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Tech. Sgt. Cody Fuller from the 149th Security Forces Squadron refreshed his night proficiency training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland May 16.

149th SFS undergoes night proficiency training

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433rd AW delivers vital aid to India

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IMCOM deputy commanding general retires

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KALIEA GREEN

JBSA First Sergeant Diamond Sharp Awards

Joint Base San Antonio First Sergeants Council

The Diamond Sharp Award is sponsored by the Joint Base San Antonio First Sergeants Council and recognizes outstanding Airmen who continually exceed the standard to meet the Air Force mission.

Tech. Sgt. Jeramy J. Anderson

Unit: 833rd Cyber Operations Squadron

Duty title: Cyber Warfare Operator



Anderson

Tech. Sgt. Jeramy J. Anderson is an exemplary content developer. He has exceeded expectations for developing instructional content for the host operator's Persistent Cyber Training Environment. Anderson was tasked with developing two instructional modules and instead created seven. In developing some of these modules, he tackled the squadron initiative to develop a malware analyst role. The seven modules he created provide 17 1/2 hours of training, specifically targeting more than 10 lessons learned from on mission. Anderson has gone above and beyond his assigned work and is an invaluable asset to the 833rd COS and the Air Force.

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Tech. Sgt. Tommy H. Duncan III

Unit: 39th Training Squadron

Duty title: NCOIC, Training Operations



Duncan III

Tech. Sgt. Tommy H. Duncan III was hand-selected to conduct a review of the 341st Training Squadron's STARS Program, identifying eight discrepancies and providing remedy actions. He also coordinated and prepared four senior NCOs to brief the 37th Training Wing command chief during his immersion tour, highlighting the 319 TRS's unique mission and flight operation. Duncan directed four BEAST culmination events for 2,400 Airmen across four squadrons. In addition, when a Wingman's child experienced a medical emergency, Duncan sprang into action, providing childcare, support and peace of mind.

Staff Sgt. James M. Long

Unit: 502nd Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title: Investigator

Through much dedication and research, Staff Sgt. James M.



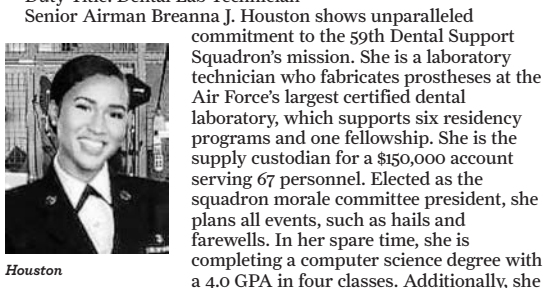
Long

Long was able to resolve a network disconnection between the unit and the Air Force computer network. His efforts gave our unit members access to the Security Forces Management & Resource Network website, Finance Portal, and additional tools on the SharePoint, which also led to the unit being compliant with new regulations. This accomplishment will alleviate multiple issues that have been a daily struggle at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston for all Air Force Security Forces members.

Senior Airman Breanna J. Houston

Unit: 59th Dental Support Squadron

Duty Title: Dental Lab Technician



Houston

was vital to the Wing's vaccination line, helping to inoculate 2,000 patients.

Senior Airman Michael W. McDonald

Unit: 802nd Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title: Installation Patrolman



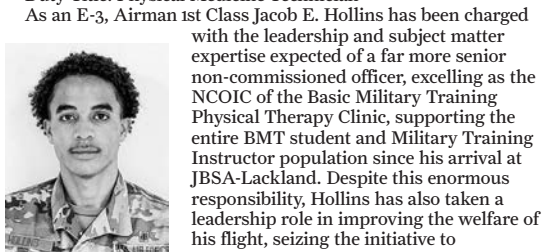
McDonald

“running clinic” while enhancing the Defender Performance Optimization program.

Airman 1st Class Jacob E. Hollins

Unit: 59th Medical Operations Group

Duty Title: Physical Medicine Technician



Hollins

which was notably appreciated by all who attended, as it improved flight morale.

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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 using the subject line "Feedback Fridays."

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

Q. My wife is in need of a replacement ID card, as her current card is expiring next month when she turns 65.

I have left three voice messages that detailed my question and how to contact me. As of this moment, I was on hold for more than 40 minutes and decided to reach out via e-mail as it seems the person who placed me on hold forgot I was there.

We reside in Katy, Texas, which is roughly a three-hour drive to the ID

office. The RAPIDS locations in our area do not have availability for appointments nor are they accepting walk-ins.

Are you accepting walk-in appointments? If so, please advise me on the recommended day(s) and time(s). Given the RAPIDS scheduler shows no appointment availability for the ID office, please confirm that is the case. If not, what is the process for obtaining an appointment?

We understand that her current ID card is valid through June 21, 2021, due to the pandemic. However, my wife would prefer to have a valid card as soon as possible, in lieu of having to carry around a letter.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

A. Thank you for reaching out! We apologize that your experience did not meet the standard of customer service that we at JBSA strive to provide.

With regards to the long wait, as of May 17, we have reinstated ID card appointments via the RAPIDS scheduler. This should mitigate long wait times. Walk-in services will still be available.

We appreciate your valuable feedback,

as it allows the 802nd Force Support Squadron to continue to make every effort toward providing a great customer experience to all we serve.

For any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the Military Personnel Flight commander at 210-837-0366.

Q. I am the squadron timekeeper for the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and I have had more than seven members, who are new hires, have pay issues since January.

I feel that the issue is occurring when members are being on-boarded. Members' pay documents are not being uploaded into their profiles and this leads to the member having a delay in pay.

Is there anyone that I can address these issues within finance or human resources? Thank you in advance for your time.

A. The Comptroller Civilian Pay Liaison Offices (CPLO, which is different than FSS Civilian Personnel Office) customer service representatives are expected to respond to all inquiries within seven business days of submittal. This means

that the technician might not be able to resolve the inquiry but will provide an initial response to the customer, acknowledging receipt of the query.

Priority is given to inquiries related to \$0-pay issues, new-hire documents, Automated Time Attendance and Production System (ATAAPS) access requests, RITA/Travel Debts, PCS vouchers and Table 30 builds, as these directly affect employees' pay.

All Air Force users should use the Air Force Comptroller Service Portal, or CSP, for all pay inquiries. It is requested that DHA users please submit inquiries to 502CPTS.FME.CivilianPay@us.af.mil, while Army network users send inquiries to usaf.bsa.502-abw.mbx.502-cpts-civilian-pay-air-force@mail.mil.

Walk-in lines are prioritized for those who cannot access CSP such as former Airmen (retirees/separated), Basic Military Training or technical school trainees, DHA users who don't have AFNET access, and customers whose inquiry has gone without action for seven business days.

CPTS schedules appointments via first sergeants when the inquiry is beyond seven days by contacting the 502nd CPTS/FSO management.

Air Force releases update on telework, remote work guidance

**Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs**

The Department of the Air Force recently released updated guidance concerning the use of telework and remote work for all civilian employees and service members worldwide, including active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen and active duty Guardians.

The DAF guidance memorandum, DoD1035.01 DAFI 36-816 Telework Program, provides necessary clarification and expands the Department's use of telework and remote work based on current lessons learned, pending a comprehensive review of the Department of the Air Force telework program.

"The Department of the Air Force is using lessons learned about teleworking and remote work during the pandemic as an opportunity to grow," said John Fedrigo, acting assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs. "The pandemic has shown we can

be successful using telework in many areas of our mission, and it helps to bridge our current force structure to the force we need for the future."

Position eligibility is determined by the squadron commander, or equivalent, with input from supervisors. Commanders, or equivalent, will consider the nature of the work performed, and assess whether permitting telework or remote work would diminish the ability to perform successfully or negatively impact the mission.

Even if a specific position is determined ineligible for telework or remote work, there may be circumstances when the Airman/Guardian in this position may be considered for telework on an emergency or situational basis.

"Telework and remote work provide additional tools and options to help us recruit and retain the right talent to compete in the high-end future fight,"

said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "With remote work, we can now attract someone with the specialized skills we need and not require them to relocate when it makes sense for the mission, the individual and a member's development. We recognize the value these flexible work arrangements can have, in some circumstances, to enhance work-life balance and maximize organizational productivity."

The duties and tasks of staff positions are generally more suited for full-time telework and remote work.

"Although not everyone will be a candidate for tele and remote work, allowing this flexibility to those who make it easier to serve," Kelly said.

Remote work differs from telework in that it is a permanent arrangement in which employees perform official duties at an approved alternative location, but not necessarily in the vicinity of the unit

to which they are assigned.

For civilians, this location may be in or outside of the local commuting area of the regular work site, but they aren't required to report to the regular worksite on any frequent, regular or recurring basis.

For service members approved to work remotely, they will perform work in an operating location that is geographically separated from their assigned unit. Arrangements would be made to gain support from the closest installation.

The updated guidance also outlines conditions for designation of an official worksite, equipment and office supplies, emergency situations, work schedules and compensation, time and attendance, telework training, performance management, and telework and remote work denial and termination.

For more information, see the DAF Telework and Remote Work Guide or reference the DAF guidance memorandum.

Risk management key to safe, enjoyable summer

By Lisa Gonzales
AIR FORCE SAFETY CENTER

The Department of the Air Force reminds Airmen and Guardians to apply sound risk management when enjoying outdoor and recreational activities with family and friends this summer. The summer focus period runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration summertime travel, which includes the summer holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day), accounts for the highest average motor vehicle crashes and fatality rates per day; over 9,000 lives were lost from May to August of last year.

With more people on the roadways, accidents are bound to happen and not planning ahead is where problems can arise.

The use of risk management when planning a road trip means getting your vehicle serviced to ensure the fluids are topped off as well as making sure the tires, spare tire and tire jacks are all in good working condition. Have an emergency roadside kit stocked with flares, reflective gear, first aid items, extra water, blankets, and food in case of possible stranding for long periods of time. Pull over when feeling drowsy, focus on the road at all times and if

taking medications, make sure they do not cause drowsiness.

The Department of the Air Force lost 15 service members to preventable mishaps during last year's summer focus. The leading causes of those fatalities were motor vehicle accidents and water-related activities. According to the Summer Safety and Health Advocacy Memorandum sent out by Acting Secretary of the Air Force John P. Roth, "simple actions — such as wearing a

seatbelt or motorcycle helmet, putting on a proper life preserver, or focusing on the road and not your cell phone — saves lives."

Summer allows us time to share in the enjoyment of warmer weather activities. It's important to keep in mind the risks of injury prior to participating. Camping, traveling, or boating are all activities sure to draw people outside with the season change. The dangers of these fun-filled

activities can often be overlooked and result in an emergency room visit or worse.

"Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start to summer and many families will be heading outdoors to enjoy the warmer weather and taking road trips to visit family and friends," said Michael Ballard, chief of Occupational Safety for the DAF. "I encourage each of you to make a risk assessment before you travel or when participating in summer

activities to help prevent or mitigate injuries or deaths. The loss of one Airman, Guardian, or family member is one too many!"

The DAF has established Air Force Instruction 90-802, Risk Management guidance to assist in identifying and mitigating safety and health hazards to make informed decisions. Risk is inherent in all activities, both on and off duty. By performing a risk assessment Airmen and Guardians can systematically evaluate possible courses of action, identify risks and benefits, and determine the best course of action for any given situation.

In the last six years, motor vehicles made up the majority of mishaps resulting in injury with 885, followed by team sports with 596. Last summer alone, service members suffered 470 mishaps that took them out of work for at least one day. When a service member is unable to work this puts a strain on other members in their work areas and is detrimental to getting the mission accomplished.

Keeping risk management a part of summer planning can help mitigate the risks associated with all of those fun-filled activities.

For additional summer safety information, visit the Air Force Safety Center website at <https://www.safety.af.mil/Divisions/Occupational-Safety-Division/Summer-Safety/>.



LISA GONZALES

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Keep safety first, foremost during Memorial Day weekend

By A. Scott Winstead
502ND AIR BASE WING SAFETY OFFICE

As Memorial Day approaches, millions of travelers will be on the road heading out to enjoy the summer sun with friends and family.

With that being said, there are some things to keep in mind and plan for over the holiday weekend.

If you are going to be driving, make sure that your car is prepared for the

trip, ensure your vehicle's maintenance is up to date, check the tire pressure and fill your tank prior to leaving for your destination.

As far as the route you take to get there, make sure that you plan it out in advance and check weather conditions periodically to guarantee your safe arrival.

If you're planning on just staying at home and maybe cooking out, just remember to never leave your grill

unattended. Always have a fire extinguisher ready and clean any excess grease off the grill surface.

After everything has been grilled, make sure to keep food heated until it's served. Also, keep your cold foods on ice or refrigerated, as this helps stop the forming or spreading of bacteria.

Once the food is served, keep it covered so the insects won't be able to enjoy the food before you do.

Lastly, if you're planning on

spending any time outside, wear sunscreen of the appropriate SPF and reapply as necessary, especially if you're going to be in the water or sweating.

Make sure to stay hydrated — with water — and wear a hat and sunglasses.

Keeping all these tips in mind will help guarantee you and your family a fun, relaxing, and, most importantly, safe Memorial Day weekend.

Tough conversation with focus on work-life balance

By 2nd Lt. Katelin Robinson

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander, along with Command Chief Master Sgt. Wendell Snider, sat down with 10 members from the wing May 18 for their “Tough Conversation” series on the topic of work-life balance in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

After a quick around-the-room for introductions, the topic was opened by Miller asking, “Who in here is good at work-life balance?”

The response came from one individual who said, “I’m really interested in the topic and have researched it extensively,” he said. “Limiting cell phone usage, working out and going to bed at a decent time has attributed to my work-life balance success.”

“I found it hard to balance when I teleworked at the start of COVID-19 due to the difficulties of shutting off from work,” Miller stated.

A participant mentioned operating the same way early on, but realized how much burnout it would cause if he continued.

It was a consensus among the members of the group that finding the balance is difficult, especially with children participating in tele-schooling, teleworking and the conflicting information regarding COVID-19 procedures in work centers.

Miller echoed the sentiment of the members regarding the struggle in finding the balance from her position to streamline procedures, such as leave and quarantine policies amid the different requirements and needs throughout the wing.

Snider discussed three times in his career when he struggled with work-life balance and how fluid that can be based on rank, job and position.

“You can find yourself falling out of that balance very easily,” Snider said.

One individual talked about how her Military Training Instructor told her the best thing she had heard about work-life balance while she was in basic training. The instructor said that spending time with those he loved on the weekends recharged him. She

concluded by stating, “Finding out what is important to you and prioritizing that can help you find your balance.”

Another member noted that it can be hard to say no when you’re an Airman and your supervisor is asking you to do something, like plan an event or take on extra work within the unit. The reason for hesitating to say no was their confidence in their ability to complete the task well, not letting the supervisor down and wanting to be helpful or looked upon.

“When I was at the NCO Academy, I asked how many additional duties the individuals in the room had. Most of them raised their hands for having more than seven,” Snider said. “Leaders sometimes struggle with balancing requests and over delegating to capable people, rather than delegating to someone who could benefit from the challenge.”

Miller also shared a story from when she was deployed to Qatar and the stress snuck up on her as she was standing in line at the dining facility. She asked the employee to chop the chicken for her salad to which he said she would have to chop her own chicken. She described her experience as feeling pushed over the edge, not realizing the stress she was under until something small happened and she overreacted.

One audience member suggested this problem would be resolved if leadership invests time in their members and can identify when someone is saturated and needs a break.

Miller described household rules that help her work-life balance.

“My rules are simple,” Miller said. “We eat dinner together every night without electronics and there are no electronics allowed upstairs in the bedrooms. Unplugging, chatting and being in the moment helps me recharge. When I’m there, I’m present, and it makes a huge difference.”

The participants in tough conversations are added to an email distribution list from Miller that provides a synopsis of the discussion and progress on initiatives taken as a result. The next discussion will be held May 25 at JBSA-Randolph. For those who would like to participate, discuss with your leadership.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

IMCOM deputy commanding general retires from illustrious 34-year career

By Scott Malcom

U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION
MANAGEMENT COMMAND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McGuire, U.S. Army Installation Management Command deputy commanding general, is bringing a close to a decorated 34-year career in a ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre May 28.

Lt. Gen. Doug Gabram, IMCOM commanding general, is hosting the ceremony for McGuire's family, friends, co-workers and fellow military members this Memorial Day weekend.

"Memorial Day is bittersweet timing to gather to celebrate the career of Maj. Gen. Tim McGuire," Gabram said. "As a five-time Infantry combat leader, Tim knows the importance of honoring and remembering fellow Soldiers who gave their ultimate sacrifice. While this will be a time of fond reflections of Tim's dedicated service, it is also a time to honor our fallen warriors and their surviving Gold Star Family members."

A 1987 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, McGuire's service reflects the Army values of leadership, duty, respect for others, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

"At West Point, I was routinely asked 'How long you staying in,'" McGuire recalled. "My answer never wavered. 'As long as I'm having fun and making a positive difference.'"

"Not every day has been fun, but there was never a day where I didn't love the men and women I was fortunate enough to serve with or feel like I had not made a difference," the



COURTESY PHOTO

Maj. Gen. Timothy P. McGuire (left), then-deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, joins French military leaders May 27, 2018, to pay tribute to fallen service members at St. Mihiel American Cemetery and Memorial located at the west edge of Thiaucourt, France.

general added.

McGuire proved his leadership as an Airborne Ranger who commanded the "Red Devils" of the 1/508th Parachute Infantry Regiment in the Paktika province in Afghanistan and later the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 82d Airborne Division in Iraq.

The general's family — his wife, two sons and two daughters — knows all about duty, remaining steadfast and resilient over two decades while McGuire led elite infantry units in multiple combat zones, two times to Iraq and three to Afghanistan.

"Every time I returned from a deployment and reunited with my family, I always wished that same great feeling for every American," McGuire said. "We'd all appreciate one another more if everyone had an opportunity to see how

selflessly our Soldiers serve, despite the hardships of combat and how much our allies appreciate our presence because we serve with honor."

As the IMCOM DCG, McGuire and his global team provide a full array of installation services at 97 Army bases around the world. One of the programs IMCOM leads for the Army is Survivor Outreach Services, a network of professionals who ensure Gold Star Family members receive the benefits and services they deserve and are authorized for.

"Memorial Day is a solemn reminder that freedom is not free," McGuire said. "It comes at a substantial cost. Gold Star Family members are never far from my mind and they have earned the enduring respect of our nation."

McGuire learned about respect for others as an

Olmstead Scholar studying international relations at the University of Chile. Immersed in a different country and speaking a foreign language, McGuire paid close attention to the nuances of culture and how they impacted relationships and decision making.

He would use this understanding later in life, as he sat down with tribal leaders in Iraq and Afghanistan to discuss how they could work together to shape a better life for their people.

The Army defines integrity as "doing what's right, legally and morally."

McGuire lived this value serving as the deputy commanding general for the 82nd Airborne, U.S. Army Europe, and IMCOM. In this last assignment, he developed a reputation for taking on the most complicated problems,

approaching each one by identifying the "hard rights" over the "easy wrongs."

One look at this decorated Soldier's uniform reflects McGuire's personal courage. What is not seen is the grit and determination he displayed fighting — and ultimately beating — cancer while simultaneously serving as the acting commanding general of IMCOM.

McGuire looks back on an eventful career thankful for the impact these seven Army values had on him, his Soldiers and his family.

"I was always proud to espouse the Army values," he said. "They were basically the same ones my parents taught me."

McGuire plans to continue to memorialize the Soldiers he served alongside who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Lifetime of Service:

New award recognizes BAMC civilians serving 45-plus years

By Lori Newman

BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brooke Army Medical Center held a Lifetime of Service award ceremony May 11 to honor the legacy of employees who have served 45 or more years in civil service.

The new award was presented to a group of 18 individuals from across the organization whose years of service ranged from 45 to 66 years, for a combined total of 876 years of federal service.

"That's an incredible milestone, representing more than four decades, in some cases more, of dedicated service," said Army Col. Michael Wirt, BAMC commander. "Their dedication to our nation and to our mission here at BAMC is astounding and certainly worthy of being recognized."

Wirt noted that civilians bring many qualities to the table, including institutional knowledge, expertise and experience.

"They offer continuity and consistency through turbulent and ever-changing times," Wirt said. "They step up with excellence when their military colleagues are called to service. We could not sustain this mission without them."

Former BAMC Commanding General Brig. Gen. Shan Bagby, U.S. Army Regional Health Command-Central commanding general, served as the guest speaker for the inaugural event.

"I miss my BAMC family already," Bagby said. "However, I am very excited to be joining you to honor our teammates who have given so much of their lives to the service of our nation."

Bagby spoke about patriotism, quoting Jesse Ventura, actor, former pro wrestler and politician: "Patriotism is voluntary. It is a feeling of loyalty and allegiance that is the result of knowledge and belief. A patriot shows their patriotism through their actions, by their choice."

"I think that quote perfectly encapsulates the prevailing attitude of our civil service heroes here at BAMC," Bagby said. "You live the definition of patriotism, dedication and perseverance each and every day with your enormous contributions to the

"You live the definition of patriotism, dedication and perseverance each and every day with your enormous contributions to the Army medicine mission."

**General Brig. Gen. Shan Bagby,
U.S. Army Regional Health Command-Central commanding general**

Army medicine mission."

Bagby said the global pandemic this past year proved how much civilians are needed to help sustain the mission at BAMC.

"As we sent our military nurses and doctors around the nation and the world to assist hard-hit areas during the height of COVID-19's spread, we relied heavily on our civilians to keep the forward momentum of our pandemic response within our hospitals," Bagby said. "In fact, civilians contribute to our force readiness in many, many ways. They lead, manage, and maintain critical programs that support our service members and their families, at home and abroad. And, of course, their main contribution is the invaluable institutional knowledge and continuity they provide so our Soldiers can do what they do best on the battlefield."

Michael Dulevitz, chief of the office of Volunteer Services, has spent more than 38 of his 45 years in civil service at BAMC.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be allowed to serve our country and, more importantly, BAMC," Dulevitz said. "Civil service allowed me to continue my service after leaving the Air Force. BAMC, from the work perspective, is my home away from home, and I have never wanted to leave since onboarding in 1982. It gives me a true sense of purpose and belonging to a team. I am very proud to tell people that I work here."

"Civilians are a vital, invaluable, enduring component of our National Security Strategy," Bagby said.

Another former BAMC Commander, Maj. Gen. George Appenzeller, assistant director for combat support, Defense Health Agency, agrees.

"In the military, we are the bricks; but really the foundation, the mortar,

the cement, that's all our civilian staff," Appenzeller said. "It's not just when we deploy, it's not just when we go overseas, and it's more than just prepping for casualty care, it's the day in and day out work."

Award recipients included:

- » Kadir Akyol, Patient Experience Office, 45 years
- » Howard Benjamin, Department of Nutritional Medicine, 45 years
- » Henry Campbell, Logistics Division, 45 years
- » Lee Crockett, Logistics Division, 45 years
- » Michael Dulevitz, Volunteer Services

Section, 45 years

- » Luisa Garcia-Melendez, Patient Administration Division, 45 years
- » Rodney Hammond, Patient Administration Division, 45 years
- » Charles Choi, Resource Management Division, 46 years
- » Roy Monk, Department of Behavioral Medicine, 46 years
- » Abraham Salazar, Department of Medicine, 46 years
- » Eluterio Cantu Jr., Department of Nursing, 47 years
- » Patricia Waters, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 48 years
- » Michael Banta, Logistics Division, 49 years
- » Frank Garcia, Department of Emergency Medicine, 49 years
- » Patricia Brown Department of Preventive Medicine, 53 years
- » Sergio Vega, Department of Operative Services, 53 years
- » William Davis Jr., Department of Behavioral Medicine, 58 years
- » Carolyn Putnam, Command Suite Section, 66 years

Alamo Federal Executive Board names award winners

Alamo Federal Executive Board

Several uniformed and civilian members and teams throughout the federal workforce at Joint Base San Antonio and South Texas are among the winners of the Alamo Federal Executive Board Excellence in Government Awards conducted virtually May 20.

Leaders from the AFEB named the winners during a virtual ceremony from among more than 73 total nominations in seven individual and two team categories.

“The pandemic was a game changer for us all,” said AFEB chair Curt Robertson, while also offering congratulations to all of the 38 finalists and 35 honorable mention nominees. “Nevertheless, we persevered and like always, cream rises to the top as we recognize some of our brightest stars.”

Finalists for the awards ceremony were nominated by their respective agencies. Nominees were the screened by a selection panel representing a variety of federal agencies, reviewed and narrowed down to following finalists.

Administrative Support Category

- » Kathleen Fernandez, Defense Contract Management Agency, gold
- » Staff Sgt. Nahfeasha Collins, 16th Air Force, silver
- » Jared Bledsoe, U.S. Army Environmental

- Command, silver
- » Michael Todd Jr., U.S. Army Medical Command, bronze
- » Araceli Sarabia, U.S. Army Medical Command, bronze

Specialist Category

- » Tech. Sgt. Christine R. Castro, 319th Training Squadron, gold
- » Tech. Sgt. Luis Casas, Jr., 16th Air Force, silver
- » Susan Birchmeier, U.S. Army North, silver
- » Master Sgt. Matthew Fuger, 688th Cyberspace Wing, bronze
- » Tech. Sgt. Aslyn Parker, Air Force Services Center, bronze

Law Enforcement Category

- » Park Ranger John Gonzales, National Park Service, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, gold

Professional Category

- » Stacy Lange, 16th Air Force, gold
- » Michael Jackson, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, silver
- » Laurie Haines-Eklund, U.S. Army Environmental Command, silver
- » Peter Myers, 35th Intelligence Squadron, bronze
- » Michael Snell, U.S. Army North, bronze

Customer Service Category

- » Tech. Sgt. Erin Rich, Air Force Services Center, gold
- » Lawrence Sansone, Air Force Security Assistance

- Training Squadron, silver

Military or Civilian Deployed Category

- » Senior Airman Matthew Rzeszut, 57th Intelligence Squadron, gold
- » Maj. Brian Morrison, Air Education and Training Command, silver
- » Maj. Steven Appleby, 16th Air Force, silver
- » Maj. Bonnie Conrad, U.S. Army North, bronze
- » Master Sgt. Shobha Parker, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, bronze

Supervisor Category

- » Master Sgt. Tyreika Clark, Air Force Personnel Center, gold
- » Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Ferry, 35th Intelligence Squadron, silver
- » Douglas Smith, Defense Logistics Agency, silver
- » Mark Massie, U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command, bronze
- » Michael Erdley, Air Education and Training Command, bronze

Teamwork Category (small team)

- » U.S. Army North, Law Enforcement Intelligence Branch Team, gold
- » Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Inter-Service Training Review Organization Cost Team, silver
- » 37th Training Wing, Standardization and Evaluations Flight Team, silver
- » Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Developmental Special Experience

- Branch Team, bronze
- » Air Force Services Center, Salesforce Migration Team, bronze

Teamwork Category (large team)

- » 341st Training Squadron, DOD Military Working Dog School Team, gold
- » U.S. Army North, G4 Mobility Division Team, silver
- » Air Force Installation Contracting Center, Aircraft Maintenance Enterprise Solution Team, silver
- » 363rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, 57th Intelligence Squadron
- » Operations and Flight Team, bronze
- » Air Force Services Center, Fitness and Sports Team, bronze

The Alamo Federal Executive Board is the collaboration hub for 63 Federal Agencies in the greater San Antonio area and south Texas. San Antonio makes up one of the largest federal communities outside of Washington, D.C., and consists of more than 130,000 civilian and uniformed employees.

Federal Executive Boards were established by President John F. Kennedy in November 1961, and the Alamo Federal Executive Board was given its board status under the authority of the Executive Office of the President of the United States in 1991.

Key leaders in local federal agencies serve on the Federal Executive Board and collectively act as a board of directors.

802nd CES Environmental Assets branch helps preserve history at JBSA-FSH

By Rachel Kersey

502ND AIR BASE WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

May is Historic Preservation Month and the 802nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Assets branch is involved in the preservation of several historic resources throughout Joint Base San Antonio.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 established a program for the preservation of historic properties throughout the nation, and every May these efforts are promoted and celebrated.

"Across JBSA, we have eight historic districts with more than 800 contributing properties, and 31 or so archeological resources," said Dayna Cramer, 802nd Civil Engineer Squadron chief of environmental conservation. "We probably have more than 100 projects that my three-person team is overseeing right now."

Her team's mission is to protect the history of the military installations and highlighted three historic places being preserved at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston: the Gift Chapel, the Staff Post gazebo and the Caisson Platoon's administrative area.

The Gift Chapel is undergoing a roof restoration.

"In the early 1900s, the morale for the Army was really low," Cramer explained. "The city of San Antonio came together and they gifted the Army the money to build the chapel. I believe it was dedicated for the Army to use as a morale and welfare facility — essentially mental health and religious health. It's been used substantially since it was constructed for a variety of functions, including a courtroom."



PHOTOS BY BRIAN J. VALENCIA

Preservation work is performed on building 2006 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 19.



Originally constructed in 1912 as an isolation ward for the station hospital complex, the current construction on building 2006 is reconfiguring the interior into administrative office space and bringing it up to current building code standards while making repairs to the historic exterior.

When JBSA-Fort Sam Houston was constructed, it did not have a chapel for the first 30 years. Any religious services were hosted in temporary shelters, open encampments, or (after 1880) in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Grayson Street.

Construction for the chapel began in 1908 and former President William Howard Taft formally dedicated the building on Oct. 17, 1909.

Originally built around 1919 and reconstructed in the 1970s, the Staff Post gazebo is in the historic housing district on the parade field looking towards the Quadrangle. The old wooden trim is deteriorating, so it is being removed and replaced in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Preservation Standards.

The U.S. Army North Caisson Platoon, which honors fallen military members with funeral honors at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, occupies a building that is another current preservation project.

"We've restored what used to be the old veterinary clinic. It is now administrative offices for the platoon," Cramer explained. "The history of the funeral honors is a really big deal for the military. Being able to help them continue their mission in what used to be a veterinary office is awesome."

Even after these three structures are restored, there will be many more projects to finish across JBSA.

"Historic Preservation Month is a nationwide program to call attention to the activities that we do all year round," Cramer said. "We try to do a lot of outreach events and training with on-base personnel. We want to make people aware of the history that is around them so they can help us preserve that history."



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Monthly Events

June

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 are open for the summer

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

The JBSA-Lackland Warhawk 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 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, 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 standard operational hour.

Season pool passes for JBSA-Randolph are available for purchase at the Community Services Mall, bldg. 895, or 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 210-652-5640.

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 is now open for all JBSA locations.

Swim lessons for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston 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.

Swim lessons for JBSA-Lackland consists of 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 is at 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 210-652-5640.

Bowling

Fathers are celebrated

All JBSA Bowling Centers want to treat fathers to a special bowling rate on Father's Day. Come by June 20, during regular operating hours for two free games (including rental shoes). The rest of the family can bowl at the special Father'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.

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 Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 210-671-1234.

Single military members bowl for free

Single active-duty military members can bowl three games free with shoe rental included at all JBSA Bowling centers. JBSA-Fort Sam Houston offers this special every Sunday from 3-7 p.m. JBSA-Lackland every Thursday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. and JBSA-Randolph every Saturday from 6-9 p.m. 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.

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

Patrons learn how to be safe on the water

Please join us June 12 and 26 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, and is \$10 for children 16 and younger. This class is required to rent kayaks and paddle boards at Canyon Lake. To reserve your spot, please call 830-964-3576 or email jbsalodgingres@gmail.com.

Join us June 12 and 26 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, Boat-ed.com, BoatUS.org, or iLearnToBoat.com. To reserve your spot or for more information, call 830-964-3576 or email 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 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 and for Boat Rentals and Marina information, please email jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com. We also update the Facebook page, JBSA Canyon Lake with anything new going on at the lake.

Clubs

Patrons dance the night away

Check out the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club June 18 from 7-11 p.m. for Disco Night. Live music will be provided by DJ Polo. Patrons who come out dressed up in the best 70's outfit are entered in a chance to win a \$100

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Visa gift card. Enjoy complimentary food, funky music and psychedelic drinks. This event is for adults only, age 18 and older. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, call 210-652-3056.

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 June are recliners.

Bingo Extravaganza is held June 7 and 21 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 June 8. 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.

Fish fry is held at the club

Celebrate Juneteenth with a fish fry at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club in the Lone Star Lounge June 18 from 5-11 p.m. Come out and enjoy all the classics: hush puppies, French fries, coleslaw, cornbread and of course fried fish. In addition to food there will be contests, prizes and music provided by OMG Sound. The cost for members is \$5 and nonmembers cost \$7. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

Youth party with superheroes

Superhero bash comes to the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club June 26, held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each child will receive tickets to spend at the general store and are encouraged to dress up as their favorite hero. This event is reservation only with limited seating. The event costs \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Children 4 and younger are free. The last day to cancel a reservation with a refund is June 24. No refunds will be issued after this date. Coupons, club bucks, or gift certificates are not accepted as payment for this event. For more information or reservations can be made beginning June 7 for club members and June 14 for nonmembers from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by calling 210-658-7445 or by sending an email to jbsarandolphclubs@gmail.com.

Fathers attend a dance with their daughters

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts the Father/Daughter Dance June 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Ballroom. Consisting of a dinner buffet, dancing, games and prizes. Reservations can be made from June 1-23 and no refunds will be issued after June 24. The cost for father/daughter couples (ages 2-15) is \$25 for members and \$27 for nonmembers. Additional adults and children can be added for an additional fee. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

Community Services

Bunco fun is at the community center

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center is holding a bunco night June 4 from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of bunco and light snacks. Prizes will be given out

and the bar will be open for drink purchases. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information call 210-808-6263.

Fathers and sons tackle a project

Join the JBSA-Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center June 19 at 11 a.m. to build and decorate a wooden vehicle while enjoying food and music. The cost is \$10 per child and registration is required. The registration deadline is June 16. To register, call the Arnold Hall Community Center at 210-671-2619.

Fathers get a chance to bond with their daughters

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center offers a great way for fathers to spend some time with their daughters. Join us June 18 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.

ALOHA Summer KICK-OFF
JBSA-Randolph Parr Club
June 11 @ 6 p.m.

Registration Required.
VISITJBSATODAY.COM

For more information,
call (210) 652-5765.

Patrons keep their cars road ready

Let the JBSA-Lackland Auto Hobby Shop technicians prepare your vehicle for any vacations planned during the hottest season of the year. The full service department provides tune-ups, charging system tests, oil changes, undercarriage, suspension and drive-line inspections, A/C systems performance test, repairs, Texas state inspections and more. The self-service side gives the do-it-yourself crowd a place to work on a vehicle and access to many tools that may not be in a home garage. Moreover, since COVID-19 is still around, the Auto Hobby Shop is still offering a complete vehicle disinfection service for only

\$35. To make an appointment, call 210-671-3549.

Please note the following changes in business hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed Sunday and Monday.

E1-E4 ACTIVE DUTY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Active duty E1-E4 military members and their families can now sign up for a free annual golf membership.

To sign up visit any of the JBSA golf locations. Please bring DoD ID card.

To ensure the safety of the staff and customers, current CDC guidelines will be followed.

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

Teams compete in a relay

Get a teammate and head out to the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center's Two-Person Team 10K Relay. The run starts at Heritage Park June 5 at 7:30 a.m. The first team mate must complete the 5K run route in order for the second team mate to tag off and start running the next 5K. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

Competition heats up with tournaments

The JBSA-Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center holds a Volleyball Tournament June 10 from 1:30-4 p.m. Games will be played to 25 points. The winning team will advance to the next round. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Sign up deadline is June 7. For more information, call 210-671-2401.

On June 22 there will be a Volleyball tournament from 1:30-4 p.m. Games will be played to 25 points or for 15 minutes whichever comes first. Teams must consist of at least 4 people and rally point scoring will be used. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. The Sign-up deadline for this event is June 18. For more information, call 210-671-2401.

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center will also be hosting a Wallyball Tournament June 18 from 7-9 a.m. This is a double elimination tournament, and 4 people will be on the court at all times. Each game will go up to 25 points using rally scoring. This event is open to all DoD ID cardholders. For more information, call 210-97-2353.

Come to the JBSA-Lackland Kelly Fitness Center June 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Three person teams must register no later than 3 p.m. on June 16. Team will compete in a single elimination tournament to crown our new Champion. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. For more information, call 210-925-4848.

Patrons compete to see who is the best

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center hosts a bench press competition June 12 from 9-11 a.m. Come out for an opportunity to out-lift the competition. Each participant has three attempts. No sign up is needed for this event. For more information, please call 210-221-1234.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course invites everyone to come out June 4 for the Warrior Golf Scramble, tee times starting at 12:30 p.m. The cost for this golf scramble is \$30 for DoD ID cardholders and Fort Sam Golf Club members and \$40 for non members. Price includes green fee, golf cart rental and a 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 time and the necessary information. For those without the app, stop by the Pro Shop or call 210-221-5863 to sign up or for more information.

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course is holding the Warrior Golf Scramble June 4, tee times starting at 12:30 p.m. The cost for this golf scramble is \$30 for

members and \$40 for nonmembers. Price includes green fee, golf cart and 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 HIPCON 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.

Youth learn the game of golf

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston holds the Junior Academy June 5 at 2:30 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. Each child receives 12 weeks of golf lessons covering all aspects of the game of golf. Each class is 90 minutes long. For more information, call 210-221-5863.

The JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Golf courses offer Junior Golf Camp from June 14-18. The cost for this year's Junior Golf Camp is \$200 if your child needs clubs which are his or hers to take home at the conclusion of the camp and \$100 for children who already have clubs. The camp takes place 8-10:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. The first four days are devoted to lessons on chipping, putting, and hitting and Friday is the pizza and tournament day. To sign up for JBSA-Lackland, call Brandon Ellis at 210-671-3466. To sign up for JBSA-Randolph, call Clay Kauha at 210-652-4653.

Fathers day is celebrated

Celebrate Father's Day early and join the JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Golf Courses for a two-person shamble. Choose the best tee shot then play our own ball from that point and record the lower of the two scores. The cost is \$20 per person before close of business on June 16. Fee does not include green fee or cart rental 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. For those without the JBSA Golf Clubs App, stop by the Pro Shop or call JBSA-Lackland 210-671-3466 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-4653 to sign up or for more information.

Diners earn a free meal

JBSA Golf Courses 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 purchase 10 combo meals, the 11th is free. For more information, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-5863, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3466 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-4653.

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 as Folk Life and Wursthfest, etc., as well as local Broadway shows. They also offer discount tickets for both Disney 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 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 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 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 JB SA-Lackland at 210-671-3059, JB SA-Randolph at 830-266-9333, and JB SA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-808-1378.

Military & Family Readiness

Parents prepare for baby

Active-duty expecting parents receive information on financial planning from conception to college, support programs offered within the community and more during the virtual Bundles for Babies workshop, June 9, 9-11 a.m. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Survivor benefits plan briefing

Military personnel and their spouse attend a virtual Survivor Benefit Plan briefing, June 10 from 9-10 a.m., to become familiar with the options, effects, and advantages of SBP. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Youth view deployment from a new perspective

From in-processing to equipment demonstrations military youth ages 8-12 participate in Operation Junior Expeditionary Team, a mock deployment experience on June 11 at JB SA-Lackland. OPJET is open to dependents of all military branches. Limited space is available, registration is required no later June 4. For details, call 210-671-3722 or email 802fss.fsfr@us.af.mil.

Participants unlock professional connections

Learn to build a professional profile and maximize networking capabilities during a virtual LinkedIn workshop, June 15, 9-11 a.m. or 6-8 p.m. Call 210-221-2705 to register.

New spouses acclimate to military lifestyles

Spouses new to the military learn about the mission, lifestyle, protocol, and available programs during the Heart Link, a virtual spouse orientation workshop, June 16 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Leaders improve team cohesion

Leaders gain insight on authentic appreciation and how it creates a healthy, motivating work climate during an interactive virtual workshop, Team Cohesion – Impact of Authentic Appreciation, June 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 210-221-2705 to register.

Insight on retirement planning offered

Whether just entering the workforce or a seasoned veteran, discover the secrets of a successful retirement plan during the virtual Retirement Planning for Military and GS workshop, June 24 from 10-11:30 a.m. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Military Spouses prepare for first PCS

Military spouses receive tips to help explore a new installation, find employment, selecting new schools and more during the virtual First Move for Military Spouses, June 24 from 1-2 p.m. To register, call 210-221-2705.

Outdoor Recreation

Concealed carry classes offered

The Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center, bldg. 6215, is providing Concealed Handgun License (CHL)

classes June 4 and 19 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 3-D Archery Competition June 26-27. The 3-D 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 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.

Patrons rent all the recreation essentials

The JB SA-Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Equipment Center has equipment rentals for everyone, to include camping, water fun, fishing boats, speedboats, sports and party equipment, tables, chairs and bouncy castles. We also have RV campers, mobile grills and portable grills, so come visit us. In addition, equipment rental has a resale car lot. For more information, call 210-221-5224 or 210-221-5225.

The JB SA-Randolph Equipment Checkout has tables, chairs, canopies, ice chests, and water jugs that might be needed for those birthday parties, holiday dinners or backyard BBQ. Equipment Checkout also has the extra items needed to make guests' stay more comfortable. Patrons can rent roll-a-way beds with mattress, aluminum cots, and sleeping bags for great prices. For more information, visit the Community Service Mall, bldg. 895, or call 210-652-5640.

Youth Programs

Parents get a much needed break

JB SA-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 June 12 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. at JB SA-Fort Sam Houston, June 5 from 6-10 p.m. at JB SA-Lackland, and June 4 from 6-10 p.m. at JB SA-Randolph. To register or for more information, call 210-221-5002 for JB SA-Fort Sam Houston. For JB SA-Lackland call 210-671-2388.

For JB SA-Randolph call 210-652-4946.

Arts and crafts are made in the park

Join JB SA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs June 16 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the parking lot next to W. Ed Parker Youth Center (YPI) to decorate a special door hanger in the shape of a tie. Projects are free and open to all, while supplies last. For more information, call 210-221-3502.

Youth attend a soccer camp

Youth ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-14 are invited by the JB SA-Lackland Youth Programs to come learn basic soccer skills, get a good solid workout, while having fun in the sun. Camp is held June 12, 19, and 26 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The cost for this camp is \$20 per youth. We are also looking for volunteer coaches to help assist during camp. To sign up or for more information, call 210-671-2388.

JB SA-Randolph Youth Programs gives all school age children, age 5-10, a safe way to take first steps toward skills/drills while learning the fundamentals of soccer. This camp runs June 14-17 from 10 a.m. to noon and focuses on footwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship. The cost is \$40 per youth. Register now because camp is limited to 15 participants. For more information, call 210-652-3298.

Youth skate the night away

Roll out to JB SA-Randolph Youth Programs June 18 from 5:30-8 p.m. for Skate Night. Youth, ages 9 and older, are invited to skate the night away. There will be great music, games, and prizes. Space is limited. Cost for this evening is \$5 per person. To make reservations or for more information, please call Youth Programs at 210-652-3298.

Families put on a show as they compete

The JB SA-Lackland Youth Programs is holding a Lip Sync Contest June 7-11. Youth showcase their lip-syncing moves with their families and enter for a chance to win a Karaoke Machine. Open to youth members and their families. Voting will open to the public all week via our Facebook Page. For more information, call 210-671-2388.

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The crew of the 433rd Airlift Wing C-5M Super Galaxy "Reach 281" and others gather May 5 at the airport in New Delhi, India. Multiple U.S. Air Force aircraft moved the COVID-19 medical treatment supplies from Travis Air Force Base, California.

433rd Airlift Wing C-5M Super Galaxy delivers aid to COVID-19 stricken India

433rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A contingent of 17 Air Force Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 433rd Airlift Wing, located at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, delivered 48,000 pounds of critical supplies from the Defense Logistics Agency to Indian government officials in New Delhi, India, on May 3, 2021.

The supplies were delivered in response to an official request by the Indian government to the U.S. State Department on April 24 for medical supplies and equipment to assist with the impacts of COVID-19 on the country.

The supplies included 132,000 N95 masks and 545 oxygen concentrators. A

total of four flights departed from Travis Air Force Base, California, delivering 1.6 million N95 masks, one million COVID-19 test kits, and 545 oxygen concentrators.

The Air Force Reserve Command C-5M Super Galaxy crew consisted of Citizen Airmen assigned to the 68th and 356th Airlift Squadrons, 433rd Operations Support Squadron, and the 433rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron that was initially assigned to a different mission.

"We were notified about the mission the day before we were to leave on a Pacific channel mission," said Capt. Gary Koivisto, 433rd OSS instructor aircraft commander at JBSA-Lackland. "The

presidential-directed (special assignment airlift) mission was still in coordination the morning we were alerted to depart JBSA-Kelly Field Annex. When we found out the reason for the mission change, the crew was motivated to get into execution and deliver the aid."

The opportunity to provide support to those in need was a common thread among the Citizen Airmen.

"I felt proud that the 433rd was trusted with the tasking to support this humanitarian mission to bring goodwill to the people of India," said Senior Master Sgt. Ernest Urrutia, 68th AS evaluator flight engineer.

"I'm humbled and grateful for the opportunity to assist the people of India

in any way we can," said Senior Airman Roberto Garcia, 433rd AMXS flying crew chief.

Even though the aircrew encountered obstacles along the journey, such as having to do mission planning for a new and unfamiliar destination, the crew was undeterred in accomplishing the mission.

"The crew of 'Reach 281' did a phenomenal job executing this very high priority mission," Koivisto said. "They overcame every hurdle that showed itself and took them in stride, all while keeping the end goal of the mission in mind. Air Force Reserve Command and the 433rd AW should be very proud of the professionalism, dedication, and accomplishments of their Airmen."

149th Security Forces Squadron conducts night proficiency training

Airman 1st Class Kaliea Green

149TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 149th SFS is part of the 149th Fighter Wing, known as the Lone Star Gunfighters. The 149th FW is an F-16 training unit at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. It is part of the Air National Guard and

the Texas Military Department. Its mission is to produce the finest Airmen for global engagements and domestic operations while supporting its families and serving its communities.



STAFF SGT. DEREK DAVIS

The 149th Security Forces Squadron conducted quarterly Combat Arms instructor proficiency night fire training with the M4A1 semi-automatic rifle at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland May 16.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KALIEA GREEN

Tech. Sgt. Cody Fuller from the 149th Security Forces Squadron refreshed his night proficiency training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland May 16.



Tech. Sgt. Cody Fuller and Staff Sgt. Tina Ryder from the 149th Security Forces Squadron at JBSA-Lackland perform night proficiency training May 16.

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KALIEA GREEN



Seen under night-vision conditions, Staff Sgt. Tina Ryder from the 149th Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland aims her M4A1 semi-automatic rifle May 16.

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KALIEA GREEN



STAFF SGT. DEREK DAVIS

Col. Matthew C. Jensen speaks during the 149th Fighter Wing change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland May 15. Jensen takes over for Col. Raul Rosario, who is retiring.

149th Fighter Wing welcomes new commander

149th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 149th Fighter Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, also known as the Alamo Wing, welcomed Col. Matthew C. Jensen as the newest "Gunfighter" during a change of command ceremony May 15. Jensen takes over for Col. Raul Rosario, who is retiring after 26 years of service.

Rosario had been wing commander since August 2018 and has served in different capacities at JBSA-Lackland since October 2002, including as an F-16 instructor pilot, chief of training, chief of standards

and evaluation, director of operations and 149th Operations Group commander.

Jensen has served as the 149th Operations Group commander since November 2018 and is a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served in the area at JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph in a variety of positions, including as commander of the 182nd Fighter Squadron and Guard advisor to the 19th Air Force.

The ceremony was officiated by Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Suelzer, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Texas National Guard.

Alamo Wing hosts UTSA ROTC commissioning ceremony with former CSAF

By Tech. Sgt. Iram Carmona

433RD AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 433rd Airlift Wing hosted the University of Texas at San Antonio Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Spring commissioning ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland May 14.

The commissioning ceremony included an Air Force Reserve Command C-5M Super Galaxy and a Texas Air National Guard 149th Fighter Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon as backdrops in support of 20 new Air Force second lieutenants.

Among the keynote speakers were Lt. Col. Kirk Hoffman, UTSA, Air Force Detachment 842 commander, who was followed by retired Gen. David L. Goldfein, 21st Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

"Commissioning is a special

day that happens only once in an officer's career," Hoffman said. "Remember, this is only step one in a new chapter. Now, the challenge is to go out and lead the Airmen of the Air Force."

During the ceremony, Goldfein highlighted what made him want to serve in the Air Force.

"When you recite the oath today, think of the citizens you are honored to protect and defend," Goldfein said. "It is why I served and I offer it to you today for your life and purpose in the years ahead."

The ceremony ended with the playing of the Air Force Song and the departure of the official party.

"It feels awesome to graduate and I've had a long journey to get to where I am," said newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Alvarado, who will

be assigned as a contracting officer at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. "But it definitely means a lot and I'm not taking it lightly."

Among the other graduates were a set of cousins, 2nd Lt. Dante DeBlanc and 2nd Lt. Brandon DeBlanc.

"It feels good that a lot of hard work has come to fruition because it's not easy," said newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Brandon DeBlanc, who will be assigned as a public affairs officer at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. "This means everything, because having so many of my family members and being able to celebrate this with my cousin means a lot."

After the ceremony, the new lieutenants were congratulated by their families and given the opportunity to take pictures by the aircraft on display.



TECH. SGT. IRAM CARMONA

Retired Gen. David Goldfein, the 21st Chief of Staff of the Air Force, administers the Oath of Office to cadets during a commissioning ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland May 14.

Air Force GeoBase safely integrates drones into Air Force Civil Engineer Center operations

By Debbie Aragon

AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND
MISSION SUPPORT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of the Air Force is one step closer to safely and more widely integrating small unmanned aircraft systems into civil engineering operations, thanks to the Air Force GeoBase Program's sUAS office.

The office, a component of the Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Planning and Integration Directorate, held its first Group 1 UAS operator and instructor training class at San Geronimo Air Park in San Antonio recently.

Group 1 UAS, referred to as sUAS, are easily portable unmanned aircraft systems, typically weighing less than 20 pounds and operating below 400 feet at speeds less than 100 knots.

The classroom and hands-on training certified AFCEC Geospatial Integration Office team members on three different sUAS systems and included mission planning, pre- and post-flight operations, obstacle courses and various techniques to support data collection.

Having successfully completed the course, the trainees are now Air Force-certified UAS operators and unit-certified initial qualification trainers who will provide training, technical applications and solutions to improve both CE and combat support capabilities, said Julio Toala, Air Force GeoBase operations manager and sUAS program manager.

"Safely integrating and employing sUAS operations is of great value for the CE community of today and tomorrow," Toala added, "with an end goal of putting sUAS in the hands of civil engineers to save time, money and potential injuries."

"sUAS, or drones, are used in a wide range of industrial applications. With the rapid growth of drones within AFCEC, we needed to ensure the new technology was safely integrated," said José Alfonsín, a Woolpert, Inc. sUAS capabilities developer supporting AF GeoBase.

For any military construction project, getting a lay of the land is an essential part of the planning process. This can be done by surveying or mapping an



BRIAN VALENCIA

Joseph Campbell (right), chief technology officer and lead instructor with Emerging Technologies Institute, trains Julio Toala (left), geospatial operations manager for the Air Force Civil Engineer Center GeoBase program, on drone pre-flight checks at San Geronimo Air Park, Texas, May 7.

area using an sUAS with either a high-resolution camera or a more specialized LiDAR sensor.

"For MILCON project managers in charge of monitoring progress of a construction project, having an sUAS do the inspection means being able to collect accurate information even without being physically present. Inspection of any major piece of infrastructure can be a massive undertaking that is logistically complex and inherently hazardous for everyone involved," Alfonsín said. "With drones, human crews no longer need to compromise their safety to get up close and personal with these massive structures. sUAS footage is also infinitely repeatable and provides better assurance that everything has been well-documented.

"Civil engineers won't be required to

climb up a ladder, get on top of a rooftop and conduct that rooftop inspection," Alfonsín said. "sUAS can do that in a fraction of the time."

"The return on investment by utilizing sUAS instead of contractors for data gathering will improve our capabilities by providing data collection and processing of imagery and LiDAR tenfold," Toala added.

"The price of one drone is about half the cost of a contractor inspecting a roof for example, and with a drone, we can knock it out in a fraction of the time," Toala said.

With initial training complete, the Air Force GeoBase team is leaning forward with developing policies, procedures and standards to fully implement sUAS capabilities to support mission essential tasks, as well as integrating sUAS operations in AFCEC directorates. This

includes creating playbooks to provide training based on AFCEC mission essential tasks.

An AFCEC CE sUAS policy workgroup is also working to identify an sUAS office of primary responsibility to establish a centralized capability for sUAS training, qualification and operational policy and guidance so installation CE squadron sUAS programs can be established and comply with DAF, joint service and Department of Defense policy.

Toala said he expects the next milestone in the program to come in the fall.

Editor's Note: The Air Force GeoBase Program office manages any kind of data that can be acquired and visualized in relation to installation assets like buildings, flight lines, utilities and roadways.

RANDOLPH

Reserve chief doing big things at AFRS

By Master Sgt. Chance Babin

AIR FORCE RECRUITING SERVICE

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When Chief Master Sgt. Michael Johnson got the call to report to Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service as part of the early push toward Total Force recruiting, he faced many of the typical questions a Reserve Airmen faces when working with the active duty.

“Originally, a lot of the active-duty Airmen thought I was a traditional Reservist and didn’t know about AGR (Active Guard Reserve) status,” said Johnson, AFRS chief of strategic marketing. “Once we were all educated and started to learn the different requirements, Barry Dickey (AFRS director of strategic marketing), who has many years of leadership experience, made sure we were all equally important. We were able to compare best practices from the Reserve and active duty as we laid out the Total Force strategic plan.”

Once Johnson, the first Reserve chief master sergeant to be the chief of strategic marketing at AFRS, and the other Reserve members who followed him to the headquarters, got settled in at AFRS, the milestones started to pile up for the Total Force Recruiting Enterprise.

Among the Total Force recruiting accomplishments are all three components, the regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard, which are all under one marketing support agreement. Total Force commercials are now airing on television. The Total Force Call and Refinement Center is up and running and the Total Force Strategic National Marketing four-year plan is established and the annual one-year execution plan for the fiscal year is done.

But there is one milestone that Johnson said he is most pleased with.

“I’m most proud of the Total Force Marketing Management tool,” Johnson said. “It allows Total Force recruiters the opportunity to share any Air Force component branding opportunities without duplicating costs across the components. And this helps us spend taxpayer dollars more efficiently and



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allows our spending to go further as a force.”

Johnson has brought leadership and knowledge to the team.

“Just having a chief in the Marketing Division has paid huge dividends in terms of leadership and day-to-day operations,” Dickey said. “Having an AFRC chief has helped us better integrate the division and provided a better understanding of the AFRC mission, and ultimately ensured that we’ll provide the best marketing service for AFRC and the Total Force. Chief Johnson has a wealth of experience and all the leadership traits of someone who has reached the rank of chief master sergeant, but his expertise really is in marketing. Having run that program for AFRC, he provides both strategic guidance for our overall marketing strategy and tactical insight into marketing techniques.”

For Johnson, marketing got into his bloodstream early in his recruiting career and has become a passion. He was assigned as a marketing NCO at Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service in 2009.

“I was selected to work a new position as the events manager, in

charge of planning schedules and activations for the field,” Johnson said. “I was tasked to set up activation scripts, coordinate logistics and set-ups at airshows and to take on, what at the time, was a new program called Tour for the Troops Stateside. This program was designed to do concerts to target prior service Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines. The concept was to get artists to increase morale at the stateside locations and plant a seed of continued service in the Air Force Reserve.”

Entertainers such as Kid Rock, Kelly Clarkson, Jay Leno, Carlos Mencia, Ludacris and Andy Grammer were just a few of the shows Johnson helped facilitate while on the road.

“I just couldn’t believe that this was a job from within recruiting,” he said. “I felt like this is something I really want to dig deeper in and learn.”

At this point in his career, Johnson realized marketing was something he understood and could use in his new job. And although he was set to go back to the field, he also knew he wanted to come back as the chief of marketing at AFRC RS one day.

“I took these lessons learned to my next assignment as flight chief at

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Johnson, Air Force Recruiting Service chief of strategic marketing, stands with his wife, Lt. Col. Emilia Johnson, Air Force Personnel Center assignment program development chief, at the Air Force Ball in 2019.

Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida, where our flight went from the bottom to the top for the three years I served in south Florida,” he said. “Essentially, I took all of these lessons learned in my past job to organically create my own opportunities for both wing and community involvement.”

While at Homestead, he came up with a concept to activate in the fan zone at college football games, as well as other sporting events, and have Air Force Reserve leadership participate. One of the first events was a coin toss at the Florida State vs. Miami football game in conjunction with a flyer at the game, which got his recruiters free recruiting space.

“During this period, as a combined flight we had achieved as a team over 150% of mission as a team and were a huge part of retention and morale for the leadership at the time led by Brig. Gen. Christian Funk (his former Homestead commander),” Johnson said. “For my service at Homestead, I was recognized by my peers as the Command Flight Chief of the Year in 2015.”

While he was away from AFRC headquarters from 2012 to 2018, Johnson volunteered to help with events off duty to further enhance his marketing skills. He would use personal time and travel to work various sporting events such as national soccer friendlies stateside, Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournaments, sporting events at the University of Miami and a new model of a youth world cup with Univision. He also volunteered to work college bowl games with various vendors.

“I sought advice from my now long-time mentor who saw the potential for me and took me under his wings,” he said. “Having his immense expertise gave me a huge advantage as a flight chief. As I worked more events, I kept asking questions. Then I sought mentorship with civilian experts on how to better learn my craft. I just continued to soak in new ideas and ways to engage the American public.”

As he was about to leave Homestead Air Reserve Base, Johnson had hopes of taking his marketing knowledge back to

12th Flying Training Wing honors mechanics for Aviation Maintenance Technician Day

Benjamin Faske

12TH FLYING TRAINING WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, observed May 24, honors the men and women who have worked behind the scenes making and keeping aviation possible, like the mechanics who work for the 12th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base San

Antonio-Randolph.

It was created in honor of Charles Edward Taylor, the machinist who built the engine that powered Orville and Wilbur Wright's historic flight in North Carolina, Dec. 17, 1903.

A machinist by trade, with a metal lathe, drill press, and other hand tools, Taylor built the 12-horsepower engine, which propelled the Wright's aeroplane 20 feet above the

wind-swept North Carolina beach.

The longest flight lasted 59 seconds for a distance of 852 feet. It took Taylor six weeks to build the engine. Taylor continued to design aircraft engines for the Wright brothers, as well as teaching them to build their own. When the first airport was established by the Wrights, he was named the airport manager.

Kate Longest, 12th Maintenance Squadron phase mechanic, performs a 15 % bolt migration inspection on the wing of a T-38 Talon aircraft May 21 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.



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Miguel Martinez, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mechanic, secures hydraulic lines inside the wing of a T-38 Talon aircraft May 21 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.



Estevan Rios, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mechanic, removes screws from the wingtip of a T-38 Talon aircraft May 21 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

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where he first got a taste for it at AFRC RS headquarters.

"After leaving Homestead I had hoped to come back to Robins Air Force Base to be the chief of advertising, however, I was passed over," Johnson said. "I look back now and realize this was a blessing. I was just more driven, more prepared and educated for when I would later get the opportunity. It validated to the field my body of work as I pushed the national strategic plan when I finally got the opportunity and touched on how I used marketing knowledge while still at a wing."

Although he was disappointed at not getting his dream job, Johnson was prepared to set the standard as he moved to his next assignment in the National Capital Region at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

"We set records three years in a row for accessions and won the coveted Heavy Lifter Award (top large wing) for the command," he said. "During this time, we had four members of our team move up to leadership positions and win many national awards for the command."

After serving in the nation's capital, Johnson finally got the call he was waiting for and he was returning to AFRC RS to lead the marketing program.

"I already had prepared mentally for years on how things would go if I got the opportunity," he said. "I took what I knew that had worked for me in the past and worked directly with operations and analysis to balance advertisement and marketing based on needs to the mission and unique mission sets that needed more impressions or leads."

After his stint at AFRC, Johnson made his move to AFRS to begin working in the Total Force recruiting realm — something he is accustomed to at home

since his wife is active duty.

Through the years, as the Johnsons took new assignments, with no join-spouse available for married active duty Reservist and regular Air Force Airmen, things were often tricky when looking for their next career move.

"We have a term I learned early on: leave no doubt," he said. "It was important that with every assignment the command knew we would excel and we could work out an assignment between my wife and me," Johnson said. "I was willing to take on any hard-to-fill assignment just so we could stay together as a family. We had our overlaps but were able to work out the assignments to keep us together."

While assignments have been a challenge for the Johnson family, they are together now in San Antonio. His wife, Lt. Col. Emilia Johnson, is the assignment program development chief at the Air Force Personnel Center at JBSA-Randolph.

"Currently we are both working Total Force integration projects and we have always been able to have a mutual dinner conversation about work on both sides," Johnson said. "We've been lucky to have great support from both sides of our family covering various TDYs and deployments. Our kids have been resilient. It's an honor to serve and continue to serve for the Total Force."

Johnson was recently selected for the Command Chief Select Board for AFRC and selected to the E-9 Key Personnel Listing.

As Total Force recruiting is rolling forward and milestones are being accomplished, Dickey appreciates his chief.

"For me, it's been great to have someone to round out the Marketing Division leadership team and to have a trusted teammate who has the best interest of the Total Force Air Force at heart," Dickey said. "I think we learn from each other every day."