the only two reasons that I'm here today. He got me out of the worst situation that I've ever been in and I honestly can't thank him enough."

In response to receiving the medal, Perolio said he felt humbled.

"It's pretty crazy to have my name etched on that wall of Air Force Silver Star recipients," he said. "I am honored to be part of that."

Perolio's current duty is training new recruits that come through the assessment and selection course for the Special Warfare Training Wing. Perolio stressed the influence of what he, as an instructor, can provide to current students.

"I take a high ownership of training these students to get ready for what's to come," he said. "At the end of the day, there's a lot out there that they will be exposed to, and not every experience is the same ... it's a big responsibility that we have in Air Force Special Warfare."

Military spouses awarded grants for medical courses

By Mary Nell Sanchez

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The career of a military spouse can sometimes be transient, but funds were made available at the beginning of 2019 to the Military and Family Readiness Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland to assist them.

The M&FRC received a \$10,000 grant from the Air Force Aid Society, which was used to assist five recipients in earning a medical billing and coding

certification.

One military spouse, Kayla Blanton, was awarded a \$1,999 grant which covered the costs for Blanton to attend a four-month certification course, which a visiting instructor taught at the M&FRC.

"Everything was paid for," Blanton said. "Even the books were paid for. All I had to do was bring notebooks, pens and pencils. It was an absolutely wonderful program."

Through the program, Blanton was able to earn the medical encoding

certification in May 2019.

These kinds of opportunities help military spouses become viable in the workplace, said Amy Maness, 802nd Force Support Squadron community readiness consultant.

"They're young spouses and they work very hard and are committed not only to their service member, but to bettering themselves," Maness added.

The certification provides spouses the ability to help support family expenses, regardless of where military life takes the

family.

"It's a portable career; spouses can take this anywhere," Maness said

"This is something you can do from your home," Blanton said. "If I were to go overseas with my husband, I would be able to work for companies in the United States and still provide for my family."

Being able to assist in providing for the family can be satisfying for the spouses.

"It's always nice to feel like you're contributing in your family," Blanton added.

For more information, call the M&FRC at 210-671-3722.

Pediatric clinic personnel keep basic trainee pipeline moving

By Staff Sgt. Amanda Stanford
59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Reid Clinic waiting room at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is filled with basic military trainees and technical training students waiting to see a doctor. The trainees sit in silence reading their manuals. Their heads nodding, tired eyes struggling to stay open, a wingman nudges them when their name is called by a technician.

When the trainees get to the exam room, they are greeted by the smiling face of the provider. The trainee takes off his or her backpack and relaxes in the chair while the doctor begins to ask questions. The doctor listens attentively to the trainee and begins the examination, checking the trainee's heart and lungs. After a thorough evaluation, the doctor explains what the trainee needs to do to get back to training.

The 59th Medical Wing's Pediatric Clinic is currently assisting the 559th Medical Group by lending two additional providers. The 559th MDG keeps the Air Force's enlisted pipeline moving by providing medical care to all basic military trainees.

"A pediatrician is trained to see patients up to the age of 23. Most of our young Airmen join the Air Force during that age range," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Dalia



STAFF SGT. AMANDA STANFORD
Capt. Natalie Aguilar (left), 59th Medical Operations Squadron pediatric nurse practitioner, checks a basic military trainee's heart and lungs during an appointment June 28 at Reid Clinic, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Garcia, 59th Medical Operations Squadron Maternal Child Care flight commander. "With pediatrics supporting them, it's increasing how many Airmen they can treat."

On average, 559th MDG providers see

140 patients each week for concerns such as the flu, colds, aches and pains, and sprains. The clinic is the only way for trainees to receive the treatment or medication needed for illnesses.

Typically, pediatric clinics generally

see patients up to the age of 13 before the patients move to a family care provider.

"Personally, for a pediatric nurse practitioner, this gives me a great opportunity to work on some of my adolescent and older children skills," said Capt. Natalie Aguilar, 59th Medical Operations Squadron pediatric nurse practitioner. "It also gives me a chance to work on musculoskeletal and more acute care aspects of my practice."

For many trainees, this is their first time away from home.

"There's more of a parental role to it, because typically when we see patients, they come with a parent," said Maj. (Dr.) Kathy Boggs, 59th Medical Operations Squadron pediatric medical director. "Over on the trainee side they're away from home, so they're all on their own."

The pediatric clinic also sends nurses and physicians to Brooke Army Medical Center and Laughlin Air Force Base, keeping them current in their specialty while assisting undermanned units.

"We love having the pediatric providers here in clinic with us," said Maj. Christopher Herman, 559th Trainee Health Squadron flight commander. "The impact they have on the clinic and the mission is huge. While their scope of care is limited due to age, they take on a full workload, and since we are undermanned, that is crucial."

149TH FIGHTER WINGS HOSTS F-16 SENIOR OFFICER COURSE FOR AFNORTH COMMANDER

Lt. Gen. Marc Sasseville, Continental U.S. NORAD Region-1st Air Force commander, inspects an AIM-9X Sidewinder missile on an F-16 Fighting Falcon prior to a flight for the F-16 Senior Officer Course, hosted by the 149th Fighter Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The four-week course, designed to requalify experienced F-16 fighter pilots, focused on advanced handling characteristics, tactical formation and instrument-flying procedures. He also regained his air-air refueling currency during the course, along with flying basic fighter maneuvers. He was required to requalify in the fighter jet based on his roles and responsibilities as the CONR-1 AF (AFNORTH) commander.



CAPT. CINDY PICCIRILLO

Clinics, patients turn to hyperbaric medicine at BAMC

By Tech. Sgt. Katherine Spessa
59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“We call it the fog. It’s like they’ve been awake for a few days straight,” said Col. (Dr.) Michael Richards, 59th Medical Specialty Squadron Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine section chief.

“His wife had to finish his sentences. He could no longer take care of himself, really. He couldn’t manage his finances, he couldn’t drive, he couldn’t take care of his children. He couldn’t make decisions, even on small things like choosing what kind of milk to buy at the grocery store.”

For this patient, a fighter pilot, suffering from arterial gas embolism - “the fog” was a career ender. Or would have been, without the use of hyperbaric medicine.

When treatment after treatment weren’t having an effect on his mental disorientation, he turned to the hyperbaric medicine unit at Brooke Army Medical Center. After 60 sessions, he has regained the acuity needed to return to the air.

“We brought this patient from the east coast and after about three months of treatment, he left here a completely different person. That was really gratifying for us, because he really had no other options and we were able to turn him back into the person he was before.

“His father called me in tears.”

As one of two hyperbaric chamber facilities in the Air Force, this one at Brooke Army Medical Center at Joint

Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston gets referrals from throughout the Defense Department, as well as from civilian trauma and burn centers in the San Antonio area. The physicians, nurses and technicians there treat typical hyperbaric patients suffering from post-radiation injuries; decompression sickness; arterial gas embolism; chronic wounds; diabetics with end-organ disease and poor circulation; sensory hearing loss; burn patients and more.

“For example, for carbon monoxide poisoning, they can get treatment under hyperbaric conditions with oxygen to drive off that carbon monoxide,” said Lt. Col. William Hayes, 59th MDSS Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine flight commander. “Within 24 minutes they can have normal carbon monoxide levels again — better than normal. With arterial gas embolism or decompression sickness, they can get treatment and be resolved less than 24 hours after the incident.”

They’ve also begun treating other patients that may not fit the bill but may benefit from the therapy — with success.

Hayes described one patient suffering from necrotizing, or dying, flesh on the ends of his fingers. The motorcycle rider was experiencing such pain that he couldn’t use his hands.

“It wasn’t something typically treated using hyperbarics, but the mechanism behind what he had is something that we’ve seen respond to hyperbaric treatment,” Hayes said. “So we thought -



TECH. SGT. KATHERINE SPESSA

Jeremy Miller, 59th Medical Specialty Squadron hyperbarics licensed practical nurse, monitors patients inside a hyperbaric chamber at Brooke Army Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 31.

let’s give it a shot.”

After several treatments, the patient had a complete resolution.

As the word gets out about the benefit hyperbarics offers to patients, the clinic gets busier and busier. The clinic has begun partnering with dermatology, rheumatology, orthopaedic surgery, infectious disease, just to name a few, adding a tool to aid patients in addition to any treatment they’re already receiving.

“It’s the most satisfying job that I’ve ever had,” Hayes said. “It’s so unique. They come see us five times a week,

sometimes more depending on the condition. We start to know them by their first names, they know us well.

“It’s just a neat experience to watch them having some hope to actually realizing that hope of getting better.”

With tears in his eyes, one patient, Gilbert Rojas, coming out of his 50th treatment after a service-connected injury, spoke about his experience.

“It blows me away, the technology, but more than that the humanity. I’ve broken down a couple of times, it’s just so overwhelming. When they take care of you its from the heart, its real.”



MASTER SGT. KRISTIAN CARTER

STEM STUDENTS VISIT 433RD AIRLIFT WING

Raymundo Parraguirre (left), 802nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, talks with students from the San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc.’s Youth Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics-Aviation Program about firefighter tools during a tour of Fire Station No. 1 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland July 12. Fourteen students with the program visited the 433rd Airlift Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland July 12. The group toured a C-5M Super Galaxy and Lackland Fire Station No. 1.

RANDOLPH

A team completes the 22-mile portion of the annual Rambler 120 Oct. 13, 2018, at Joint Base San Antonio Recreation Area at Canyon Lake. Registration for this year's challenge is underway.



STAFF SGT. KRISTAL WRIGHT

JBSA to host annual premiere fitness challenge, Rambler 120

By Sabrina Fine

502D AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio's annual Rambler 120 registration is now open. The annual fitness challenge designed to enhance camaraderie is Oct. 5 with an estimated 7:30 a.m. start time at the JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake.

The race consists of a 22-mile bike ride, 6-mile run, 2-mile raft race and a mystery challenge. Contestants can start arriving at 5 a.m. to register and meet with their teammates.

Participants can choose to register in different categories, either as a four-person Xtreme

team with at least one Department of Defense cardholder or an eight-person relay team with at least two DOD cardholders.

Teams can be all active duty military and can be all male, all female or coed. Individuals may register and participate solo.

"People do it for fun or competition," said David Guillory, who participated in last year's event as part of an eight-person team. "We did well and in the end, we had an overwhelming sense of accomplishment."

JBSA is a joint base and sometimes military members of different branches have different names for the same concept.

"The Army operates on a battle buddy mentality and Air Force is the wingman," Guillory said. "You have to check on your team and make sure they are okay in all military branches."

Guillory emphasized the Rambler 120 was a unique event that fosters grit, camaraderie and teamwork.

"Rambler 120 is not only a fitness race, but is an event that encourages the no man left behind mantra," Guillory said.

Early registration is available until Sept. 13 at a discounted rate. The registration deadline is Sept. 25. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/rambler120>.

Project NEXUS tests Airmen for technology knowledge

By 2nd Lt. Robert Guest

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Education and Training Command officials began a beta test aimed at learning the best ways to introduce more technologically ready Airmen into units July 9 in Austin, Texas. The program, Project NEXUS, is expected to fuel organic technology problem solving efforts for Airmen in their day-to-day workplaces.

From July to November 2019, 18 Airmen will study data science, software development, or UI/UX design in Project NEXUS, an Air Force beta program created by AETC's Technology Integration Detachment and hosted by AFWERX-Austin.

"Project NEXUS will drive internal AETC expertise in modern data science and mobile design and development," said Capt. Kyle Palko, Project NEXUS project manager. "It will empower Airmen to become elite digital professionals who deliver strategic data and development capabilities."

The three cohorts of six Airmen, who come from various Air Force specialties and backgrounds, will either specialize in data science, software development or application design.

"After the 120-day training at Project NEXUS, participants will return to their home units armed with the skills to more effectively solve their career field's operational problems," Palko said. "If the Project NEXUS prototype ends up delivering outsized output, capable personnel, and can scale cost effectively, then we could look at scaling up Air Force-wide. If not, it would

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Capt. Kyle Palko, Project NEXUS project manager

still be a success because we'll take lessons learned and roll them into other Air Force initiatives."

A tech boot camp style of training was chosen for Project NEXUS because its learn-by-doing focus has already proven viable in the open market. It also allowed Project NEXUS to source training from existing tech boot camp companies.

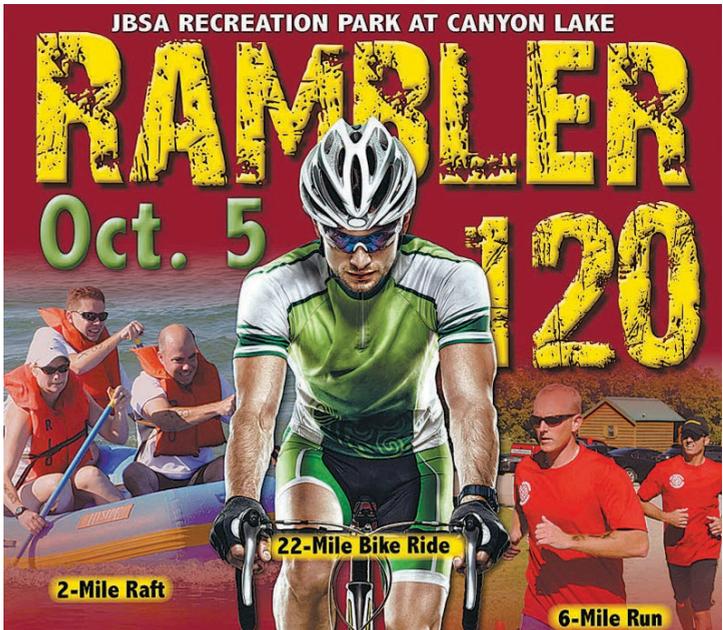
"Each cohort will train and study but also build a final, real-world capstone project that solves a data science or software development problem in AETC," said Lt. Col. Eric Frahm, director for AETC's Technology Integration Detachment. "These technology boot camps are the backbone of the modern industry and we're bringing those tools into the Air Force."

Project NEXUS is another way that AETC and Air Force officials are looking at further empowering our greatest resource: our Airmen, Frahm said.

JBSA RECREATION PARK AT CANYON LAKE

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Oct. 5 120



22-Mile Bike Ride

2-Mile Raft

6-Mile Run

Register and pay online at [www.http://bit.ly/rambler120](http://bit.ly/rambler120)
Registration deadline: Sept. 25