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Joint Base San Antonio's 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Emergency Service members, and firefighters from Schertz and Cibolo fire departments, rescue a manikin from a building through a window during a live-fire training exercise April 14 Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

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# Air Force rewrites basic doctrine, focuses on mission command, airpower evolution

By Air University Public Affairs

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. recently signed perhaps the most sweeping change of Air Force basic doctrine in the service's history, marking a major milestone in the service's strategic approach to "Accelerate Change or Lose."

Core themes to the revised Air Force Doctrine Publication-1: The Air Force are the foundation and evolution of airpower and the concept of mission command.

"When it comes to airpower, it's about the fact that we can fly, fight and win anytime and anywhere. That is tried and true — how we exploit the air domain, operating in and through the air domain," Brown said. "That's what we've done since we became an Air Force, and that's what we'll continue to do. How we do that might change based on what we see happening in the world and where technology might take us."

With the Air Force recently releasing its new mission statement — To fly, fight and win ... Airpower anytime, anywhere — the general said that "leaders need to ensure that all Airmen — active duty, Guard, Reserve or civilian — understand how much they contribute to airpower."

The document defines the concept of mission command as a return to the

philosophy of mission accomplishment guided by the commander's intent, while operating in environments characterized by "increasing uncertainty, complexity and rapid change."

"To drive commander's intent, we have to be very broad in our thinking," he said. "We have to give Airmen the leeway, without being very prescriptive, to lead and execute while still meeting intent. When Airmen are empowered, they'll be able to make things happen that we didn't even think about."

In the document's "CSAF Perspective on Doctrine," Brown reminds Airmen: "Leaders must push decisions to the lowest competent, capable level using doctrine as a foundation for sound choices." This core idea resonates throughout the rewrite.

AFDP-1 also updates the legacy airpower tenet of "centralized control, decentralized execution" to "centralized command, distributed control and decentralized execution." This evolution allows for a framework from which to develop new operating concepts, strategies and capabilities to address rapidly changing and increasingly challenging operating environments.

Brown's new focus on mission command and centralized command, distributed

control and decentralized execution postures the Air Force to execute what he lays out in his "Accelerate Change or Lose" vision: "We must focus on the Joint Warfighting Concept, enabled by Joint All-Domain Command and Control and rapidly move forward..."

While AFDP-1 marks a significant departure from the generally slow pace of change in doctrine, it represents the significant change in focus by the Air Force from retrospective and incremental to future-focused and poised to seize the opportunity.

Doctrine represents the best practices and principles that articulate how the Air Force fights. The recent rewrite of AFDP-1 represents a consolidation from 141 pages to 16 pages and refinement of "the most fundamental and enduring beliefs describing airpower and the Airman's perspective."

With the March 2021 release of the "Interim National Security Strategic Guidance," President Joe Biden reminded the nation "the distribution of power across the world is changing, creating new threats."

AFDP-1 is poised to reorient the Air Force for the era of great power competition and accelerated change.

## Air Force Rewrites Basic Doctrine



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# Feedback Fridays

Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller

502D AIR BASE WING AND JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO COMMANDER

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 [jbsapublicaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:jbsapublicaffairs@gmail.com) using the subject line "Feedback Fridays." Questions will be further researched and published as information becomes available.

**Q. I wanted to comment on the Disc Golf article from November. Is there a reason that we have to pay green and cart fees to play in the scramble in February? No disc golfer I know would ever use cart-walking is part of the sport! Also, why is the game played on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston when there was a course on JBSA-Lackland?**

**I played the JBSA-Lackland /Kelly Annex course the last time I was stationed in San Antonio (2007-08), and was disappointed when the course remained on the Professional Disc Golf Association Course Directory map, but not the active listing. Today, three or four posts rot away along the run routes, and one pin stands alone by the Lackland Outdoor Adventure Center.**

**In this time where we need to maintain distances and are encouraging outdoor activities, I feel that it would be great to bring the pins back out of storage, update the hole paths and invigorate the players to have another course on the south side of the city.**

**A.** We appreciate your interest in disc golf at JBSA! The February event was hosted by the Fort Sam Houston Golf



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Course, where greens and cart fees are required for course play by all users. The fees for this event also included nine holes of traditional golf for the more than 30 players who participated.

Unfortunately, the course at the JBSA-Kelly Annex is not sustainable due to maintenance levels in the area. Flooding in the area over the years has caused the loss of baskets and damage to the course. The event at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston offered an opportunity to re-introduce disc golf to the JBSA community and gauge the level of interest.

Fortunately, the course at JBSA-Lackland's Gateway Hills is now open and ready for play! This course utilizes portions of the existing golf course allowing play at a minimal charge. The greens fee is \$5 and there is a \$5 cart fee, if you choose to ride.

These fees are consistent with other pay-to-play disc golf courses in the

San Antonio area and supports the investment and maintenance of course equipment for this recreational outlet. We hope to see you out there!

**Q. I have been working at JBSA-Lackland since 2018. The grass in front of our building has never been healthy, but now after years of neglect, it is just patches of grass with mostly dirt. I have no idea what the policies are for watering and feeding the grass, but I have not seen our grass being watered — ever — and there is an existing sprinkler system in place.**

**Also, when the Civil Engineer staff mows the grass, they make it so short that it basically is killing the little grass we have. Could you please explain what the policies are and what our site/building managers can do about this?**

**A.** Thank you for expressing concern with the grass at your facility. Lawn irrigation systems were removed from the JBSA grounds maintenance contract and deactivated in 2013 due to budget constraints under sequestration.

Additionally, after several years of drought in South Texas and subsequent water restrictions, it was decided that the systems would remain off.

The current grass that surrounds building 1052 is within our grounds contract standards but we have asked the contractor to raise the mowing deck to the highest allowable standard to allow for more grass growth.

To further improve the area's appearance, your facility manager can submit a U-Fix-It work request to procure sod and can use a movable sprinkler to spur grass growth.

# JBSA recognizes work of volunteers during pandemic at awards ceremony

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio recognized the dedication and hard work of the individuals and groups who continue to lend a helping hand to the military community, even amid a pandemic, during the Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony April 21 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center.

Awards were presented to 18 individuals and three groups for their volunteer work in 2020 in support of various organizations throughout JBSA. The winners were selected from a total of 50 nominations, covering 10 award categories, submitted by JBSA members.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, only individual and group award winners, JBSA officials and organizers were in attendance at the ceremony, which was broadcast on Facebook Live. Participants and those in attendance were required to wear face coverings and seating was set up for physical distancing.

Presenting awards and giving remarks at the ceremony were Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller, 502d Air Base Wing and JBSA commander; Rear Adm. Cynthia Kuehner, Naval Medical Forces Support Command commander; and Robert Naething, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) deputy to the commanding general.

Awards were presented in the following categories:

- ▶ Outstanding Active-Duty Service Member Volunteer of the Year: Seaman Carla Kharisma, United Service Organizations;
- ▶ Outstanding Family Member Volunteer of the Year: Dara



BRIAN VALENCIA

(From left) Robert Naething, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) deputy to the commanding general; Col. Shane R. Cuellar, 502nd Force Support Group commander; Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller, 502d Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander; and Rear Adm. Cynthia A. Kuehner, Naval Medical Forces Support Command commander, hold a mock check that signifies the value of the 95,640 hours of service by JBSA volunteers, which equates to a monetary value of \$2.6 million.

Caygill, 37th Training Group, JBSA-Lackland;

- ▶ Outstanding Retiree Volunteer of the Year: Retired Col. Lorrie Cappellino, 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, JBSA-Lackland;
- ▶ Outstanding Civilian Volunteer of the Year: Becky Buchanan, USO;
- ▶ Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year: K'leah Loftis, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Patch/Chafee Youth Center;
- ▶ Outstanding Family Volunteer of the Year: McMahon family, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston community;
- ▶ Outstanding Small Group

Volunteer of the Year: Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society;

- ▶ Outstanding Large Group Volunteer of the Year: JBSA-Lackland Top III Council.

The Volunteer in Excellence Award went to Ken Neal, Lauren Gray, Ernest Felder Jr. and David Schory; while the President's Volunteer Service Award went to Mary Jo Hammond, Mary Harper, Victor Lopez, Holly Smith, Joan York, Martha Denney, Sharon Disler, Karen Mann and Renee Townsend.

Kuehner thanked the volunteers, the award winners and nominees, for giving their time to the JBSA community

during the pandemic.

"When I think about this year's volunteers especially, it's important that congratulations be amplified because of the context and the challenges which all of you have been volunteering in, in spite of those challenges," Kuehner said. "So, it's with great humility and gratitude that I extend my congratulations to each of you and all the nominees out there who found the extra time, in spite of the challenges, for the last year."

In 2020, JBSA members volunteered a total of 95,640 hours, which came out to a monetary value of \$2.6 million. According to Independent Sector, an organization of

nonprofits, foundations and corporations, the estimated value of volunteer time is \$27.20 per hour.

In thanking the JBSA volunteers, Miller said they were an amazing group of individuals.

"We couldn't do half of the services that we provide if it weren't for your willingness to come out, to volunteer and just make this a phenomenal installation," she said.

*Editor's note: For more photos from the Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony April 21 at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center, visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jbsapublicaffairs/>.*





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## JBSA prepares future workforce at Teen, Young Adult Job Fair May 8-15

By Lori A. Bultman

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“Preparing the Next Generation” is the theme of this year’s Joint Base San Antonio Employment Readiness Program Teen and Young Adult Job Fair being held virtually May 8-15.

Participants ages 13-24 are invited to register for sessions focusing on preparing for their job search 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 8. Parents are also welcome to attend.

During the opening sessions, presenters will discuss resume writing, how to dress, mock interviews, budget and more.

“Preparation is key to successfully connecting with a potential employer,” said Jai Bell, JBSA employment readiness specialist. “When seeking a job, a great first impression is essential, and that not only includes your mode of dress, but your resume and ‘elevator pitch.’”

Following the initial event, there will be question and answer sessions 5 to 6 p.m., May 10-14, when participants can learn what employers are looking for, discover different career fields, and hear about available job openings.

“Come prepared, and that means doing research on the company or companies you’re interested in, such as finding out what they value and what drives them and their mission,” Bell said. “Have some open-ended questions prepared to engage thoughtful conversation with the potential employer, and be sure to follow-up.”

The virtual job fair portion of the

event will be 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 15. During this time, participants can connect with local employers, consider volunteer or internship opportunities, and discover new resources which may assist in their career search.

“As new generations enter the workforce, companies and organizations need to consider how these prospective employees learn and adapt to their roles and responsibilities, as well as the company culture,” Bell said. “The JBSA Employment Readiness Program embraces this, and engages with partners and industry leaders to ensure the program’s customers are aware of innovative company programs, opportunities, and benefits that are designed to meet job-seekers’ desires and expectations.”

The fair is open to all dependents of active-duty, Reserve and National Guard members, as well as dependents of retirees and Department of Defense civilians.

Register for the Teen and Young Adult Job Fair at <https://e.afit.edu/6wwd44>. A signed photo release form, signed by a parent if the participant is under the age of 18, is required to attend the virtual fair.

“Although the week-long event is virtual, we would like to have pictures available to share with leadership and with the JBSA community after the fair,” Bell said. “This is our first virtual Teen and Young Adult Job Fair and we feel it would be great to share it with everyone!”

For additional information or questions, call 210-221-2705.

# FORT SAM HOUSTON

## METC neurodiagnostic technologist trainees learn about brain disorders, care

By Lisa Braun  
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
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Neurodiagnostic Week, which took place April 18-24, is an annual campaign that serves to bring attention to and acknowledge the efforts of neurodiagnostic professionals around the world.

This year, in particular, has been particularly challenging with the Coronavirus pandemic, as neurodiagnostic technologists, or NDTs, face additional challenges while remaining committed to providing a high level of patient care.

NDTs, including those in the military, perform many tests that diagnose problems with the brain and nervous system, as well as sleep disorders. They use state-of-the-art digital equipment to record electrical patterns throughout the brain and nervous system, which result in valuable data that the doctor needs to diagnose and treat their patients.

The data gathered from these tests can help diagnose conditions like epilepsy, other seizure disorders, strokes, degenerative brain disease, and traumatic brain injuries, among others. Military NDTs usually work in hospitals and clinics.

Military NDT training is conducted at the Medical Education and Training Campus, or METC, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Students in the METC NDT program arrive with a medical background, either as a Navy hospital corpsman or Air Force medical technician.

Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Shishido, Air Force Service Lead and



LISA BRAUN

*Air Force Senior Airman Jamila Basit, a student in the Neurodiagnostic Technician program at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, practices the electrode application method required for performance of the electroencephalogram, or EEG, on fellow student Navy Seaman Marcus Falcon.*

instructor for the METC NDT program, is one of only 48 neuro techs in the entire military.

“The NDT career field is amazing to me,” she said. “We have the autonomy to work independently from a neurologist and our studies can directly dictate the course of treatment and/or diagnosis.”

The program is split into two phases.

Phase 1 takes place inside the METC medical instructional facility classroom and simulated laboratory where students learn how to use specialized equipment and perform a

variety of procedures to diagnose numerous disorders and diseases.

One of the most common tests that NDT students learn is the electroencephalograms, used to assess brain activity. Students also learn how to perform other tests that detect and record magnetic fields in the brain, track brain and nerve function during surgery, and diagnose sleep disorders.

In phase 2, students transition to both military and civilian medical treatment facilities in the local San Antonio area, where they

conduct the clinical portion of the training that includes hands-on patient care.

This portion of the course provides students practical experience with hands-on patient care, enhancing their medical knowledge and proficiency. This training prepares students to exercise judgment and accept responsibility in performing diagnostic procedures while performing patient care.

Additionally, METC NDT students are afforded an opportunity to challenge a national certification exam and

graduate as Registered EEG Technologists.

Senior Airman Christine Smith, a student in the program, was first introduced to NDT when she attended a career fair while enrolled in the METC Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice program.

“I enjoy being able to specialize and be able to learn about various brain disorders and how to diagnose them,” Smith said. “I have always been fascinated with the human mind and am now very excited to learn all about the human brain!”



# MEDCoE trainees receive COVID-19 vaccine

By Tish Williamson

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL CENTER OF  
EXCELLENCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Trainees assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, or MEDCoE, began receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston vaccine site April 15.

As Brooke Army Medical Center, or BAMC, announced that vaccines are now available to all beneficiaries 16 and older, MEDCoE trainees were offered the vaccine as a Tier II priority.

“With Tier II opening up, and current projections of BAMC’s vaccine allotments, MEDCoE should be able to at least offer the first dose of vaccine to all of our staff, cadre and eligible students within the next few weeks,” said Command Sgt. Major Clark Charpentier, the MEDCoE Senior Enlisted Advisor. “This will greatly facilitate training and ultimately, improve readiness as our Soldiers report to their operational units healthy and ready to go.”

Typically, MEDCoE trains and educates more than 37,000 officers and enlisted soldiers annually in a variety of medical areas of concentration and military occupational specialties from doctors, nurses, dentists, veterinarians to medical laboratory specialists, respiratory specialists, surgical lab technicians and combat medics.

MEDCoE students attend at least one of 21 initial entry training courses, 74 professional military education courses or 162 functional or graduate training courses at some point throughout their Army medicine career. Hospital-based training is also conducted for 33 MEDCoE courses at various military medical treatment facilities.



TISH WILLIAMSON

*Staff Sgt. Marcus Williamson (center), a Drill Sergeant and 68J Medical Logistics Specialist assigned to Company C, 264th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, or MEDCoE, pictured at the Brooke Army Medical Center’s Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Vaccine site with 68C Practical Nursing Specialists augmenting BAMC personnel to administer the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine April 15.*

During the last 54 weeks since MEDCoE has been operating under COVID-19 conditions, the institution has conducted more than 900 classes and graduated more than 22,000 students.

“I want to thank the BAMC team and U.S. Army North for taking on this monumental task,” said Maj. Gen. Dennis LeMaster, MEDCoE commanding general, expressing his thanks that trainees are starting to receive vaccinations.

The general said he feels

**“This will greatly facilitate training and ultimately, improve readiness as our Soldiers report to their operational units healthy and ready to go.”**

**Command Sgt. Major Clark Charpentier,  
MEDCoE Senior Enlisted Advisor**

positive about returning to a sense of normalcy within the command and also thanked the Soldiers and civilians assigned to the command for their patience as the medical professionals progressed

through the tiers.

“I want to thank our teammates who are choosing to get vaccinated,” LeMaster added.

Instructors assigned to MEDCoE began receiving the

vaccine along with eligible tier 1b personnel at the end of January. Select 68W combat medic and 68C practical nursing specialist trainees tasked to augment BAMC personnel at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Vaccine Site also received the shot as front line workers.

Getting students vaccinated is a major milestone to keeping the training pipeline open.

Pvt. Michael Giuffrida, a 68K medical laboratory

MEDCoE continues on 8



TISH WILLIAMSON

*Pvt. Michael Giuffrida, a 68K medical laboratory specialist in training at the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, is administered the first dose of the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine by Sgt. 1st Class Victoria Romero, MEDCoE 68W Combat Medic cadre augmenting staff, at the Brooke Army Medical Center's Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Vaccine site April 15.*

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specialist originally from California, is in advanced individual training at MEDCoE. After receipt of the vaccine, personnel are required to wait 15 minutes before departing the vaccine site to ensure there are no immediate adverse side effects.

While waiting for departure alongside his fellow 68Ks, Giuffrida said he chose to receive the shot, “to protect my battle buddies.” He never considered turning down the vaccine and says he hopes as many people get the shot as possible so things can return to normal.

The San Antonio Military Health System is administering the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine under special authorization by the Food and Drug Administration on a voluntary basis to Department of Defense Soldiers and civilians.

The vaccine, which is administered in two doses 21 days apart, is expected to have a 95 percent efficacy rate following receipt of the second dose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

website.

Personnel who do not have at least 21 days remaining on JBSA before departure to follow-on training or units of assignment are not eligible to begin the shot series with MEDCoE. Those personnel will begin the vaccine series upon arrival at their next duty station.

The BAMC COVID-19 vaccination site is located at the Training Support Center on the main post of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at building 410, located at 2536 Garden Avenue.

People should note that walk-ins are not permitted. Personnel with MEDCoE are notified about their vaccine appointment through their unit. Beneficiaries can book their appointment anytime on TRICARE Online at <https://www.tricareonline.com>, or call CAMO during duty hours at 210-916-9900.

For more information on the DOD's vaccine program, visit <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Combat-Support/Public-Health/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccine-Efforts>.

For information on the SAMHS vaccine program, visit <https://www.jbsa.mil>, or follow BAMC or WHASC on social media.



# Ring in a bright future: BAMC cancer survivor rings bell signifying treatment end

By Lori Newman  
BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL  
CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After a 2 1/2-year battle with a rare childhood disease, one little girl has a big reason to celebrate.

Surrounded by her parents and a small group of medical staff, including Brooke Army Medical Center Commanding General Brig. Gen. Shan Bagby and Command Sgt. Maj. Thurman Reynolds, 7-year-old Sailor Parker recently rang the bell in the BAMC Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic signifying she won her battle against Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.

"Sailor we are so proud of you and how well you have done with your treatment," said Air Force Lt. Col. (Dr.) Della Howell, pediatric hematologist/oncologist. "We couldn't have asked for a better patient."

According to the National Cancer Institute, childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia, also called ALL or acute lymphocytic leukemia, is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow.

"This is the most common type of cancer in children and adolescents, but only happens at a rate of 34 per million in those who are under 20 years of age," Howell said. "In the past, before the advent of chemotherapy, this disease was almost always lethal. In the 1960s, the survival rate was less than 10 percent. Now the overall survival rate of the disease is about 90 percent."

Sailor's father, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Aaron Parker, was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, when she became critically ill and was transported via life flight to Dell Children's Hospital in Austin, Texas.

"In less than an hour,



*Seven-year-old Sailor Parker writes her name on a wall sticker after she rang the bell in the Brooke Army Medical Center Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic April 1, signifying she won her battle against Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia is the most common type of cancer in children and adolescents, but only happens at a rate of 34 per million in those who are under 20 years of age.*

LORI NEWMAN

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Sailor's father, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Aaron Parker

everything changed," Parker said. "Our entire world changed in so many ways."

Sailor's grandmother, Kim McSparren contacted an old childhood friend, Delores Hagen, who happens to be a critical care nurse in the Pediatric Sedation Unit at BAMC. Coincidentally, Hagen

also had leukemia as a child.

"Forty years ago, Sailor's grandmother lived across the street from me. She was my best friend," Hagen said. "She asked me if I would please go talk to Sailor's parents."

After completing a couple of months of treatments, Sailor was transferred to BAMC and

her dad received a compassionate reassignment to Randolph Air Force Base. Hagen was there to provide support every step of the way.

"Nurse Delores Hagen has been pretty incredible this entire time helping out above and beyond what was required," Parker said.

Sailor's treatment consisted of intravenous chemotherapy, oral chemotherapy and intrathecal chemotherapy, injected directly into the spinal fluid through lumbar punctures.

"By the time we received her as a patient, she was overall, doing quite well and was already in remission," Howell said. "The chemotherapy treatment course lasts about 2 1/2 years for girls."

Sailor's parents were overjoyed that their daughter was finished with her treatment.

"There have been a lot of frustrating moments, a lot of painful moments, but now that it's all wrapped up and coming to an end, it's like a pinch yourself moment," Parker said.

COVID-19 made things even more difficult because Sailor's immune system was compromised.

"The COVID-19 slump that everyone has been in; we were one level deeper," Parker said.

"Now we are actually getting to feel what normal COVID-19 life is with everybody else," he laughed. "We don't know what to do because all these doors and possibilities have opened back up."

Megan Parker, Sailor's mother, agrees. "It's been a journey. It's kind of surreal that it's basically come to an end."

Sailor said she is looking forward to being able to go to grandma's house now that her treatment is finished. There may even be a trip to the beach and Jiu-Jitsu classes in her future.

"Sailor has done extremely well with her treatments and we hope that she is cured of her disease, but she will be watched very closely to make sure that there are no signs of the leukemia returning," Howell said.

## LACKLAND

## 433rd LRS team accelerates change in logistics training

By Senior Airman  
Brittany Wich

433RD AIRLIFT WING

Staff Sgt. Taylor Mogford, 433rd Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment supervisor at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, and his team presented their ideas for revamping logistics training at the virtual 2021 Logistics Officer Association Symposium April 2.

During the 2019 LOA Symposium, the Aether Sprint program provided a platform where a source team of Airmen tackled topics originating from the “What frustrates you most about Air Force logistics?” concept.

According to the LOA Symposium website, Aether Sprint is a platform for logistics Airmen (maintenance, munitions, and logistics readiness) to have a voice and solve day-to-day issues with Air Force-wide impacts.

While deployed in 2020, Mogford assembled a team of Reserve and active-duty members who chose to solve the topic of “Reduction of waste and time for training and certification for the Logistic Airman.”

Mogford joined the LOA in 2020 and attended seminars about innovation and revamping logistics which sparked the idea of applying to the Aether Sprint program.

He began the process in December 2020 by creating the team's name, the Jackals, and recruiting members. According to Mogford, his team first researched traditional Air Force training in logistics.

His team found that career development courses are outdated and needed to be refreshed; especially, with the creation of technical school



SENIOR AIRMAN BRITTANY WICH

*Tech Sgt. Alicia Garvin, 433rd Force Support Squadron customer support NCO in charge, Staff Sgt. Alexandra Thompson, 433rd FSS customer support assistant, and Staff Sgt. Taylor Mogford, 433rd Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment supervisor (background), prepare and issue equipment for an upcoming exercise at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland April 7.*

education, which takes time that could be used for additional hands-on training, he said.

An avenue his team pursued to correct this is the International Society for Logistics, also known as SOLE. It provides skill level and certification evaluations of a member as they submit certifications, classes, training and conferences to the program.

“We want to evaluate the member and give the member more meaningful training,” Mogford said.

Mogford said SOLE already exists within the Army, Air Force and Boeing, and is a

useful tool in evaluating skill level and setting precedents on training; however, it's not a requirement for logistics Airmen to use.

“We can implement a way to solidify our current skill level and, add some value to it, where it's recognized throughout the other services and industries,” Mogford said.

Next, Mogford's team proposed an extended upgrade training time frame from 12 months to 24 months, allowing commanders to have more time to train their members and increase job proficiency.

“A very real byproduct that would come from this is a more deployment-ready Airman,”

Mogford said. “Which then gives more resources, time and tools back to the officers.”

1st Lt. Rosario Genuardi, 433rd LRS senior logistics manager and Mogford's mentor, said the revamping of training and certifications would allow officers to promote more hands-on training to increase the readiness of Airmen.

“I believe Mogford and his team are doing a great thing by thinking outside the box,” said Genuardi. “They are pushing us to innovate and think of the future, not only for our young Airmen but what it could eventually provide for the Air Force.”

Mogford's team directly reflects the total force concept. His team is comprised of contractors, Reservists and active duty members, including Master Sgt. Joselyn Leon Berdecia, Air Education and Training Command; Master Sgt. Amanda Nelson, 6th Combat Training Squadron; Master Sgt. Lee Davis and Senior Airman Deandra Sanchez, 437th Supply Chain Operations Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Gomez, 436th Supply Chain Operations Squadron; and Airman Michael Jimenez, 433rd LRS.

“Let's get a win on the books for the logistics community and then at the end let's say, ‘oh, by the way, this was a total force win,’” Mogford said.

Mogford's overall goal is for this product to become a template for other career fields to use and adapt.

This is an ongoing project, he said, and it's continuing to raise awareness of revamping outdated training and certifications. In order to implement change, the idea needs more buy-in and refinement, he said.

His now expanded team, called the “Jackals Network,” continues to have weekly meetings to generate new ideas and perspectives. Network members include senior advisors and mentors from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and other joint service members.

“The meetings will continue to be able to drive that discussion, drive that support and hopefully raise enough awareness to be able to implement,” Mogford said.

The LOA symposium panel board established connections with all five teams to move forward with their ideas for future implementation.





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## Monthly Events

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### Attention

Due to COVID-19 event times and dates may change, and for the safety of both staff and customers, current HPCON guidance will be followed at all locations.

### Aquatics

#### Pools will open for the summer

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center opens May 28 noon to 8 p.m. for recreational swimming. Lap swimming is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:15-8:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Thursday from 6:30-8:30 a.m.

The JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Pool is open May 28 starting at noon. The pool is open Tuesday through Friday from 1-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. and is closed on Mondays for maintenance.

The JBSA-Randolph Center Pool is open for recreation swimming starting May 28 at noon. The pool is open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. The pool is closed Tuesdays for maintenance. The JBSA-Randolph South Pool is open for lap swimming starting June 14 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Daily swimming fee and season pool passes are required for recreational swimming. Family season passes are limited to immediate family members i.e., sponsor and dependents. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4887, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3445, and JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-5142.

#### Families save money with pool passes

Daily swimming fee or season pool passes are required for recreational swimming at all JBSA aquatic centers. Save money with the purchase of a season pass.

Season pool passes are available for purchase at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, bldg. 3302, beginning May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For JBSA-Lackland, season pool passes are available for purchase at Outdoor Recreation, bldg. 871, during operational hours beginning May 11.

Season pool passes for JBSA-Randolph are available for purchase at the Community Services Mall, bldg. 895, beginning May 11. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4887, JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Rec. office at 210-925-5532 and JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall at 210-652-5142.

#### Children learn to swim at JBSA

Swim lessons are offered at all JBSA locations. The cost for swim lessons is \$65 per two week session and \$35 for E-1 to E-4. Dependents must meet age and prerequisite skills for the levels outlined. Please bring DoD ID.

Swim lesson registration for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston begins May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, bldg. 3302. Swim

lessons are held Monday through Friday for two weeks. Session One begins on June 7 with class times from 9-9:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m. and the Youth Programs class is from 10-10:45 a.m.

Registration for JBSA-Lackland starts May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation, bldg. 871. Each class has eight lessons, 40 minutes each and lessons are Tuesday-Friday every two weeks throughout the summer. Students are taken on a first-come, first-served basis until classes are full. Registration for future classes take place every following two weeks. The first class starts June 15. Classes are for ages 3 and older.

Swim lesson registration for JBSA-Randolph begins May 18 at 9 a.m. in the Community Services Mall, bldg. 895. Please bring your DoD ID card to register. Swim lessons are held Monday through Thursday for two weeks with morning classes. The first class is June 14. Exact lesson times are determined by the level of swimmer.

For class schedule or for more information, please call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4887, JBSA-Lackland 210-71-3780 or JBSA-Randolph 210-652-5142, option 2.

### Bowling

#### Moms are celebrated

All JBSA Bowling Centers want to treat moms to a special bowling rate on Mother's Day. Come by May 9, during regular operating hours for two free games (including rental shoes). The rest of the family can bowl at the special Mother's Day rate of \$2.75 per game with \$2.75 rental shoes. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4740, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-1234 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-6271.

#### Patrons enjoy the holiday

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center invites everyone to celebrate Memorial Day Weekend with a special bowling rate. May 29-30 enjoy bowling for \$2.75 per game, per person (excluding Saturday Strike Club) with \$2.75 shoe rental. The Bowling Center is closed on Memorial Day. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

#### Customers enjoy special rates

The JBSA-Lackland Skylark Bowling Center encourages everyone to come out and take advantage of their great deals. Join us for three games for only \$5 every Tuesday and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in May. Thursday and Friday patrons can also bowl for \$7.50 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 210-671-1234.

#### Diners earn a free meal

JBSA Bowling Centers are proud to offer the frequent diner card program. Pick up a frequent diner card at any JBSA Bowling or Golf Course Snack Bar. These Cards are good at all JBSA Bowling and Golf Operations. After purchasing 10 combo meals, the 11th is free. For

more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4740, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-1234 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-6271.

### Canyon Lake

#### Customers take a tour of the lake

Come out to JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake May 1 and 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and enjoy a 1.5 hour chauffeured boat tour around the lake. Encounter breath taking scenic views; discover its history and the town that still resides beneath. Open to all DoD cardholders. The cost for the tour is \$30 per adult and \$15 per child 12 and younger. Register by contacting our call center at 830-964-3576 or email [jbsalodgingres@gmail.com](mailto:jbsalodgingres@gmail.com).

#### Patrons learn how to be safe on the water

Please join us May 8 and 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake at the Hancock Cove Beach for a two-hour class on the kayaks and paddle boards. The cost for the class is \$20 per person. To reserve your spot, please call 830-964-3576 or email [jbsalodgingres@gmail.com](mailto:jbsalodgingres@gmail.com).

Join us May 8 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake at the Hancock Cove Marina for a two-hour course covering everything you need to know about boat operation, rules of the water and safety guidelines. The cost for the class is \$40 per person and there are limited spots. Participants for the boating class must be 21 years or older and have completed the Boater Safety course one of the following locations, [boaterexam.com](http://boaterexam.com), [Boat-ed.com](http://Boat-ed.com), [BoatUS.org](http://BoatUS.org), or [iLearnToBoat.com](http://iLearnToBoat.com). To reserve your spot or for more information, call 830-964-3576 or email [jbsalodgingres@gmail.com](mailto:jbsalodgingres@gmail.com).

#### Customers have fun on the water

JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon lake encourages everyone to enjoy the summer out on the water. Now thru September 2021, rent a boat 10 times for a minimum of 4 hours and get the 11th for free. The price includes all required safety equipment such as life vests but does not include fuel. The rentals are on a reservation only basis. Email [jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com](mailto:jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com) for reservations. You must have taken the Boater's Safety Course through the State of Texas to be able to rent a boat.

#### Annual Pass Saves You Money

Purchase a Canyon Lake annual pass for only \$75. Pass holders get into both the Sunny Side and Hancock Cove side of the park. Otherwise, the daily entry fee for the park is \$10 per visit, per vehicle. Annual passes include a vehicle and boat/trailer pass and are valid for one year from date of issue. For more Lodging information, call 210-964-3576 or email [jbsalodgingres@gmail.com](mailto:jbsalodgingres@gmail.com)



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and for Boat Rentals and Marina information, please email [jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com](mailto:jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com). We also update the Facebook page, JBSA Canyon Lake with anything new going on at the lake.

## Clubs

### Mother's Day is made stress free at the club

Relax this Mothers' Day and let the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club do the cooking for you. Place an order now thru May 5. All orders must be picked up on May 8 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pick between two meal options, a ham or roast beef. The Ham meal costs \$90 for members and \$95 for nonmembers. The Roast Beef Au Jus meal costs \$100 for members and \$110 for nonmembers. The cost to purchase the ham only is \$55 for members and \$60 for nonmembers. The cost to purchase the roast beef only is \$70 for members and \$75 for nonmembers. Coupons, club bucks, or gift certificates are not accepted as payment for this fabulous feast. Members who order the meal will be eligible for a designer purse give-away ask for details when placing an order. Orders can be made by calling 210-658-7445 Monday-Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or email us at [jbsarandolphclubs@gmail.com](mailto:jbsarandolphclubs@gmail.com).

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club celebrates mothers May 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an outstanding feast. Complete with entrees, sides and desserts. The cost for this scrumptious meal is \$29 for adult club members and \$15 for members children ages 5-11. The cost is \$33 for nonmembers and \$17 for non members children ages 5-11. Children ages 4 and younger are free. No coupons are accepted for this brunch. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

### Bingo Fun is at the club

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts bingo every Sunday at 3 p.m. and Monday thru Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. There is limited and social distanced seating. Admission is free for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Members have the chance to win full jackpots and nonmembers can try to win half jackpots. Prizes for the month of May are designer purses.

Bingo Extravaganza is held May 3 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. Come play on these days for a chance to win a jackpot of up to \$15,000. Birthday Bingo will be held May 11. Celebrate your birthday with us and receive a complimentary bingo machine. Randolph Club members only along with ID and proof of membership required. For more information, call 210-652-3056.

### Mothers attend brunch and a dance with their sons

Join us in the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Ballroom for delicious food, dancing, games and prizes May 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Music will be provided by OMG Sounds. Patrons may make reservations now through May 19. No refunds after May 19. Prices start at \$20 per mother son (ages 2-15) couple for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Additional adult members may be added for \$10 and member's children for \$5. For non members the cost is \$12.50 and \$6 respectively. In addition to the dance there is a brunch. For more information and to make

reservations, call 210-645-7034. Payment is required at time of reservation.

## Community Services

### Mothers Day activities are planned

Everyone is invited to the JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center May 8 at 11 a.m. to celebrate Mothers Day with a sip of tea. Enjoy scrumptious snacks, fruit, tea, music, crafts and a photo booth. Don't forget to get dressed up in your fancy dress and pearls-it's a morning, fit for a queen. The cost is \$10 per child and registration is required. The registration deadline is May 5. To register, call the Arnold Hall Community Center at 210-671-2619.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center is hosting a Mothers Day Girls Night Out May 8 from 6-9 p.m. Grab your friends and or just squeeze out some "me time" with a fun-filled evening. Light refreshments will be provided and the bar will be open for beverage purchases. The cost for this event is \$15. Keep your eyes out for the latest updates this program is still coming together. For more information, call 210-808-6262.

**VIRTUAL PAINT NIGHT**

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK TO PAINT THE ELEPHANT. MAY 14 • 6 P.M.**

This is a pre-recorded video that will be posted at [Facebook.com/JBSA502FSS](https://www.facebook.com/JBSA502FSS) at the above time and date. Purchase your supplies early, visit [Facebook.com/jbsa502fss](https://www.facebook.com/jbsa502fss) or [JBSAtoday.com](https://www.jbsa.com) a week before the class goes live.

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### Mothers get a chance to bond with their sons

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center offers a great way for mothers to spend some time with their sons. Join us May 15 from 6-9 p.m. for an evening filled with dinner, dancing, games and giveaways. Photo opportunities will also be available so come dressed to impress. The cost for the event is \$40 per couple and \$15 each additional child. This year we will be having a buffet with several choices to please everyone. For more information, call 210-808-6262.

### Patrons have a laugh at the theater

The town of Doublewide is back May 21 thru June 12 with a rollicking, hilarious new comedy, "Honky Tonk Hissy Fit". Just when things are looking up the rug is pulled out from under the residents yet again. It seems their vacation rental trailer has drawn unwanted attention from a mega-corporation in Austin. To fight the tentacles of the big corporation, the citizens of this little Texas town need to put aside their problems and unite behind Joveeta and turn the tide in Doublewide. See if they can do it this summer at the Harlequin.

The Harlequin's cabaret style seating has been limited to accommodate social distancing, and strict cleaning protocols are in place in order to ensure everyone's safety. The house opens for cocktails at 7 p.m. with a full service bar offering show specialty drinks and light refreshments. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. This production is sponsored by the GUNN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, no federal endorsement of sponsor is intended. For more information, call 210-222-5675.

JBSA-LACKLAND  
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**VARIETY NIGHT**

DJ Tony Style playing all your favorite music from 6-10 p.m.

**MAY 7 | 14 | 21**

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For more information, please call (210) 645-7034.

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## Equestrian Center

### Customers go on trail rides every weekend

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center encourages everyone age 7 and older to come out for a trail ride. No experience is required and rides are by appointment only every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Trail rides are \$30 per rider. All riders must arrive 30 minutes prior to their appointment time. 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 are available by appointment for \$40 per person. To make reservations, call 210-224-7207.

For the smaller riders that aren't quite ready for trail rides the equestrian center also offers parent-led pony rides for \$10 for children age 6 and younger. Pony rides are offered every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults must accompany their children and availability is on a first come, first served basis. Pony rides can also be coordinated for weekdays on an appointment basis as well as for parties or other special events held on site. A covered deck is available for small parties for half-day use for \$50. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

## Fitness

### Patrons test themselves with a triathlon

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center challenges everyone to take part in the Try-a-Tri Triathlon. Come to the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center during the month of May for your chance to participate in our indoor Try-a-Tri Triathlon. There will be four different super sprint distances to try your hand at, try one or try them all. Sign-ups will take place at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center anytime during the month of May at the front desk. For more information, please call the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 210-221-1234.

### Stairmills are used for a unique challenge

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center is challenging everyone to climb the ten wonders. Patrons should come out to use one of the Stairmills and climb all ten wonders during the month of May and receive a gift once completed. Pick up your tracking card at the front desk and return it once completed. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

## Golf

### National golf day is celebrated Air Force wide

All JBSA Golf locations are celebrating national golf day with the Triple 6 tournament on May 6. Tee times start at 9 a.m. This is a two-player six-hole mix-up golf tournament. Holes 1-6 are a scramble, 7-12 are best ball and holes 13-18 are modified alternate shot. The entry fee is \$20 plus green and cart fees. Entry fee includes food and prizes for both Gross and Net winners. This is a first ever Air Force wide golf event where all Air Force Golf Courses will be hosting this event on the same day. Sign up through the JBSA Golf Clubs App for your home course. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. All HPCON protocols and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. For those without the JBSA Golf Clubs App, stop by your home course Pro Shop to sign up. For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-5863, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3466 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-4653.

### Golfers compete in a scramble

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course hosts the Warrior Golf Scramble May 7 with tee times starting at 12:30 p.m. The cost for this golf scramble is \$30 for DoD ID cardholders and Fort Sam Houston

Golf Club members and \$40 for nonmembers. Price includes green fee, golf cart and box lunch for players. The event is limited to the first 60 paid players. Sign up through the JBSA Golf Clubs App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. All HPCON protocols and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. For those without the JBSA Golf Clubs App, stop by the Pro Shop or call 210-221-5863 to sign up.

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course holds the Memorial Day Scramble May 31 with tee times starting at 7 a.m. This is a two person scramble. The cost is \$20 to enter plus cart and green fee so call or stop by the Pro Shop and sign up. Tee Times from 7-9 a.m. Net and Gross will be paid to teams that place. The team handicap is the lower of the 2 handicaps. Sign up through the JBSA Golf Clubs App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. All HPCON protocols and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. For those without the JBSA Golf Clubs App, stop by the Pro Shop or call 210-652-4653 to sign up.

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**\$30 PER PERSON**

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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 JBSATODAY.COM









### Golf is played with a mix up format

Come by the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course for the Six-Hole Mix Up event. Held May 15 with tee times starting at 8 a.m. This is a two-person team event, six holes are a scramble, six holes are best ball and six holes are alternate shot. Entry fee is \$20 per person before close of business on May 12. Fee does not include green fee and cart fee. Entry fee goes towards prize fund. Sign up through the JBSA Golf Clubs App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. All HPCON protocols and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. For those

without the JBSA Golf Clubs App, stop by the Pro Shop or call 210-671-3466 to sign up.

### Diners earn a free meal

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## Information Tickets & Travel

### Patrons visit amusement parks

All three JBSA-Information Tickets and Travel operations are open and ready to help with all your ticket needs. ITT offers discounted tickets for admission to local attractions, sporting events, SeaWorld®, Six Flags Fiesta Texas®, and much more. They also provide discounted tickets to most local special events throughout the year such as Folk Life and Wurstfest, etc., as well as local Broadway shows. They also offer discount tickets for both Disney and Universal Studios®. Prices are subject to change without notice. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. And is Closed on Sunday, Monday and Holidays. For more information, call JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3059, JBSA-Randolph Randolph 830-266-9333, and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-808-1378.

### Customers take a trip to the amusement park

All JBSA-Information Tickets and Travel locations encourage everyone to check out the latest offer from Universal® Orlando Resort. The new Military Freedom Pass gives military personnel a chance to visit the world-class entertainment destination all year and without blackout dates. The special offer is designed for military members and their families to enjoy two or all three award-winning theme parks, including Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal's Volcano Bay.

New Walt Disney World® 2021 pricing is available now and valid through Dec. 17, 2021. There is a strict limit of 6 tickets per U.S. Active Duty or Retired Member. Due to stock limitations, we ask that you order tickets 2-3 weeks prior to your travel date. Prices and availability are subject to change without notice. For additional information and eligibility rules, call JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3059, JBSA-Randolph Randolph 830-266-9333, and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-808-1378.

### Patrons stay up to date on pricing

The JBSA-Information Tickets and Travel offices are proud to introduce their "Travel Talk" series. Held May 4 and June 8 at 11:30 a.m. Travel Talk will be live streamed via Facebook Live on the Joint Base San Antonio Information Tickets and Travel Facebook page. Tune in and get updates for attractions, pricing, travel deals, get questions answered, concerns addressed, and talk any and everything travel related. For additional information and eligibility rules, call JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3059, JBSA-Randolph Randolph 830-266-9333, and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-808-1378.



**Round trip Las Vegas packages are offered**

The JBSA-Lackland Leisure Travel office is offering night, 4 day Las Vegas Fly and Stay Packages for the months of May and June. Travel from San Antonio to Las Vegas, the trip departs on Thursday and returns on Sunday, includes: Round trip airfare, private round trip SUV transportation, hotel accommodations and travel protection plus. Rates start at \$450 per person. Payments is required a full, and there is a \$10 service fee due at booking. Contact Leisure Travel for a custom quote if your family is over two persons in the party or for alternate dates. For more information, call 210-671-7111.

**Military & Family Readiness****Parenting tips help Single Service Members**

Discover helpful tips and techniques to navigate through unique challenges single parent service members often face during this virtual workshop, May 5, 9-9:45 a.m. Topics include deployment, long-distant parenting, parenting kills, and more. To register, call 210-652-5321.

**Job Fair for Teens and Young Adults**

Participants, ages 13-24, must register by May 5 at <https://e.afit.edu/6vwd44> to attend the week long virtual job fair, May 8 and 10-15. The week consists of prepare for the fair with resume writing tips, mock interviews, how to dress and more; a Q&A session with career professionals to learn what employers are looking for; and virtually job fair.

**What to Expect when Expecting a Divorce**

Those separated or currently going through a divorce review legal, financial, and emotional aspects of divorce during the virtual What to Expect When Expecting A Divorce workshop, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, call 210-221-2705.

**Military spouses create federal resumes**

Military spouses learn how to leverage hiring references, compose a federal resume, and navigate USAJobs.gov site, May 24 from 6-7 p.m., during the virtual Military Spouse Federal Resume workshop. To register, call 210-671-3722.

**Workshop offers insight to supporting the bereaved**

A virtual Supporting the Bereaved workshop, slated for May 26 from 10-10:45 a.m., provides insight on comforting the bereaved. To register, call 210-652-5321.

**Parents discuss autism diagnosis**

Parents register for the virtual Receiving an Autism Diagnosis workshop, May 27, noon to 1:30 p.m., to gain better understanding of characteristics, symptoms, and available therapies. To register, call 210-671-3722.

**First Move for Military Spouses**

Register for a virtual discussion May 27, from 1-2 p.m. to discover tips to help ease the process of a PCS and minimize the unknown. To register, call 210-221-2705.

**Outdoor Recreation****Concealed carry classes offered**

The Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center, bldg. 215, is providing Concealed Handgun License (CHL)

classes May 8 and 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register for the class, students must be 21 years old, unless they are active duty military 18 years or older (DoD ID cardholders only). Students must also meet Federal qualifications to purchase a handgun. Students need to be familiar with their firearm and have prior shooting experience—no first time shooters. Facemasks must be worn during COVID-19. The cost of the class is \$75. Successful completion of this class is required to apply for a Texas CHL. To register, go to <http://www.chlregistration.com> and select "Register for Class" and then select "Dan Willis -Leatherneck Arms." For more information, call Mr. Dan Willis at 210-363-2332.

**Archery takes on another dimension**

The Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center hosts a 3D Archery Competition May 22-23. The 3D Archery Range consists of a course with 30 life-like animal targets such as bears, black panthers, deer, alligators, etc. The targets are set up between 5 and 55 yards at unknown distances. Traditional (Long Bows and Recurve Bows) and Compound Bows are allowed but no Crossbows. The RNGRC has Recurve Bows available to rent for \$15 each. Registration for the Competition is between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 for E-1 through E-4, active duty or medically retired, and \$20 for participants 13 years of age and older. The Fun Shoot Registration is between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The cost is \$5 for E1 through E4, active duty or medically retired, \$15 for 13 years of age and older and \$5 for youth 12 and younger. For more information, call 210-295-7577 or 210-295-7529.

**Youth Programs****Youth get registered for camp**

JBSA-Youth Programs is back and programming awesome teen summer activities and trips. Starting May 3 teens are able to get registered for Teen Camp. Teen Camp activities include digital arts, music, sports, water activities, and more each week.

Starting May 3, all JBSA-Youth Programs will open registration for Pre-Teen Camp. Activities include, Robotics, coding, music, art, and more. Randolph, Lackland, and Fort. Sam Houston pre-teens are working together to plan a collaborative event each month. Please contact your local youth programs for registration and camp details.

Camps run 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$110 per week. Please contact your local youth programs for registration and camp details. For more information, call 210-221-5002 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For JBSA-Lackland call 210-671-2388. For JBSA-Randolph call 210-652-4946.

**Youth get certified for baby sitting**

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs is offering a Red Cross baby sitting training class May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to noon for youth ages 11 and older. Training will cover basic care for infants and children, basic first aid, child behavior age-appropriate activities, emergency protocols, professionalism, and leadership. Fee for the class is \$30. To register, please call Youth Programs at 210-652-3298.

**Kids go out for a run**

All JBSA-Youth Programs encourage families to come

out for America's Kids Run on May 15 from 8-11 a.m. This is a free family run for children and adults. The first 50 participants registered receive America's Kids Run T-shirts. Stop by your local Youth Center to register. Children ages 5-6 run a half mile, ages 7-8 run a full mile, ages 9-13 run two miles and parents can run the 5K or run along with their children. The runs will take place at the W. Ed Parker Youth Center (YP1) at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Center and at Heritage Park at JBSA-Randolph. For more information, call 210-221-5002 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For JBSA-Lackland call 210-671-2388. For JBSA-Randolph call 210-652-4946.

**Parents get a much needed break**

JBSA-Youth Programs can give parents that much needed break through the Give Parents a Break or Parents Night Out programs. 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.

Parents Night Out is held on May 21 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. To register or for more information, call 210-221-5002 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For JBSA-Lackland call 210-671-2388. For JBSA-Randolph call 210-652-4946.

**The start of summer break is celebrated**

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# Physical, occupational therapy addresses injury prevention for MWD handlers

By Agnes Koterb

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In a physically and mentally demanding occupation, military working dog handlers with the 341st Training Squadron are exposed to risks. These risks are typically workplace injuries.

Physical and occupational therapy play an important role in reducing such injuries, along with the associated physical and mental stressors.

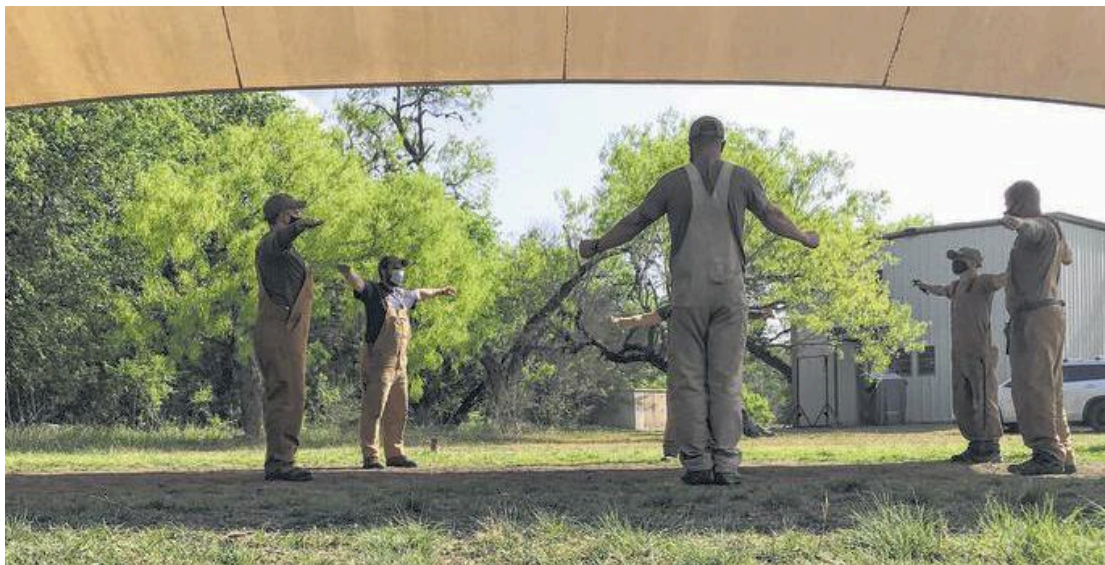
MWD handlers “experience a lot of physical stress when doing bite work with the bite sleeves” including “arms, shoulders and hands from the leash tension of having strong pulling dogs on a leash,” stated Logan Mordh, MWD trainer.

When two former members of the 341st TRS explored avenues of care and support, they enlisted the help of a physical and occupational therapy team who took a proactive approach to address injury concerns.

“MWD handlers have a very physically intensive job in an ever-changing and dynamic environment. Additionally, their daily movements are repetitive which increases their risk of overuse injury,” said Capt. Brittaney Nores, a physical therapist and executive officer at the 59th Surgical Operations Squadron.

MWD trainers are further limited in predicting the speed or angle at which a dog may bite or jump from, creating the probability for increased injury. These considerations led physical and occupational therapists to establish a holistic injury mitigation program specific to the needs of handlers.

“Physical therapists are able to identify trends, modify habits, and educate members on self-care and injury mitigation techniques from a holistic approach,” Nores said.



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*Military working dog trainers prepare for a busy work day with physical therapy warm-ups at Joint Base San Antonio-Chapman Training Annex, Texas, April 8.*

The therapy team formulated exercises and established walk-in hours to accommodate the trainer's busy schedules. “When members are seen acutely, they are usually able to return more quickly. Not always the case, but the time to treatment matters,” Nores said.

Whether scar massage techniques or desensitization exercises are incorporated, each treatment “better [equips] this team with ergonomics and activity modification in order to reduce injuries obtained on the job” encouraging healthy coping skills, thereby allowing handlers to remain focused, said Capt. KaRena Lehman, occupational therapy element chief.

Ergonomic adjustments, coping mechanisms, and warm-up and cool-down exercises are just a few therapy tools that allow MWD trainers

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to take proactive steps in job injury prevention.

“Instead of rehabbing after an injury or surgery, we are trying to reduce the number that happen with education and targeted techniques. This approach is injury mitigation versus injury rehabilitation,” Nores said.

Taking care of one's health early is critical to lasting success.

“You only have one body for

the next 60-plus years and you need to take care of yourself physically and mentally. Address your pain and limitations now so you are able to be functional currently and in your later years,” Lehman pointed out.

The necessity for preventative measures must be considered so that the passion and efforts displayed by MWD handlers continue with ease.

“I've personally seen these

men and women go above and beyond in training and caring for our four-legged Airmen. Serving in this unrelenting environment, where the physical demands are high, requires a heightened focus on the well-being of our MWD handlers and trainers. Anything less could jeopardize their success both personally and professionally,” said Col. Joyce Storm, 37th TRG commander.

“Dealing with significant injuries, or just everyday aches and pains, should not be the norm,” she added. “Providing the right resources helps reduce workplace stressors and improve not only morale but performance. I'm continually amazed to see the teamwork displayed by those organizations who support our proactive approach in taking care of our Airmen (two- and four-legged).”



JOE GANGEMI /

(From left) Airman 1st Class Jez Vandenabeele, Airman 1st Class Autum Vandenabeele, and Airman Noah Vandenabeele gather for a photo at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland March 18.

## From siblings to wingmen, a family of service for BMT grads

By Joe Gangemi

37TH TRAINING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It's not unusual to see several family members joining the Air Force at the same time. This is true of three siblings from Yucaipa, California, who recently graduated basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland within weeks of one another.

Three different paths led down the same road for Autum, Noah, and Jez Vandenabeele. While struggling with the reality of finding a job and paying their bills at the start of the pandemic, the siblings decided it was time to move in another direction.

Noah always knew if he ever decided to join the military the Air Force was his only consideration. After talking to a former service member and coworker, he spoke with his family and enlisted a short time later.

"Job certainty and financial stability were factors in my decision to enlist in the Air Force," said Noah, the first of three siblings to join. "If I ever decided to enlist, I knew the Air Force was my branch of choice."

Throughout their childhood, Autum, 23, Noah, 22, and Jez, 20, relocated several times due to their father's profession. However, they chose California as home. Through tough times and adversity, their bond as siblings remained strong.

"I had my bachelor's degree in anthropology and was pursuing my master's degree in emergency medicine and public health," Autum said. "I even tried to become a firefighter but felt like I

couldn't catch a break. Noah was the voice of reason in my decision to enlist."

Once Autum was on board, Jez just followed suit.

"Honestly, my wheels were just spinning and I thought it would be a good escape from the repetitive day-to-day norms," Jez said. "Our bond has always been strong and I just knew it was the right thing to do."

All three siblings graduated from BMT and became Airmen within three weeks of each other. Noah is an Airman and Jez and Autum are both Airmen First Class.

Noah and Jez are attending technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi — Noah as a cyber transport system specialist and Jez as a weather technician. Autum is closer to home while attending the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, to become a cryptologic language analyst.

"For siblings that are thinking about enlisting together, I would suggest looking into the Buddy System program," Jez said. "I would have been able to communicate and see my sister's progress."

The Air Force has a limited Buddy Program. Applicants who successfully enlist under this program will be together for BMT. If applicants sign up for the same job, there's a higher likelihood they will attend technical school together and might be stationed together.

For more information on the Buddy System, visit <https://www.airforce.com/frequently-asked-questions/military-training>.



# Memorial Log Carry honors fallen Airman

By Andrew C. Patterson  
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WING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 350th Special Warfare Training Squadron organized a 2 1/2 mile memorial log carry for fallen Airman Lt. Col. William Schroeder at the Special Warfare Training Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Chapman Training Annex, April 8.

Opening remarks by Lt. Col. Luke Bates, 350th SWTW commander, set the tone for the march, noting that the only life lost that day was Schroeder's in sacrifice for his fellow service members.

"The reason nobody has heard of the mass shooting at Building 147 five years ago is that it was prevented by Bill Schroeder," Bates said.

On April 8, 2016, Maj. William "Bill" Schroeder, serving as the 342nd Training Squadron commander as a special operations weather officer, was killed on JBSA-Medina Annex in what was a murder-suicide. An Airman facing a disciplinary hearing arrived at the office and began shooting. Schroeder's reaction is credited with saving the life of his first sergeant and potentially many others.

A memorial log created for



ANDREW C. PATTERSON

350 Special Warfare Training Squadron organized a two and a half-mile memorial log carry for fallen Airman, Lt. Col. William Schroeder at the Special Warfare Training Wing located on Joint Base San Antonio-Chapman Training Annex April 8.

Schroeder, along with three, 600-pound workout worms, were carried along a path that navigated through areas of the former 342nd Training Squadron. Service members swapped places to carry the log along the entire path.

Afterward, members present assembled around the SWTW flagpole and the Circle of Honor

in preparation for a memorial push-up ceremony, which is a tradition amongst the special warfare community to honor fallen members.

"It is interesting today that we are flanked by two members from our formation who gave the ultimate sacrifice," said Col. Mason Dula, SWTW commander. "We can keep their

memories alive by telling stories ... reflecting on tragedy, reflecting on our loss, reflecting on our teammates, smiling and speaking about what made them human, just like the men and women to your left and right.

"If it hasn't dawned on you by the nature of our business, we're going to tell stories about

someone standing around this circle someday," Dula added. "The things that our nation asks of us say that we will and we should practice those stories now. This was a great event and it's easy to be proud of this wing on mornings like this.

"This last one is for Lt. Col. William Schroeder...hoo-yah... down up, and... Lt. Col. William Schroeder!!!"

"That is why we do this; why we do what we do," said Chief Master Sgt. Todd Popovic, SWTW command chief. "As we knock out these memorial pushups, I ask that you remember the children of the fallen. April is the Month of the Military Child, and we also remember Schroeder's boys."

Schroeder was the last commander of the 10th Combat Weather Squadron, which was deactivated at Hurlburt Field, Florida, when he relinquished command. As a long-serving member of the Special Tactics community, Schroeder was one of the early advocates of the evolution of the Special Operations Weather community into the Special Reconnaissance career field which the SWTW is establishing at Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina.

Schroeder is survived by his wife Abby and their sons.

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AGNES KOTERBA

## Mom, son celebrate Air Force achievements

By Agnes Koterba  
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A mom and son celebrated milestones this week when Tech. Sgt. Nessie McCray and Airman Basic Jaylen Netterville graduated from their respective technical training schools a day apart at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Since going through basic training almost 19 years ago, this was McCray's first time back to JBSA-Lackland.

Originally in the Air Force Reserve, McCray graduated from recruiting school at the 344th Training Squadron April 21 and is transitioning to the active Reserve.

"Given my background as a teacher, I felt to some degree I already had recruiting qualities. I would share things with my former students often as it related to my Air Force experience," McCray said. "I talked about my experience often, because it helped me to build trust and rapport with many of them, especially those

who were intrigued by what we do."

McCray's inspiration went beyond the classroom.

"My mother was a strong influence, but she let me choose my own path," said Netterville, who graduated from the 343rd Training Squadron as a security forces specialist April 22.

McCray looks forward to helping potential service members navigate opportunities while Netterville looks forward to further developing in his career.

# 688th Cyberspace Wing officer accelerates change

By Nadine Wiley De Moura

688TH CYBERSPACE WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Second Lt. Leon Davis, cyberspace operations officer for the 33rd Network Warfare Squadron of the 688th Cyberspace Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, initially joined the U.S. Air Force for financial reasons, a better life and to pave the way for his family.

“I signed up for my three daughters, and to be able to show them something positive — sharing a greater purpose, passing down principles and morals that they can stand on,” said Davis, a South Carolina native.

In 2014, he enlisted in the Air National Guard where he served as an aerospace ground equipment Airman at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina.

During his time as an Air Guardsman, Leon was inspired to become an officer.

“I realized how much representation and diversity in the senior ranks mattered,” Davis said. “It matters to enlisted Airmen to have someone who they could look up to and knew I could be that. I wanted to be a representative and make a difference for inclusiveness for all Airmen.”

In 2019, Davis graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from the University of South Carolina School of Computer Science and Engineering and commissioned as an Air Force second lieutenant through the university’s Air Force ROTC program.

As an officer within the 688th Cyberspace Wing, Davis has already begun working on ways to create change and has elevated his initiatives to higher echelons within the U.S. Air Force.

In his off-duty time, Davis now leads a team of Airmen



NADINE WILEY DE MOURA

*2nd Lt. Leon Davis, 33rd Network Warfare Squadron, stands in front of the 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) Headquarters building, April 12 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. As an officer within the 688th Cyberspace Wing, Davis, has already begun working on ways to create change and has elevated his initiatives to higher echelons within the U.S. Air Force. In his off duty time, Davis now leads a team of Airman, who began a grassroots initiative to open a dialogue about the minority experience in the military.*

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Roughly 20 Airmen, non-commissioned officers, officers and cadets have come together to organize a

two-day virtual event April 17-18 to candidly discuss challenges and their experiences as minorities in

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order to create change.

“The event is a platform for minority communities to get together and discuss issues that have been weighing on them,” Davis said.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and multiple other senior leaders will be attending the virtual event that Davis has named “The Great Gathering.”

Davis hopes that the event inspires a more candid dialogue about the topic and encourages Airmen who are interested in his initiative to create change to reach out.

“Accelerate change or lose — what we’re doing is not something you take a pause for while you’re on a mission, but it is a part of the mission,” said the 25-year-old officer.

“When folks are focused and they don’t have to worry about these issues,” Davis added. “When these issues are heard, we are able to solve them, take better care of people and folks operate more efficiently.”





AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOSHUA T. CROSSMAN

*U.S. Space Force Capt. Angelo Centeno, 2nd Space Warning Squadron weapons and tactics flight commander, stands for a photo Jan. 27 in front of the radomes at Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado.*

# U.S. Space Force captain makes history at IAAFA

By Airman 1st Class  
Joshua T. Crossman

BUCKLEY GARRISON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A U.S. Space Force captain's cultural and language background helped make USSF history.

U.S. Space Force Capt. Angelo Centeno, 2nd Space Warning Squadron weapons and tactics flight commander, stationed at Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado, was one of the first two USSF members to attend and graduate from the Inter-American Squadron Officer Course at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

"The Inter-American Squadron Officer Course was an amazing experience and opportunity," Centeno said. "The course focused on developing leadership and team-building skills, giving young officers tools to become better leaders and learn to work with people from all walks of life."

ISOC is located at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, or IAAFA. It is similar to the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, but is taught solely in Spanish and is attended by Latin American and U.S. military

officers with the grade of O-3 who possess the ability to speak fluent Spanish.

"I also saw it as a way to speak Spanish for more than just a few minutes a day," Centeno said. "To be honest, sometimes I miss speaking Spanish with friends and family, so it was a way of recharging and feeling connected to my culture and heritage."

Centeno was born in Germany and lived there until the age of 7. There he became fluent in both German and English. In 2001, Centeno and his family moved to Puerto Rico, where he learned to speak Spanish. He lived there until he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force in 2016.

"We had an awesome class of U.S. military officers and international military officers from Honduras, Guatemala, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic," Centeno said. "Each of my classmates taught me a lesson about approachability and humility. It is incredible to see how different and alike our military forces and personnel are."

This course shows how allied mission partners, alongside the U.S. Air Force and USSF, conduct their

operations, and it helps create new perspectives on accomplishing missions through diversity.

"I think it shows how diversity is beneficial and illustrates the impact of how thinking differently can have an impact on mission success and that there is value in speaking other languages and having different cultural backgrounds," Centeno said.

Although Centeno had the opportunity to attend this course and further increase his leadership skills, he was not the only USSF member to attend ISOC.

USAF Capt. Natalia Pinto, former 6th Space Warning Squadron operations support deputy flight commander, was a fellow Space Delta 4 Guardian and attended the same course with Centeno. A few weeks after their graduation, she departed Delta 4 and joined Space Delta 9 at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado.

"Capts. Centeno and Pinto truly represented Space Delta 4 by not only being the first Guardians to attend ISOC but also by becoming distinguished graduates as well," said USSF Col. Richard Bourquin, Delta 4 commander.

To become a distinguished graduate,

an individual must receive a 98% grade point average or higher and is based on the whole-person concept rather than on academics or performance skills alone.

"Having leaders like Capt. Centeno and Capt. Pinto is important and allows for us to strengthen our allied partnerships and build a more diverse and inclusive force, two of our key Space Delta 4 values," Bourquin said. "I couldn't be prouder to have individuals like Capt. Centeno and Capt. Pinto, who will continue to help develop a greater Space Force."

Centeno is currently working on completing his Master's in Space Studies, which he hopes to finish by spring 2022, and hopes to encourage others to pursue educational opportunities.

"There are lots of opportunities provided by the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force that most members don't know about, such as the Inter-American Squadron Officer Course," Centeno said. "I encourage people to put in the time and do the research because the next best experience is out there, and you just have to look for it."

# RANDOLPH

## JBSA FES trains with local fire departments

By Staff Sgt. Preston Cherry  
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Joint Base San Antonio's 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Emergency Services participated in a multi-agency training with Schertz Fire Rescue and Cibolo Fire Department April 12, 14, and 16, at a fire training facility at JBSA-Randolph.

The training helped provide consistency in the techniques used by JBSA firefighters and members of both community fire departments since all three departments fall under a mutual-aid agreement.

"This means that when we need assistance, we have the ability to call for help from on-base firefighters," said Tom Hollick, Schertz Fire Rescue lieutenant and lead instructor. "Essentially, when we respond to emergencies, we have to act as one department. The importance of being on the same page cannot be understated."

Schertz Fire Rescue led the training, which focused on the rescue tactic of Vent Enter Search, where a firefighter gains access from an exterior area of a structure to carry out a targeted search for victims.

"When called to a structure fire, the primary drive for any fire department is the rescue of those that may be trapped inside the building," Hollick said.

In the morning of training each day, participants were taught how to throw ground ladders, take out exterior windows, enter from a ladder into a window, use search techniques once inside, bring victims down a ladder, and properly perform victim drags.

In the afternoon, firefighters



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS TYLER MCQUISTON

*U. S. Air Force Staff Sgt. David Smith (left) and Andrew Sanchez (right), Joint Base San Antonio 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron lead firefighters, prepare for a forced entry scenario during a live fire training exercise April 14 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.*

were put through live-fire, full-scale scenarios based on real-world rescues from around the U.S.

The first day of training included six JBSA firefighters from different installations, with new members rotating in on the remaining days of training.

"The reason for the training being held at JBSA-Randolph is the facility on base," said Harry Hewlett, Schertz Fire Rescue battalion chief. "This training facility provides the ability to simulate the response to a residential house fire, while also being able to

show the firefighters real-world conditions. The amazing facility on JBSA-Randolph has a Class-A burn room."

While training occurs regularly with all departments, Hewlett said this specific training happens once a year, with an intent to happen more often.

"This training is very important for the participants as we have seen a decrease in structure fires throughout the U.S.," Hollick said. "With the decrease in fires, it is important for firefighters to hone their skills in the most

realistic conditions we can provide."

"Without cooperation from all the agencies, this would not have been possible," Hewlett said. "The city of Schertz and Cibolo fire departments would like to express our gratitude. This training directly impacts the skills and readiness of our firefighters to respond to the emergencies of our citizens on and off base."

The JBSA firefighters also understood the importance of the training and looked forward to future involvement with the departments.

"The team building that

organically occurs during training enables us to operate as a decisive, safe and efficient unit," said Eric Watkins, JBSA 902nd CES lead firefighter. "I welcome all future training opportunities with Schertz and Cibolo fire departments."

The JBSA firefighters continue to respond to real-world emergencies with local departments surrounding each installation. Recently, JBSA-Lackland firefighters responded to a structure fire in Atascosa County to assist with at least nine other fire departments.



## DAWN-ED: Air Force-funded degree program now accepting applications

### DAF FUNDED DEGREE PROGRAM

Now accepting applicants.  
Deadline June 25



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By Jennifer Gonzalez

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DAWN-ED is a Department of the Air Force-funded degree program that provides up to 15 eligible Airmen and Guardians an opportunity to pursue a master's degree or doctorate from a university of choice. Officers have until June 25, 2021, to apply for the 2022 academic year.

"This DAWN-ED program creates opportunities for Airmen now to learn and to serve and help create a better future," said Dr. Steven Hansen, DAWN-ED program manager. "The DAWN-ED program has opportunities and areas of expertise the Air Force needs to have 10 years out. The best time to grow that is now, by planting seeds in our Airmen."

Officers selected for the program are able to pursue an advanced degree in one of the following areas: computer science (advanced/quantum computing, artificial intelligence, or machine learning); engineering (autonomous systems, hypersonics, optics, robotics, sensors or stealth); physics (advanced materials or directed energy); and other (biotechnology, ethics in technology, strategic economics or strategic foresight).

Listed below are helpful resources with more information about the criteria and application process on the myPers website <https://mypers.af>

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▶▶ DAWN-ED Frequently Asked Questions

▶▶ DAWN-ED 2021 Application

Tune in to episode 49 of "The Air Force Starts Here" podcast, to learn more about the application process.

Hansen provides specifics on the program and application process. Capt. Ciara Figliuolo, from the 558th Flying Training Squadron and participant in the DAWN-ED master's program last year, who will attend Carnegie Mellon University's Master of Science in artificial intelligence and innovation program is also a guest on the podcast.

The Air Force Starts Here podcast can be streamed at:

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## AFRS unveils Tuskegee Airmen paint scheme for race cars

By Master Sgt. Chance Babin  
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Air Force Recruiting Service, and their partners at Richard Petty Motorsports and Ed Carpenter Racing, introduced their newest paint scheme April 20 which pays homage to the original trailblazers, the Tuskegee Airmen. The red tails, yellow stripes, and star emblem aren't just a visual cue, but a reminder that great things can happen when we celebrate our differences.

"Our partnerships with Richard Petty Motorsports and Ed Carpenter Racing provide the Air Force with platforms to reach large audiences," said Maj. Jason Wyche, Air Force Recruiting Service Chief of National Events Branch. "We're excited to leverage these platforms to pay tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen. It's more than just a paint scheme; it's an incredible opportunity to

educate millions on the history behind the Red Tails. We hope individuals find inspiration from the Tuskegee Airmen and their story."

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps, a precursor of the U.S. Air Force. Pilots, navigators, maintainers, bombardiers, instructors and support staff all trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. The Tuskegee Airmen flew more than 15,000 sorties during World War II in Europe and North Africa.

The paint scheme is inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen's P-51 Mustang used during World War II. The iconic red tail and the red and yellow stripes on the nose of the aircraft are prominent on the cars. The paint scheme will make its track debut this season first at NASCAR's 2021 Geico 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, April 25, 2021, and then at the 105th Indy 500 at the Indianapolis Motor

Speedway, May 30, 2021.

The Air Force has a partner with ECR since 2020 and involved with INDYCAR since 2018.

"I am continually honored and humbled that Ed Carpenter Racing is able to represent the U.S. Air Force and assist in the mission of recruiting our next generation of Airmen," said Ed Carpenter, ECR team owner. "While looking to the future, we also recognize the importance of paying tribute to the history of the U.S. Air Force during Memorial Day weekend. This year, we celebrate the Tuskegee Airmen, trailblazers from World War II. The design of Conor Daly's No. 47 Chevrolet for the Indianapolis 500 draws inspiration from their aircraft, nicknamed Red Tails."

The Air Force has been a partner of RPM since 2009 and involved with NASCAR since 2000.

"I have enjoyed the



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*Air Force Recruiting Service and their partners at Richard Petty Motorsports and Ed Carpenter Racing introduced their newest paint scheme to honor the Tuskegee Airmen for the 2021 race season. The paint scheme is inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen's P-51 Mustang used during World War II. The iconic red tail and the red and yellow stripes on the nose of the aircraft are prominent on the cars.*

opportunity to learn about the Tuskegee Airmen, and the important role they played in both the United States Air Force and our country's history," said Erik Jones, driver of the Richard Petty Motorsports No. 43 Chevrolet Camaro. "It is an honor to

partner with the United States Air Force to pay tribute to these brave Airmen through the Red Tail-inspired paint scheme."

Additionally, NASCAR will also run the Tuskegee Airmen Red Tail paint scheme at the Bristol race Sept. 18, 2021.