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*Approximately 800 technical training students, permanent party Airmen and their families got a firsthand view of several Air Force career fields during the 37th Training Group Showcase held May 14 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.*

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# 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.

### Staff Sgt. Joshua W. Dillman

Unit: 802nd Security Forces Squadron  
Duty Title: Patrolman  
Staff Sgt. Joshua W. Dillman is an active



Dillman

member of Guardians of the Children association, serving as an advocate and liaison to physically and sexually abused children of Bexar County. Currently, the organization works with 50 families and 98 children within the local area, attending court cases and standing beside these children to be their voice and to assist them during stressful times. As road captain to the Guardians of the Children, he organized an eight-hour motorcycle safety course for 21 riders. He has donated more than 40 volunteer hours, with activities ranging from adoptions to public prevention events.

### Staff Sgt. Isaiah Ondler

Unit: Joint Personal Property Shipping Office  
Duty Title: Movement Support Lead, Scheduling Team  
Staff Sgt. Isaiah Ondler manages the



Ondler

Inbound Personal Property Scheduling Team, coordinating deliveries to 1,300 customers and provides quality assurance for more than 18,000 shipments. In May, he assisted 390 customers, orchestrating 133 deliveries while saving the government \$10,000 in storage costs. Ondler also tended to the property of four fallen service members, alleviating hardship to their next of kin. In addition, he enforced

103 Letters of Warning for late shipments and reweigh non-performance. Ondler also volunteered three hours to Adopt-A-Highway community clean-up.

### Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Smith

Unit: 502nd Security Forces Squadron  
Duty Title: NCOIC, Supply  
Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Smith took on



Smith

additional responsibilities as unit deployment manager while the primary program manager was on paternity leave. Just days after he was tasked, Smith took charge of the program and self-taught himself, while spearheading all required readiness scheduling, training, and weapons qualifications. He ensured 22 Defenders were prepped to deploy to five separate areas of responsibility on two separate continents. While also fulfilling his primary duties as supply NCOIC, Smith never wavered and stepped up to take on primary and essential volunteer positions during the unit's Police Week activities.

### Senior Airman Brian E. Diezel

Unit: 616th Air Communications Squadron  
Duty Title: Virtual Clients Technician  
Senior Airman Brian E. Diezel delivered



Diezel

outstanding service as a virtual clients technician, directly impacting the security and user experience of 496 users and 1,500 workstations on three enclaves. During this time, Diezel led a team of four military/contractor

personnel resolving 65 tickets. He was crucial to the shop's continuity, since members were on Restriction of Movement and emergency leave. He was instrumental in the stand up of 33 desks at an underutilized building, enabling the return of 16 teleworking members to the office. Diezel also created and reviewed six how-to guides for the use of 10 other Airmen.

### Airman 1st Class Edreyi Mendez

Unit: 353rd Special Warfare Training Squadron

Duty Title: Administrative Technician  
Airman 1st Class Edreyi Mendez



Mendez

consistently displays outstanding leadership and professionalism. While performing duties as a staff sergeant during a non-commissioned officer shortage, he led the unit's commander's support staff section, managing programs including decorations, evaluations, leave, sponsorship, and special duty assignment pay. He revised the in-processing procedures by creating a tracking system which significantly reduced in-processing time. Additionally, he reviewed 41 officer/enlisted performance reports and revamped the squadron's data tracker by reconciling more than 1,000 documents for 368 members, providing the Commander with a snapshot of the squadron's status. Lastly, he assisted in improving the squadron's government travel card program diminishing delinquencies by 17%.



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# Feedback Fridays

Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller

502D AIR BASE WING AND JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO COMMANDER

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

If you have a question or concern, please send an email to [jbsapublicaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:jbsapublicaffairs@gmail.com) using the subject line "Feedback Fridays."

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

**Q. On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, the base was locked down and personnel were instructed to shelter in place.**

**The message was passed mainly by word-of-mouth and instead of everyone getting notified rapidly, the news of the incident trickled out.**

**My question is, why wasn't the Giant Voice utilized? Isn't that what it's there for?**

**A.** Thank you for your question. On June 9 at 12:21 p.m., the 502d Air Base Wing command post utilized the AtHoc and the Giant Voice system for JBSA-Lackland.

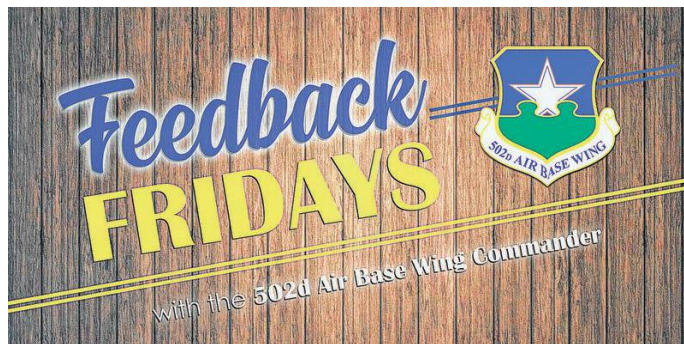
All 43 voice towers registered for JBSA-Lackland were active and relayed the Giant Voice notification of a lockdown. At 12:22 p.m. local, the AtHoc message notified 84,123 military members and dependents that there was an active shooter situation occurring at JBSA-Lackland was disseminated to recipients.

The emergency situation was localized to JBSA-Lackland, however, in accordance with local guidance as well as Department of Defense Instruction 6055.17 (DOD Emergency Management Program), the 502d ABW command post used AtHoc to reach all JBSA recipients as they are listed in AtHoc.

In doing so, the 502d ABW command post was ensuring the safety of members that were at JBSA-Lackland during the ongoing situation and members that were otherwise transitioning between the installations.

As the situation changed and moved to a modified lockdown and then to all-clear, the 502d ABW command post kept base personnel notified via AtHoc.

For those individuals that did not receive an AtHoc notification to one or more of the intended mediums of notification (i.e., work phone number,



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home phone number, DOD mobile phone number, text messaging, personal mobile number, mobile app, duty cell text, work email address, personal email address, and desktop application), please work with your military unit and the respective military branch to be added to AtHoc.

If you already have AtHoc, please verify that your information is up-to-date and current in AtHoc.

**Q. The 15-item-or-less self-checkout at JBSA-Randolph Commissary has two checkout stations, with one being out of order since February.**

**You would think that with a multimillion-dollar operation like the commissary, it would have fixed**

**or replaced it by now. Because of this problem, the line is often too long. Thank you.**

**A.** Thank you for your feedback. We are aware of the problem with the self-checkouts. These are old units and have been going through repairs continuously. Unfortunately, they keep breaking down. To address this problem, we have fast-tracked software and hardware upgrades that are scheduled to start in early September.

In the meantime, the store has opened more regular lines to offset the longer customer wait times. We appreciate our customer's understanding on this matter, as we know it has caused some inconvenience.



PHOTOS BY JOHNNY SALDIVAR

## JBSA HOLDS PROUD WEEK CLEANUP

Military members and civilians from throughout Joint Base San Antonio took part in Joint Base San Antonio Proud Week June 14-18. Proud Week gives JBSA members an opportunity to pause from daily operations and focus on maintaining a high beautification standard throughout JBSA. Far left: Airman 1st Class Zachary Harville, 502nd Comptroller Squadron technician, clears leaves during Joint Base San Antonio Proud Week June 16 at JBSA-Lackland. Left: Airman Muhammed Trawally and Airman 1st Class Brennan France, both from the 802nd Force Support Squadron, clear leaves at the military personnel flight and comptroller building during Joint Base San Antonio Proud Week June 16 at JBSA-Lackland.

# Air Force readdresses women's hair standard

## Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Building on women's hair updates announced in February 2021, the Air Force will further revise Air Force Instruction 36-2903 to address differences in hair density and texture.

Previously, hair worn in a bun, braid, ponytail or equivalent could not extend beyond the width of the head. Beginning June 25, when hair is secured behind the head, the hair may extend six inches to the left and to the right and six inches protruding from the point where the hair is gathered. The 12-inch total width must allow for proper wear of headgear.

"Change doesn't happen overnight, and sometimes it takes another iteration to arrive at the best solution," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown Jr. "This updated guidance represents meaningful progress. The feedback we received from our Airmen highlighted the need to

reevaluate the policy and ultimately, make it more inclusive."

The change addresses feedback received since the previous guidance was originally published. Specifically, women voiced concerns over difficulty related to securing hair in a manner that does not extend beyond the head.

"In developing policy we try to address all angles and perspectives, but sometimes we have a blind spot," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "The feedback we received highlighted the need to reevaluate the policy to make it even more inclusive."

Initial changes to women's hair standards were the result of various recommendations issued last fall by the Air Force uniform board. The group of 19 Airmen included a diverse group of men and women with officers and enlisted members from various ethnic and



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The Air Force revised Air Force Instruction 36-2903 June 25 to address differences in hair density and texture.

occupational backgrounds across major commands and headquarters directories.

"Whether we're talking about hair, uniforms or forums for sharing ideas, an approach that

embraces diversity and fosters an inclusive environment is critical to ensuring our talented, dedicated Airmen stay with us on this journey," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass.

Members must adhere to current occupational safety, fire and health guidance, and mishap prevention procedures emphasizing when and how to mitigate the potential for injury from hair of varying lengths and styles around machinery, equipment, power transmission apparatus or moving parts. Airmen are encouraged to reach out to their safety office for assistance in analyzing any potential hazards, as applicable.

At this time, Guardians will adhere to the grooming standards of the U.S. Air Force until the U.S. Space Force develops its own policy.

Additional ideas generated from the uniform board are still under consideration for policy change and updates will be released as they become available.

# Army rolls out new training doctrine FM 7-0 with pivotal changes

## U.S. Army Training Management Directorate

The U.S. Army delivered its new training doctrine publication, Field Manual (FM) 7-0, Training, on the Army's 246th birthday, June 14, 2021.

The timing is significant because 242 years ago, Baron von Steuben published the first official training manual of the United States Army in 1779, after the Continental Army's crucible training at Valley Forge.

Von Steuben's manual and the readiness it produced yielded a force capable of defeating some of the finest infantry in the world. Nearly two and half centuries later, the Army's newest field manual has the same objective — produce trained and ready forces that can compete and win in any operational environment.

## Training transformation

The new FM 7-0 represents a

transformation of the Army's approach to training doctrine, introducing several changes from the previous edition.

It is written in clear and concise language so leaders and Soldiers at all levels can understand and implement the doctrine.

## Training Management Cycle

One of the most significant changes is the reintroduction of the Training Management Cycle as the core framework for unit training. It replaces the complex operations/planning processes and Mission Command Philosophy as the Army's training mechanism.

The Training Management Cycle is the process of identifying training requirements by planning and preparation, execution, and the evaluation and assessment of training.

## Leader roles in training process

FM 7-0 also emphasizes the vital role

of senior leaders and non-commissioned officers in the training process. Senior leaders develop and publish training guidance to focus the training efforts of their subordinates and provide the resources necessary to meet training requirements.

Commanders retain the responsibility as the primary trainers of their units. Non-commissioned officers give input to the development of training guidance, the prioritization of tasks, and the development of training schedules. NCOs also prioritize individual and collective tasks for training.

## Training and leader development

Finally, FM 7-0 emphasizes the inextricable link between training and leader development. Leaders must invest time and resources to train subordinates.

At the same time, training provides one of the best avenues to develop leaders. The experiences gained and

lessons learned during training form a solid foundation for effective leadership.

The changes FM 7-0 introduced were all based on lessons learned and the needs of the Army. It marks a path forward for the Army to continue to strengthen readiness. The Army's long-tradition of training — first established at Valley Forge in 1778 — endures and remains focused on building capability to meet the demands in today's complex and evolving operational environments.

The new FM 7-0 can be downloaded at [https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DR\\_pubs/DR\\_a/ARN32648-FM-7-0-000-WEB-1.pdf](https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DR_pubs/DR_a/ARN32648-FM-7-0-000-WEB-1.pdf).

Also check out the Army Training Network, or ATN, at <https://atn.army.mil/>. It is an excellent tool to identify training and leader development resources. It provides a single secure gateway to access information, tools, and education to make training and training management more efficient.



# FORT SAM HOUSTON

## MEDCoE instructor selected as U.S. Army TRADOC instructor of year

By David DeKunder

502ND AIR BASE WING  
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Maj. Jordan Gammons, an instructor at the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, or MEDCoE, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, has been selected as one of the top classroom instructors within the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC.

Gammons is one of seven winners of the 2021 TRADOC Instructor of the Year competition. The award recognizes the best instructors at TRADOC schools based on several criteria, including tactical and technical knowledge, communication skills, classroom management and training and education.

The award has seven categories. Gammons was selected as the best instructor in the officer category.

"I feel humbled because I feel like I'm getting an award for something I truly love," Gammons said. "It's really neat to invest in the future leaders of MEDCoE and then for someone to tell me I've done a great job with that and they want to recognize me, just seems overwhelming and humbling."

Gammons is an instructor for the Captains Career Course, or CCC, a nine-week training course that provides officers with tactical, technical and leadership knowledge and skills they need to lead company-sized units and serve on battalion and brigade staffs.

Gammons is an Army



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*Maj. Jordan Gammons (front row, far right) U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence Captains Career Course lead instructor, gathers with the officers who graduated from the CCC pilot course in May.*

nurse, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, the field covering women's health. She has been an instructor at MEDCoE for two years, bringing her 14 years of service to her students.

As a CCC instructor, Gammons said she gets the opportunity of being able to shape, coach, teach and mentor future MEDCoE leaders.

"To think that I had a small part in making them better people, better officers and better leaders is just tremendous," Gammons said.

As an instructor, Gammons said her philosophy is to foster a learning environment

in which students feel comfortable sharing their ideas and experiences.

"I know I don't know everything, which at times can be a little bit intimidating, but I think trying to set up an environment where students feel just as comfortable sharing their experiences really have been a benefit to me as an instructor because they end up teaching one another, and they teach me at the same time," Gammons said.

Lt. Col. Robert Federigan, MEDCoE Captains Career Course chief, said Gammons played a lead role in two projects involving the

instruction of students.

First, when the pandemic last year forced instructors to go to virtual learning, Gammons was a part of a team of CCC instructors who came up with a plan within 48 hours that allowed for the whole course curriculum to be taught without disruption.

"We were able to confidently execute and continue training in a virtual platform," Gammons said. "During this conversion, there was no time lost at all from any instruction."

Second, Gammons was the lead instructor for a 20-week pilot CCC course this spring. The purpose of the course was to find ways to

modernize the course with an improved curriculum to better prepare officers for leadership roles.

"Maj. Gammons came to us with no experience as an instructor," Federigan said. "It's been a pleasure watching her grow as an instructor. She is absolutely a humble and selfless officer who is fully deserving of this recognition."

Col. Shannon Shaw, MEDCoE Department of Leader Training director, said Gammons is an instructor who is respected by both her peers and students.

"She is a competent professional," Shaw said. "So, I think that earns her the trust of her students. She coaches them through their own self-discovery of learning so they can learn this material for themselves, too. She guides them appropriately, knows when to give more and when to kind of hold back, to really draw out the best in all of her students."

"Maj. Gammons represents the very best of the MEDCoE and Army medicine — a selfless leader and instructor whose character, competence and commitment inspire not only her students but all with whom she serves."

Gammons said she wants to remain an instructor as long as she can. She wants to go back into nursing to maintain her skills, but she then would like to teach what she has learned to Army nurses.

"I feel I have found my calling," Gammons said. "I love teaching."

# 2021 U.S. Army Military Fiesta Ambassadors announced

By Spc. Ashlind House  
U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The beloved festivities of San Antonio's Fiesta are in full swing, and this year the U.S. Army Fiesta Military Ambassadors are looking forward to their chance to represent the U.S. Army in this 11-day celebration held June 17-27.

In support of Fiesta, each service branch selects two members to represent their branch and this year's U.S. Army Fiesta Military Ambassadors are Sgt. 1st Class Pedro Murillo from the 5th U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion and Sgt. Alejandra Valdes from the 543rd Engineering Detachment with U.S. Army North.

Valdes, who was born and raised in San Antonio, believes that Fiesta is a representation of the rich Spanish culture that fills the city and it is a great opportunity to share the music,

food, and parades with everyone.

"As an ambassador, we are representing the military, we are the face of the U.S. Army," Valdes said. "We represent the sacrifice soldiers make, and the professionalism we demonstrate in our day-to-day life."

The military ambassadors attend a wide variety of events throughout the 11-day celebration of Fiesta.

"Being able to take in the whole experience is something I look forward to," Murillo said. "Already, I have gotten the chance to go to some events, and to be able to hear stories and shake hands with veterans and other community members is extremely meaningful."

Fiesta has been a part of San Antonio since the First Battle of the Flowers parade in 1891. The community of San Antonio came together to witness the parade, their children dressed as flowers, and played friendly

games of tossing flowers at each other. As time went on Fiesta grew, adding various events such as carnivals, balls, parades, contests and much more.

Fiesta is not only San Antonio's biggest celebration, but it is also a way to raise funds to provide services to San Antonio citizens throughout the year.

Fiesta has an economic impact of more than \$340 million each year raised by the official Fiesta events.

San Antonio isn't just home to Fiesta. The city officially trademarked the nickname Military City, USA ® in 2017, celebrating its rich military history and support to the service members that share their community.

The military has been a part of San Antonio since it was founded as the San Antonio de Bexar Presidio in 1718 and is home to one of the largest



SPC. ASHLIND HOUSE

*U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Pedro Murillo (left) and U.S. Army Sgt. Alejandra Valdes (second from left) sing along to the U.S. Army song at the Military Ambassador Reception at the Witte Museum in San Antonio June 7.*

concentrations of military bases in the United States and the Department of Defense's largest medical centers. Employing nearly 80,000 people, Joint Base San Antonio also trains nearly 130,000 students a year.

The U.S. Army Fiesta Military

Ambassadors Sgt. 1st Class Pedro Murillo and Sgt. Alejandra Valdes each look forward to this opportunity to build connections with the people they will meet and being able to represent the U.S. Army. "Viva Fiesta!"

## U.S. ARMY SOUTH STAFF MEMBERS TOUR COLOMBIAN ARMY INFANTRY MUSEUM DURING ANNUAL ARMY-TO-ARMY STAFF TALKS



LEANNE THOMAS

Col. Jeffrey Lopez (right), U.S. Army South Security Cooperation Directorate chief, and Col. Chip Karels (center), U.S. Army South G7 Training and Exercises director, tour the Colombian Army Infantry Museum with the Colombian Army Infantry School Commandant Col. Suarez Giraldo Cesar Augusto June 10 in Bogotá, Colombia, during the 12th Annual U.S. and Colombian Army-to-Army Staff Talks. Each year, the U.S. Army conducts staff talks with the Colombian Army to provide a strategic forum, promote professional relationships and coordinate engagement activities. The U.S. Army designated U.S. Army South as the executive agent for these talks, which are a concrete example of Army South's security cooperation activities in the region.



# JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Soldiers, ARIMSC Airmen take part in joint contracting exercise

By Daniel P. Elkins

U.S. ARMY MISSION AND  
INSTALLATION CONTRACTING  
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Contracting Soldiers from across the U.S. Army's Mission and Installation Contracting Command are joining their Air Force counterparts June 21-25 for the virtual 2021 Joint Forces Contracting Exercise.

With the 2021 Joint Forces Contracting Exercise, or JFCE-21, contracting teams will execute the force employment concept of deploying a joint regional contracting office to provide operational contract support to a combat-credible force in the deterrence of aggression against U.S. interests in key areas.

The exercise goal is to build a trained and ready joint force capable of delivering contracting support and contingency contracting effects during large-scale combat operations.

"We're practicing our joint interoperability with the Air Force and eventually with all of our sister services because it's important that we be able to work with each other," said Army Col. Joel Greer, director of JFCE-21 and the 418th Contracting Support Brigade commander at Fort Hood, Texas.

"Interoperability among the services is critical as the Department of Defense pivots from counterinsurgency to large-scale combat operations," said Air Force Lt. Col. Peter O'Neill, deputy exercise director and the Air Force Installation Contracting Center's director for Operating Location-Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

"Meeting the challenges we'll face in the next conflict will require an understanding of how the other service incorporates contracting into operational planning and execution. The more we train together, the better we will be

prepared as we integrate in the joint environment," he said.

Part of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, AFICC is responsible for managing and executing acquisition solutions across the Air Force enterprise.

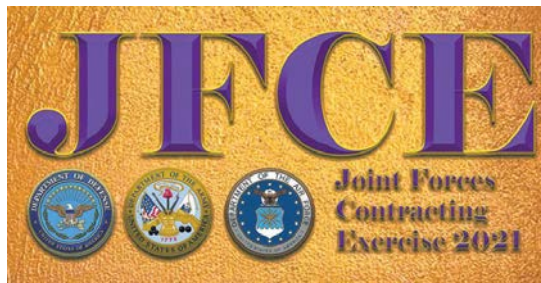
Lt. Col. Justin DeArmond, the MICC deputy chief of staff for operations at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, said the commanding general for Army Contracting Command directed his command and the MICC in late 2020 to resurrect its joint training efforts with the Air Force by leveraging virtual platforms.

Leaders from the MICC's 418th CSB are serving as the exercise control group responsible for coordinating, resourcing and planning all facets of the exercise as well as providing oversight to ensure its success.

A deliberate planning effort is the foundation on which any successful exercise is built, said, Lt. Col. Marlon Elbelau, the 418th CSB officer in charge of future operations and lead planner for JFCE-21.

"Despite the fact that all integrated project teams and planning events were virtual, what made the JFCE-21 planning effort successful was the dedication and commitment from the whole team," Elbelau said. "Remaining focused allowed the team to overcome challenges with not being co-located for planning events and ensuring that all are in synch."

The exercise scenario includes Army and Air Force contracting forces U.S. European Command's area of responsibility as part of a larger deployment operation to conduct theater support contracting and contingency contracting administrative services. MICC officials said JFCE-21 also revalidates the capability of joint contracting enablers as a force multiplier to



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increase warfighter readiness, interoperability, flexibility and freedom of movement by leveraging commercial capabilities through contract support and contingency contracting administration services.

JFCE-21 serves as a continuation of lessons learned from past Operational Contract Support Joint Exercise, or OCSJX, training events and builds upon the previous individual and collective understanding of operational contract support capabilities. The last OCSJX, in March 2018, included all DOD services as well as the British Army. The OCSJX exercise series was then canceled because of budget constraints.

Elbelau said there are a handful of personnel on the JFCE-21 planning team who met previously during the final two OCSJX training events.

"The experiences and perspectives they brought to the planning sessions allowed us to get ahead of some of the issues we had to overcome," Elbelau said. "Joint exercises have unique challenges such as different organizational processes, network and IT access, constant joint manning document changes, and integration of service component and other agency procurement processes and their impact on the master scenario events list design."

Unlike previous training exercises, JFCE-21 is taking place in a virtual environment, presenting both benefits and obstacles.

"The major advantage of a virtual exercise is the ability for us to have multiple training locations while limiting travel challenges related to COVID-19, temporary duty costs, venue support, and the need for a larger support staff to properly receive participants and set them up for the exercise," Elbelau said.

He noted the disadvantages include the loss of opportunity for real-time collaboration across the whole formation, limited networking and relationship building, and the potential for network issues impacting communication and interaction between training locations.

Maj. Edgar Yu, team leader for the exercise at Fort Bragg, said the skills and understanding gained through the joint contracting exercise will benefit his team with upcoming deployments.

"I truly hope my team is able to build cohesion, get trained and be ready to provide contracting support to Joint Task Force-Bravo in Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, and any current contingency environment," Yu said.

Elbelau agrees with the future benefit of the training and added that the exercise also

affords the ability to test new concepts, tools and doctrine such as Army Techniques Publication 4-71, Contracting Support Brigade, and the Air Force's business intelligence market research app.

The JFCE-21 deputy director also outlined a few overall objectives he anticipates Airmen to take away from this exercise.

"We want to introduce our Airmen to the joint environment. Many have little experience dealing with other services," O'Neill said.

"Lastly, for the joint contracting detachments, our contingency contracting officers will get the opportunity to work side by side with their Army counterparts. They will certainly cross paths in the future," O'Neill said.

The JFCE-21 training audience includes Soldiers and Airmen at Fort Hood and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston in Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Wright-Patterson; Shaw Air Force Base and Joint Base Charleston in South Carolina; and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. The exercise control group, located at Fort Hood, includes members from Illinois, Kansas, Washington, Maryland, Idaho, Colorado, Georgia, Oklahoma and Florida.

That team also includes representatives from the Defense Contract Management Agency, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for procurement office, Air Force, ACC and its subordinate brigades, and the MICC headquarters and its subordinate contracting brigades. The team's goal is to incorporate a realistic, challenging operational environment that enables the assessment of learning objectives so that Army contracting detachments and Air Force subject matter experts can demonstrate their ability to deploy and operate.

# SAUSHEC awards ceremony highlights academic achievements

By Lori Newman

BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium held its annual awards ceremony June 4 at Brooke Army Medical Center.

SAUSHEC is one of two major Department of Defense multi-service graduate health education platforms; the other is National Capital Consortium at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. It hosts 37 General Medical Education specialty programs with 638 Army, Air Force and Navy interns, residents and fellows at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Additionally, SAUSHEC is the largest DOD graduate-level allied health education platform, sponsoring 22 programs with 77 trainees. SAUSHEC's training programs are primarily located at BAMC and the 59th Medical Wing's Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center.

"Today, we are here to celebrate the privilege of serving in the educational mission, which perpetuates our professions, enabling the care of our patients not only today but tomorrow," said Dr. Mark True, SAUSHEC dean. "We get to enjoy the opportunity to develop skills and instill values in the next generation of professionals that follow us."

True emphasized the importance of the faculty's mission to mold and train "specialists that are incredibly competent professionals."

"Those of you who are trainees enjoy the opportunity to become experts in your field while serving your country, knowing that you are learning from those who genuinely care about your success," he said. "It is a sacred trust given to us by our nation, both to continually learn as best as we can to apply the knowledge and skills to our patients and subsequently to teach and inspire those that follow us."

BAMC Commander Army Col. Michael Wirt and 59th Medical Wing Vice Commander Air Force Col. Kristen Beals were on hand to present the awards to the winners. Dr. Michael Morris, assistant dean for research and professor of medicine; Army Col. (Dr.) Thornton Mu, SAUSHEC associate dean for Graduate Medical Education; Dr. Timothy Bonjour, associate dean for Graduate Allied Health Education; and Air Force Col. Brian Faux, SAUSHEC associate dean also participated.

Following tradition, last year's recipient of the Gold Headed Cane Award, Air Force Col. Jason Okulicz, announced the winner of this year's Gold Headed Cane Award, Army Col. Matthew Brogman, chief of Inpatient Pediatrics, and advisor to the Pediatric Trauma Society Research Committee and DoD Joint Trauma System on pediatric critical care issues.

The Gold Headed Cane symbolizes the best academic medicine has to offer in the three arenas that are its focus: patient care, teaching and clinical research. The original cane was carried from 1689 until 1825 by six distinguished British physicians who cared for royalty.

Gold Headed Canes have since been given at many medical schools to singularly outstanding students.

It was with this in mind that former Director of Professional Services, Dr. John Sharp, instituted the tradition at Wilford Hall in 1992, adapting it to annually honor a faculty member to represent all-around excellence, including consideration for contributions in military operational medicine. In 2009, the award expanded to include all active duty SAUSHEC faculty.

True congratulated all the nominees and the winners and thanked faculty members for their support.

"Take pride in what you have accomplished, but also take pride in knowing that you inspire the rest of us to serve at a higher level," he said. "You are a credit to our organization and you are valued."

## SAUSHEC 2021 Annual Award Winners

### HOUSE STAFF HALL OF FAME

- » Resident: Air Force Capt. Rachel E. Bridwell, Emergency Medicine
- » Fellow: Air Force Capt. Joseph E. Marcus, Infectious Disease

### COMMANDERS' AWARDS FOR ORIGINAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- » Graduate Allied Health Education: Army Capt. Jacob A. Kersey, Emergency Medicine PA
- » QIPS: Air Force Capt. Lauren A. Sattler, Internal Medicine

### RESIDENT PRIMARY CARE

- » First Place: Air Force Capt. Howard E. Gill IV, Radiology
- » Second Place: Air Force Capt. Michael J. Yoo, Emergency Medicine
- » Third Place: Air Force Capt. Jared M. Katchen, Radiology

### RESIDENT SURGICAL

- » First Place: Air Force Capt. Samuel D. Hobbs, Ophthalmology
- » Second Place: Air Force Capt. Jameaka L. Hamilton, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- » Third Place: Army Capt. Darshan S. Shah, Orthopaedic Surgery
- » Third Place: Army Capt. Nicole M. Sgromolo, Orthopaedic Surgery

### ANIMAL/BASIC SCIENCE

- » Air Force Lt. Col. Erik S. DeSoucy, Surgical Critical Care

### FELLOW CLINICAL

- » First Place: Air Force Capt. Joseph E. Marcus, Infectious Disease
- » Second Place: Air Force Capt. Subodh K. Arora,

Sleep Medicine

- » Third Place: Navy Lt. Cmdr. Melissa R. Garcia, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

### PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

- » Army Lt. Col. Robert J. Cybulski, Jr., Pathology

### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT/PATIENT SAFETY AWARD

- » Lt. Col. Robert W. Krell, General Surgery

### LT. GEN. PAUL R. CARLTON JR. AWARD

- Graduate Medical Education Faculty Award
- » Air Force Lt. Col. Robert J. Walter, Pulmonary Critical Care

### COL. GERALD WAYNE TALCOTT AWARD

- Graduate Allied Health Education Faculty Award
- » Air Force Maj. Callie J. Cooper, Clinical Psychology Internship

### COL. WOODSON SCOTT JONES AWARD

- Graduate Allied Health Education Trainee Award
- » Air Force Maj. Marc A. Patience, Clinical Health Psychology Fellowship

### COL. GAIL D. DEYLE AWARD

- Graduate Allied Health Education Program Director Award
- » Army Maj. Christopher S. Alferez, Optometry

### MAJ. JOHN H. GILLESPIE AWARD

- Graduate Medical Education Intern Award
- » Air Force Capt. Mary Beth Gadarowski, Internal Medicine

### MAJ. DAVID S. BERRY AWARD

- Graduate Medical Education Resident Award
- » Army Capt. Matthew D. Smith, Anesthesiology

### COL. DONALD M. NULL AWARD

- Graduate Medical Education Fellow Award
- » Army Maj. Zachary J. Weber, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

### YLDA A. BENAVIDES AWARD

- SAUSHEC Program Coordinator Award
- » Ms. Concepción M. Cooper, Emergency Medicine

### COL. JOHN D. ROSCELLI AWARD

- Graduate Medical Education Program Director Award
- » Air Force Lt. Col. Alice E. Barsoumian, Infectious Disease

### GOLD HEADED CANE AWARD

- » Army Col. Matthew A. Borgman, Pediatric Critical Care



# U.S. Army North Caisson Platoon receives new horse trailer

By Spc. Ashlind House  
U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The U.S. Army North Caisson Platoon, which honors fallen members of the military with funeral honors at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and the surrounding area, recently purchased a custom horse trailer improving mission capability, efficiency and safety.

Serving 58 counties of Texas, the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston-based platoon, previously traveled with multiple trailers and vehicles in order to transport all the horses and equipment for a mission. Thus the need for a specialized trailer was born.

"This project has been going on for well over a year now, and it has several parts that had to get done: designing it, getting the contract done for it and the final piece was pictures for the wrap," said 1st Sgt. Christopher G. Taffoya, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy French, U.S. Army North Caisson Platoon Sergeant, stated that over the last year the platoon, their herd manager and their horse trainer, analyzed their trailers and equipment, as well as talked to their sister platoon, the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd U.S. Infantry "The



SPC. DEANDRE PIERCE

*U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Timothy French (right), assigned to the U.S. Army North Caisson Platoon, describes the advantages of the caisson platoon's new trailer to Lt. Col. Richard Teta (center), U.S. Army North battalion commander, and Capt. William Giddens (left), Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North commander, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston April 8.*

Old Guard," from Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, Virginia, to discuss current capabilities and structural requirements in order to brainstorm and design a new trailer tailored to their unique needs.

Arriving April 8, 2021, the newly custom-designed trailer can safely

transport nine horses and equipment, and includes a rear tack room, a changing room in the front for the soldiers to change into their ceremonial uniforms, and has a three-axle trailer, which increases the overall weight load and safety of the horses.

The additional capability of bringing

the horses inside an air-conditioned and climate-controlled trailer between missions to keep them cool decreases the chances exponentially of the horses suffering from any heat injuries.

"In the southern Texas area in the summer heat, the trailer allows us to be on ground and on-site for multiple missions throughout the day," stated French.

The horse's health and safety are a huge part of accomplishing Caisson Platoons day-to-day mission.

"Having this trailer is a night and day change for us," French said. "The efficiency it provides gives us the ability to move in a single trailer, opposed to potentially two, when traveling to a single mission aspect is an efficiency aspect that is just beyond compare."

Overall, the new trailer allows the Caisson Platoon to more efficiently accomplish their mission while continuing to keep the horses healthy and safe, as well as the Soldiers.

"This has been a group effort not just from U.S. Army North, but also the 502nd Air Base Wing had a hand in this," French said. "There has been a huge thanks that go out from us here at Caisson, U.S. Army North, to everybody here. It's going to be a night and day change. It's a wonderful trailer, we are happy to have it, and we can't wait to use it."

## Army Medical Department Museum now open

502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Army Medical Department Museum at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston has re-opened its doors to all Joint Base San Antonio personnel, students, residents and their families.

The museum, which re-opened June 14, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday is reserved for training classes only, with no other guests permitted on Saturdays at this time.

The museum will strictly adhere to a 50% capacity limit for all indoor activities. This

means a total of 250 visitors at any given time will be permitted in the museum building. All outdoor exhibits will be open as well. The outdoor areas are not limited as long as social distancing is maintained.

All health directives of the U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, JBSA command, and local health officials will be followed in order to determine when the limits can be removed and the general public may return.

For more information, visit <https://ameddmuseum.amedd.army.mil/>.



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# FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

## Monthly Events

July

### 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.

### Bowling

#### Customers enjoy special rates

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

#### Youth bowl for free

Registered kids receive two free games of bowling (rental shoes not included). Register at [www.kidsworldfree.com](http://www.kidsworldfree.com), select Military Bowling Centers then the JBSA Bowling Center of your choice. Once registered you will see the available times to receive the two free games of bowling. 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.

#### Bowlers beat the heat

All JBSA Bowling Centers are beating the heat this summer. Bowl hourly or by the game and receive a ticket for giveaways throughout the month of July. The more you bowl the more chances you have to win. 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 July 17 and 31 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](mailto:jbsalodgingres@gmail.com).

Join us July 17 and 31 from 10 a.m. to noon at the

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

#### Customers have fun on the water

JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake encourages everyone to enjoy the summer out on the water. Now thru September 2021, rent a boat 10 times for a minimum of 4 hours and get the 11th for free. The price includes all required safety equipment such as life vests but does not include fuel. The rentals are on a reservation only basis. Email [jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com](mailto:jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com) for reservations. You must have taken the Boater's Safety Course through the State of Texas to be able to rent a boat. For more information, call 830-964-3576.

#### Patrons save money with an annual pass

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

### Clubs

#### 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 July are BBQ grills.

Bingo Extravaganza is held July 12 and 26 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 July 13. 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.

#### Customers are Appreciated

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts Customer Appreciation Night July 27 from 5-7 p.m. in the Fiesta

Ballroom with entertainment provided by DJ Tony Style. The price is \$12.50 for members and \$15.50 for nonmembers. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

#### Family meals are made easy

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club helps bring families together with Family Meals to Go. Place an order for pick up every Wednesday and Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Meal offerings include fried or baked chicken, fried or smothered pork chops, chicken fried steak, meatloaf and several savory sides. Orders must be placed at least one day before the pickup date. To place an order or for more information, call 210-569-2510. Orders can also be placed at [jbsarandolphclubs@gmail.com](mailto:jbsarandolphclubs@gmail.com) or on the member planet website.

### Community Services

#### Kids win prizes at the community center

Christmas is celebrated in July at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus July 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an exciting opportunity to win amazing prizes. This event is an RSVP only event. To make a reservation or for more information, please call 210-808-6263 or 210-808-6262 or, send an email to [fsamevents@gmail.com](mailto:fsamevents@gmail.com).

#### Girls enjoy a night out

Grab your girlfriend and join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center July 16 from 6-9 p.m. for an adult evening with free mini facials, massages and lots of vendors. The cost for the event is only \$5 and light snacks will be provided and adult beverages can be purchased. If you would like to be a vendor at this event, or for more information please call 210-808-6263 or 210-808-6262 or, email us at [fsamevents@gmail.com](mailto:fsamevents@gmail.com).

#### Patrons play to win barbecue prizes

Arnold Hall on JBSA-Lackland is hosting their first BBQ Bingo event July 17, from 4-6 p.m. Bingo winners will receive BBQ packages that include seasonings, gear for your grill and other items to help make your BBQ the talk of the neighborhood. Light BBQ refreshments will be provided and adult beverages will be available for purchase. The cost is \$20 per pack and registration is required by July 13. To register or for more information, call 210-671-2619.

#### Bunco fun is at the event center

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Community Center is holding a bunco night July 23 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 or email us at [fsamevents@gmail.com](mailto:fsamevents@gmail.com).



# JBSA FSS

## 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.

## 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

### Runners celebrate independence day

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center invites patrons to come out July 3 at 7:30 a.m. to Heritage park to celebrate our nation's independence with a free 5K. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

### Customers are appreciated

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center would like to show all active-duty military, DoD civilians and retirees how much they are appreciated. Come by July 7 at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments, facility tours and equipment tutorials available for all our customers at this free event. For more information, call 210-221-1234.

### Patrons take on a challenge

The JBSA-Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center invites

everyone to come out July 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for some friendly competition with the indoor Stair-climber Challenge. Test cardiovascular endurance and climb as many flights of stairs as possible. Each participant is given 30 minutes to climb as many stairs as they can. Final numbers will be tracked by Fitness Center Staff. For more information call 210-671-2401.

The JBSA-Lackland Chapman Fitness Center holds a 3-point shootout July 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each shooter will have 60 seconds to shoot five balls from each of the five racks positioned around the 3-point line. One rack will be positioned at the top of the key, one on each wing, and two on the baseline, one on each side of the hoop. Individuals can participate up to two times each. Person with the most shots made will be the winner and prizes will be awarded. Deadline to sign up is July 13. For more information, call 210-671-4477.

**JBSA-RANDOLPH PARR CLUB**  
**NIGHT IN Vegas**  
**JULY 30**  
**6:30 - 11 PM.**  
**\$25 PRE-PAID REGISTRATION**

**CASINO TABLES • PRIZE AUCTION**  
**FOOD, FUN, & ENTERTAINMENT**  
 Registration required by emailing  
[JBSAcommunityevents@gmail.com](mailto:JBSAcommunityevents@gmail.com)  
 No refunds after July 28.  
 For more information, call (210) 652-5763.  
To ensure the safety of the staff and customers, current HPCON guidance will be followed.

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### Rowing machines test contestants' strength and stamina

The JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center hosts a 5000 Meter Rower Challenge July 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Experience aerobic intensity and full body training all in one. Participants will compete to complete 5,000 meters as fast as possible. Registration is not required. For more information, call 210-671-2016.

The JBSA-Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center is also holding a 5,000 Meter Rower Challenge July 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contestants test their willpower, stamina and anaerobic capacity in this punishing challenge. Scores will be recorded and tracked by fitness center staff. Please call and sign up to compete. The registration deadline is July 21. For more information, call 210-671-2401.

## Competition heats up with tournaments

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center holds a Sand Volley Ball tournament July 16 at 7:30 a.m. The tournament will use beach volleyball rules and teams consist of two people. Rally point scoring will be used to 15 and teams must win by two points. This is a double elimination tournament open to call DoD card holders. For more information, please contact the Gillum Fitness Center at 210-977-2353.

**JBSA-LACKLAND Gateway Club**  
**VARIETY NIGHT**  
*Featuring*  
**DJ TONY STYLE**  
**FRIDAY NIGHTS IN JULY 5-10 P.M.**  
**(CLOSED JULY 2 FOR HOLIDAY)**

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

## Golf

### Golfers compete in a scramble

The Warrior Golf Scramble is held at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course July 2 with Tee times start at 12:30 p.m. The cost for this golf scramble is \$30 for DoD ID cardholders and Fort Sam Houston Golf Club members and \$40 for nonmembers. Price includes green fee, golf cart and 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 current HPCON guidance will be followed. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

### Independence Day is celebrated with a scramble

Come by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course July 4 for the Firecracker Open. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. This is a two-player scramble. For holes 1-6, golfers will tee off from the red tees, for holes 7-12, players will tee off from the white tees and for holes 13-18, golfers will tee off from the blue tees. The cost is \$20 per player plus cart and green fees. The fee includes lunch after play and prizes. Sign up through the JBSA Golf Clubs App or on-line at <https://manager.gallusgolf.com/Register/25399>. The



deadline to sign up is close of business July 1. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. All current HPCON guidance will be followed. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course holds the Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament July 4 starting at 8 a.m. This is an individual stroke play tournament, where players will alternate tee boxes on every hole. The cost is \$20 per person plus green fees and cart rental. Sign up through the JBSA Golf Clubs App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. Deadline to sign up is close of business on July 1. All current HPCON guidance will be followed. For those without the JBSA Golf Clubs App, stop by the Pro Shop or call 210-671-3466 to sign up.

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course holds the Independence Day Tournament July 4 with 7-9 a.m. This is a two-person Big Six tournament. The format is a scramble on holes 1-6, best ball on holes 7-12 and modified alternate shot on holes 13-18. The cost is \$20 dollars plus green fees and cart fee. All current HPCON guidance will be followed. Find a partner and register on the JBSA golf clubs app or online at <https://manager.gallusgolf.com/Register/24769/>. For more information, please call 210-652-4653.

#### Members are appreciated

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course is celebrating their members with a four-person scramble July 17, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Teams are blind draw, and drawn by the Pro Shop staff. Entry fee is \$10 per person and the deadline to register is COB on July 14. Entry fee includes green fee and cart. Event is open to all JBSA Annual Pass Holders. Sign up through the JBSA Golf Clubs App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. All current HPCON guidance will be followed. For those without the JBSA Golf Clubs App, stop by the Pro Shop or call 210-671-3466 to sign up.

#### Golfers play along with the British Open

Join the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course on the Saturday of the British Open Weekend for a net and gross skins game. Starting July 17 with tee times starting at 7 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 dollars plus green fees and cart fee. Register on our JBSA Golf Clubs app or register online at <https://manager.gallusgolf.com/Register/24791/>. For questions, please call 210-652-4653.

#### Youth learn the game of golf

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers a summer golf school July 19-27 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 8-11 and 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 12-15. The cost per youth, per session if \$90 which includes a rule book, range balls and nine days of instruction by PGA Pro Charles Bishop. All current HPCON guidance will be followed. To sign up or for more information, call 210-244-3415.

#### Diners earn a free meal

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JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-5863, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3466 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-4653.

**JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf - Salado Course**

**FIRECRACKER**

**July 4 • 8 a.m.**

**\$20 entry fee**  
plus cart and green fee, includes prizes and lunch

**FORMAT: 2-player scramble**

- Holes 1-6 — tee off from the red tees
- Holes 7-12 — tee off from the white tees
- Holes 13-18 — tee off from the blue tees

For more information, call the pro shop at (210) 222-9386.

Register with the JBSA Golf Club app or by scanning the QR code

Open to everyone  
Deadline to sign up is COB July 1

#### Information Tickets & Travel

##### Patrons visit amusement parks

All three JBSA-Information Tickets and Travel operations are open and ready to help with all your ticket needs. ITT offers discounted tickets for admission to local attractions, sporting events, SeaWorld®, Six Flags Fiesta Texas®, and much more. They also provide discounted tickets to most local special events throughout the year such as Folk Life and Wurstfest, etc., as well as local Broadway shows. They also offer discount tickets for both Disney and Universal Studios®. Prices are subject to change without notice. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on Sunday, Monday and Holidays. For more information, call JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3059, JBSA-Randolph 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 July 13 at 11:30 a.m. Travel Talk will be live streamed via Facebook Live on the Joint Base San Antonio Information Tickets and Travel Facebook page. Tune in and get updates for attractions, pricing, travel deals, get questions answered, concerns addressed, and talk any and everything travel related. For additional information and eligibility rules, call JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-3059, JBSA-Randolph at 830-266-9333, and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-808-1378.

#### Military & Family Readiness

##### Class reviews USAJobs and federal resume writing

Learn to create a federal resume and how to navigate [usajobs.gov](https://usajobs.gov) during this virtual workshop, July 7 from 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. To register, call 210-221-2705.

##### Workshop helps strengthen marriages

Challenge previous notions about what marriage should be and learn to appreciate all that is right now. This three-part virtual workshop, July 7, 14, 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., must be attended in order. To register for Screaming Marriage, call 210-221-2705.

##### Parents gain insight to car seat safety

Parents identify different types of car seats, aspects to consider when installing them, and how to make adjustments as their baby grows during the virtual Car Seat 101 workshop, July 13 from 9-11 a.m. To register, call 210-221-2705.

##### Service members transition from boots to business

The Small Business Administration facilitates a two-day virtual entrepreneurial workshop, July 14-15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to review steps for evaluating business concepts, developing business plans, and resources to help access start-up capital. For registration details, call 210-652-5321.

##### Workshop helps to understand others

Learn to identify temperament styles, improve communication, and how each style measures self-worth during this interactive Four Lenses Temperament Discovery workshop, July 21, 9-11:30 a.m. at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Due to social distancing, limited seating available. To register, call 210-671-3722.

##### Workshop trains voting assistance officers

Newly appointed Unit Voting Assistance Officers learn about their roles and responsibilities for assisting eligible voters during this virtual training, July 22, 9-10:30 a.m. To register, call 210-652-5321.



**Plan for retirement now**

Service members review steps to plan for retirement, sources of income, and compares final pay, High 36, CSB/REDUX systems, TSP and BRS during the Dream Big Plan Now virtual workshop, July 22, 10-11:30 a.m. To register, call 210-652-5321.

**Car buying workshop held**

Participants review topics associated with purchasing a new or used car, avoid sales traps, dealer scams, and predatory lending during this virtual workshop, July 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. To register, call 210-671-3722.

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

The Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center, bldg. 6215, is providing Concealed Handgun License (CHL) classes July 3 and 17 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 July 24-25. 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 JBSA-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 JBSA-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****Youth sports registration opens**

Fall Soccer registration runs July 1-30 at JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Fall Soccer Registration is open for youth ages 5-14. The registration fee is \$55. A current immunization record including a flu vaccine and a current sports physical are required at time of registration. Practices start Aug. 23 and the season starts Sept. 11 and ends Nov. 6. All practices and games are held at Lackland ISD athletic field. Volunteer coaches are always needed. Anyone interested in volunteering, will need to stop by the youth program to pick up a coach packet. To register and for more details, call 210-671-2388.

**Youth learn the skills to stay home alone**

This free class is held July 8 from 5-6 p.m. at the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs. Children ages 10-18 will learn the basic tools and knowledge to be able to confidently stay home alone. For more information and to sign up, please call Youth Programs at 210-652-3298.

**Parents get a much needed break**

JBSA-Youth Programs can give parents that much needed break through the Give Parents a Break or Parents Night Out programs. The cost is \$25 per child with a sibling discount or free with a Give Parents a Break referral. The last day to register is the Wednesday prior to the event.

Parents Night Out is held on July 6 from 6-10 p.m. at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. July 10 from 1-5 p.m. at JBSA-Lackland, and July 10 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at JBSA-Randolph. To register or for more information, call 210-221-5002 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For JBSA-Lackland call 210-671-2388. For JBSA-Randolph call 210-652-4946.

**Youth get registered for school age care**

All JBSA Youth Programs locations are taking both before and after school care registration opens July 12 for children age 5-12 years old. Children at JBSA-Randolph must in kindergarten and in Pre-kindergarten for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Lackland. Parents can request care by going on [MilitaryChildCare.com](http://MilitaryChildCare.com). Check out the School-Age Care Program (SAC) at all JBSA locations for safe and fun after school activities. Weekly fees are based on total family income. To register or for more information, call 210-221-5002 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For JBSA-Lackland call 210-671-2388. For JBSA-Randolph call 210-652-4946.

**Families celebrate a unique holiday**

July is National Hot Dog Month, and the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston W. Ed Parker Youth Programs (YPI) is celebrating July 14 from 4:30-6 p.m. Youth and their families are invited for a free meal in celebration. Hot dogs are served with all the classic toppings such as, chili, cheese, mustard, ketchup and relish or just plain. For more information, call 210-21-3502.

**Competition heats up on the court**

Come out and compete to see who has the best

basketball skills July 16 at 6 p.m. at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. This is a free event for youth ages 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15. Pre-registration is required. Slots are limited to the first 20 callers. All participants will receive a competition T-shirt. To register, call Lackland Youth Programs at 210-671-2388.

**Dodge ball is played in the dark**

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs is inviting all teens, ages 13-18, out for an exhilarating evening of dodge ball under the black light. Come out July 16 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost to attend is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. There will be concessions available for purchase. For more information and to sign up, please call Youth Programs at 210-652-3298.

**Sports clinics are held all summer long**

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports are hosting sports clinics to build on the fundamentals of baseball, cheer, and archery. The clinics are for ages 5-12 and cost is \$20 per youth. Clinics run 5:30-7 p.m. The baseball clinic is held July 6-8, Cheer is July 20-22, and Archery August 3-5. For registration details, call 210-221-5519 and talk to the sports office.

Youth ages 5 to 14 are invited to come out to JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs to learn basic soccer skills at the Summer Mini Soccer Clinic held July 17, 24 and 31. Develop basic skills and get a good solid workout while having fun in the sun. The cost for this camp is \$25 per youth. Camp hours are 8:30-10 a.m. for youth ages 5-8 and 10:30 a.m. to noon for youth ages 9-14. Camp will be held at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs. Space limited to 25 participants. For more information contact the youth sports program at 210-671-2388.

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# LACKLAND

## Showcase highlights talents of 37th TG

### 37th Training Wing Public Affairs

Approximately 800 technical training students, permanent party Airmen and their families got a firsthand view of several Air Force career fields during the 37th Training Group Showcase held May 14.

Some of the career fields on display during the three-hour event were: Security Forces (including Combat Arms and Military Working Dogs), Enlisted Aircrew, Contracting, Logistics functions and Recruiting.

The Geographically Separated Units were also represented by

Vehicle Maintainers from Port Hueneme, California; experts in Heavy Weapons, a Special Reaction Team, and Military Police Investigations from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; and Services, Traffic Management, and Air Transportation professionals from Fort Lee, Virginia.

"We were very excited to share our various missions with our students, Airmen and family members," said Col. Joyce Storm, 37th TRG commander. "The scope of what we offer within our group is just phenomenal. The impact we have on the Air Force can't be understated."



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# Dedication leads to Master Military Training Instructor Blue Rope success

By Joe Gangemi

37TH TRAINING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Despite multiple failed attempts over the course of 15 months, Tech. Sgt. Felipe Alvarado from the 331st Training Squadron was awarded his Master Military Training Instructor blue rope April 16.

Originally from Tamaulipas, Mexico, Alvarado moved to Laredo, Texas, at the age of 12. His mother, Benita Alvarado, wanted to give her family a better chance at life with more opportunities for growth and educational experiences.

"My mother is my rock, pride and joy! She has a drive that inspires me to be better and do the right things," Alvarado said. "As a single parent, she always pushed me to go the extra mile to give us the best life possible even with the challenges she faced, like financial stability and language barriers."

It was his mother who inspired him to join the Air Force.

"As I grew older, I knew that I wanted to make her proud but I just didn't know how," Alvarado said. "One day, she mentioned that I should join the military because it would give me the foundation for growth, discipline and stability for my future."

Alvarado said it was his way of giving back to the country that provided his family with a stable foundation, broadening education and a better living environment.

The Master Military Training Instructor competition is held once per quarter. This elite program recognizes superior instructional skill performance in serving as MTIs, with only 10% of the MTI Corps being awarded the honor of wearing the blue rope.

"With full transparency, it took me five times to accomplish this goal of mine," Alvarado said. He explained that while he had resources and support from his BMT family, he was facing personal changes that knocked him out of the running.

The competition process includes a fitness test, teaching evaluations, subject matter proficiency verification and a board interview.

"Tech. Sgt. Alvarado's tenacity and dedication in the pursuit of excellence is the epitome of our MTI Corps. His story, much like my own, is what makes our



Tech. Sgt. Felipe Alvarado (center) holds the certificate signifying the award of the Master Military Training Instructor Blue Rope at the 331st Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland April 16. Only 10% of the MTI corps is awarded the honor of wearing the blue rope. From left are: Master Sgt. Aaron Adcock, 331st TRS first sergeant; Lt. Col. John Marx, 331st TRS commander; Tech. Sgt. Michelle Fernandez, 331st TRS; Alvarado; Tech. Sgt. Jason Perri, 331st TRS; Master Sgt. Ryan Waterfield, 331st TRS; and Master Sgt. Jason Evans, 737th Training Group.

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nation and our Air Force the best and unrivaled. He represents the kind of Airmen we need tomorrow now," said Chief Master Sgt. Learie Gaitan, 737th Training Group superintendent. "His story captured my heart and it's the same message I tell our MTIs and trainees every day. Do the best that you can with what you know and when you know better, do better."

Alvarado did not let his failures stop him from achieving his goal of earning a Blue Rope.

"To become a Blue Rope means a lot to me. Not only because it was a goal of mine to achieve during my time as an MTI but to become a better leader for those around me and pay it forward," he said. "I see it as a symbol which gives us the opportunity to work with people to whom we might not have a connection ... but still do our best to be of significant value to them to make them better."

Alvarado said he charges those around him with a question: Do we want to be successful or significant?

"I would like to continue to grow as an Airman and be a better servant leader for those around me, with the end result of inspiring those around me to be better. I will always strive to make myself available for those in need because it's never about 'me' but about the 'we.'"



U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) commander, participates in a virtual reality demonstration during a visit to the National Security Collaboration Center at the University of Texas at San Antonio's main campus May 20.

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## 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) partnerships create ecosystem for collaboration, innovation

By Raquel McNeess

16TH AIR FORCE (AIR FORCES CYBER)  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) commander, met with government, academia, and industry partners to witness innovation aimed to protect our nation's cybersecurity during a visit to the University of Texas at San Antonio's National Security Collaboration Center May 20.

The 16th Air Force is one of more than 60 partners within the NSCC's ecosystem collaborating on research, education, and workforce development. The NSCC currently operates on UTSA's main campus with embedded partners from government, academia, and industry.

"The NSCC deliberately and seamlessly link, technical innovation through

foundational and applied research and development to support the 16th Air Force, the Department of Defense and national security," said Guy Walsh, NSCC executive director.

The NSCC provides a unique environment where industry, government, and academic partners collaborate in world-class facilities, addressing solutions on current and future national security issues while providing cutting-edge academic experiences for UTSA students and researchers to develop talent for today's workforce.

During the visit, Haugh shared his perspective of the changing digital landscape and how conflict is often thought about through a certain lens of deploying to fight our nation's wars.

"Now we are in a different period of our history where in many respects our industry and our population are the targets

for many of the activities that are happening today to give adversaries an advantage," he said. "What does that mean for us as a nation and how do we work together to be able to secure really what is the engine of our nation, which is the innovation."

With a central theme of innovation, the NSCC team showcased various initiatives spanning from virtual and augmented reality demonstrations, to encryption detection devices, Internet of Things vulnerabilities and telehealth/telemedicine advanced technologies. Partners discussed their research and how their data and or techniques may serve as a resource to enhance the Department of Defense's capabilities and national security.

"Partnerships with education and industry are instrumental to hone our skills, collaborate, and promote innovation to

remain competitive against adversaries," said Frank von Heiland, Air Force Cryptologic Office, Intelligence Force Management and Training, Senior Language Authority, Human Language Technology Authority chief. "We've collaborated with the NSCC on several initiatives aimed toward modernizing the Air Force cryptologic training experience including virtual and augmented reality."

These partnerships help support the warfighter by advancing training, research, innovation and collaboration in areas of zero trust atmosphere, integration of 5G technology, artificial intelligence, data science, and digital forensics.

"Partnerships like this also serve as a gateway for us to recruit talent that's important to sustain our growing mission and the demands of a changing environment," said von Heiland.

Haugh concluded his visit by emphasizing the importance of partnerships with education and industry in advancing research and innovation and by sharing what future opportunities to collaborate may look like in areas such as the Department of the Air Force's Advanced Battle Management System capabilities and its role in Joint All Domain Command and Control, and how the services will interconnect across the Department of Defense.

"The partnerships that exist here from an education perspective and with the city are phenomenal," said Haugh.

San Antonio is the second-largest global cyber hub in the United States with a growing cyber ecosystem. The NSCC will be co-located with UTSA's School of Data Science on their downtown campus in San Antonio and is expected to open in 2022.



# Longest-serving 59th MDW civil servant retires

By Staff Sgt.  
Amanda Stanford

59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“Since I began working here, I have felt like I am a part of something bigger and I was doing something to help people,” said Louise Brown, 59th Medical Wing director of protocol. “I’ve stayed so long because I really enjoy what I’ve been doing.”

Brown is retiring from civil service after 37 years. Her career began 57 years ago when she volunteered to work for the American Red Cross through the Service to Military Hospitals program.

“I originally heard about the program through a sorority sister of mine,” Brown said. “When I went to interview, it was for the Red Cross Donut Dollies, who served the abled-bodied soldiers in Vietnam. The interviewer told me they needed a longer-term position filled in the medical program.”

Brown served the Red Cross for nearly five years, which included a tour to Vietnam.

“I started my tour in Saigon, and I have a photo of me outside in fatigues just days before the Tet Offensive launched,” Brown said. “We didn’t stand around outside much after that. Then almost halfway through my tour, I was told they needed someone in Cu Chi, so that’s where I went.”

During her time with the American Red Cross, Brown met her husband who was serving as a fighter pilot for the U.S. Air Force.

“When I first met my husband, he was about to ship off for his first tour in Vietnam,” Brown said. “We had a long-distance romance while we were deployed, and got married when we came back in 1968. After we married, I left the Red Cross



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. AMANDA STANFORD

*Louise Brown, 59th Medical Wing director of protocol, explains her wall of photos at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, June 8.*



*Louise Brown, 59th Medical Wing director of protocol, is the longest-serving civilian in the wing and will soon retire.*

to support my husband’s career.”

The Browns were married for almost nine years before he was killed in a plane crash.

“After the death of my husband, I never got

remarried, because he was the love of my life,” Brown said. “Since I never remarried, I have been able to stay in one place and dedicate my life to my work.

Brown’s husband, a U.S. Air Force Academy graduate,

was buried in the Academy cemetery.

“It turned out the lady who had been serving as the cadet wing hostess, as they called their social director position, had retired,” Brown said. “The officer assisting with my husband’s funeral was one I knew fairly well, and he told me to apply for the position.”

Brown served as the cadet wing hostess for nearly nine years before taking a break from the military.

“My time at the academy was special for me,” Brown said. “We taught the cadets to cook and dance, hosted balls, and worked with distinguished visitors, but there came a time I knew I needed to move on. At that time, a friend of mine offered me a position to work for him at the university, so I worked there for six years.”

Brown returned to her roots after applying to work at Wilford Hall Medical Center in 1992. She has since

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spent the last 29 years serving the 59th Medical Wing as the director of protocol.

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Before retiring, Brown left words of encouragement to those who still serve in the 59th MDW.

“Remember, it is our job to give the best possible care to our patients,” Brown said. “We owe it to them to be compassionate and treat them with care and respect. Create an atmosphere that makes patients want to be and receive care here. Do your best for those you serve.”

# 149TH FW HONORS HISTORY WITH HERITAGE-THEMED AIRCRAFT PATTERN



An F-16 from the 149th Fighter Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is painted with a Vietnam-era nonstandard camouflage pattern, June 10. The new heritage jet's paint scheme was chosen to honor the Wing's 25th anniversary of being redesignated from the 149th Fighter Group to the 149th Fighter Wing.

PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN RYAN MANCUSO

## JBSA-LACKLAND HOSTS USO SUMMER TOUR JULY 1

Join the USO in celebrating a safe return to its legacy in-person entertainment tours! A special summer performance featuring a variety of entertainers will take place July 1 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Amphitheater. The talent line-up will also participate in several activities on-base prior to their performance. The USO Summer Tour is free and open to active duty, dependent and Department of Defense ID cardholders. Due to limited seating, attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets.



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## ‘Pride in all who serve’ - JBSA pilot breaking barriers for LGBTQ community

By Erinn Burgess

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Joint Base San Antonio joins the Department of Defense and the nation in paying tribute to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community during Pride Month.

For the month of June, this celebration brings light to the way LGBTQ service members and civilians have strengthened our military and our country with the theme, “Pride in all who serve.”

“Throughout history, LGBTQ service members and civilians have bravely served and defended our country,” said Maria Rodriguez, JBSA Affirmative Employment Program manager. “Their commitment to service has made our military stronger and the nation safer. Diversity is more than race, gender and ethnicity — it means diversity of thought, ability, background, language, culture and skill.”

“One of the wonderful things about the Air Force has been its humility in realizing that our branch has grown and changed just like the country has. Diversity and inclusion have improved our service in so many ways,” said Capt. Mackenzie Schofield, who is training to become a T-1 instructor pilot with the 99th Flying Training Squadron, 12th Flying Training Wing, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Schofield, who commissioned from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2013, knew from a young age she wanted to be an Air Force pilot, following in her father’s footsteps, who served for 27 years.

“My family has always served, and I knew I wanted to be part of that legacy. I wanted to serve my country, I wanted adventure, and I wanted to know what I was doing made a difference.”

In addition to her daily duties, Schofield is also serving the LGBTQ community as a member of the Air Force’s LGBTQ Initiative Team, or LIT, championed by Maj. Gen. Leah

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Capt. Mackenzie Schofield, 99th Flying Training Squadron



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Lauderback, director of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance for the U.S. Space Force.

The purpose of LIT is to encourage belonging within the LGBTQ community and continue to expand the

Air Force’s inclusive military workforce, Schofield explained.

The team works to identify barriers and recommend changes that enhance the ability of the LGBTQ community to serve with pride without diminishing

the experience for everyone else; raise awareness about the community, break barriers in place, and educate when necessary; and create a community for LGBTQ members and allies to have a place within the service to support one another through triumphs and roadblocks.

Changing policy starts with changing hearts and minds, as well as the culture of service, she said.

“I just want to be treated the same, and for people to not change their opinion of me when I say ‘wife’ when they expect me to say ‘husband,’” said Schofield, who celebrates five years of marriage with her wife Jennica this month. “Being a part of the LGBTQ community is only one small part of who I am, and when I describe myself, I use terms like ‘wife, daughter, sister, Airman, pilot, friend,’ which are what I want people to focus on more than the single thing that makes me stand out.”

“I think it’s important to emphasize the fact that LGBTQ members don’t exist in our own world,” she added. “We are coworkers, neighbors, friends and family members. I’m proud to be a part of the LGBTQ community, but I am equally as proud to be a pilot in the Air Force, a member of my community, and will always strive to be a good human being.”

During a Pride Month event at the Pentagon earlier this month, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said, “Nobody should have to hide who they love to serve the country they love. And no service member who is willing to put their life on the line to keep our country safe should feel unsafe because of who they are.”

In celebration of Pride Month, JBSA will display Pride Month posters across the installation. Posters will be displayed at all JBSA libraries and Military and Family Readiness Centers as well. For more information, contact the Civilian Personnel Section at 210-221-1408 or usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.jbsa-fsh-cps@mail.mil.

# Aviator shares dad's passion, passes it on to his son

By Debbie Gildea

340TH FLYING TRAINING GROUP  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Thirty-two years is a long time to do anything, but when you love what you do, three-plus decades can fly by in the blink of an eye, and that's how it felt for Lt. Col. Andrew Kissinger, newly retired T-6 Texan instructor pilot, 39th Flying Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.

Kissinger, whose heart has pumped to the rhythm of integrity, service and excellence since long before his May 1989 Air Force commissioning, officially retired June 1, 2021, with more than 3,580 hours in the T-6. The second-generation aviator and instructor pilot credits his dad, Dutch, for his passion for flight; for being his first role model, his first hero. Dutch, a retired colonel and Vietnam-era F-4 pilot, served for 31 years, setting a bar that his son would one day surpass.

In his heart, Andrew took his place in the long blue line when he was just a child of 8. Holding his dad's hand, head tilted back as far as his neck would allow, he watched, enthralled, as the Air Force Thunderbirds aerial aerobatics over Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas.

When Dutch told Andrew that those were the same aerial maneuvers he routinely performed as an Air Force instructor pilot, 8-year-old Andrew locked his sights on becoming an Air Force pilot, like his dad, and he did not waiver.

His path to the cockpit differed, though.

While the senior Kissinger enlisted in 1949 as an aircraft mechanic and later accepted a commission and opportunity to fly, his son pursued every avenue that would put him in the pilot's seat, which started with attending the Air Force Academy. Upon graduation from the Air Force Academy, 2nd Lt. Andrew Kissinger started undergraduate pilot training



*Then & Now:  
A Legacy of  
Pilots*

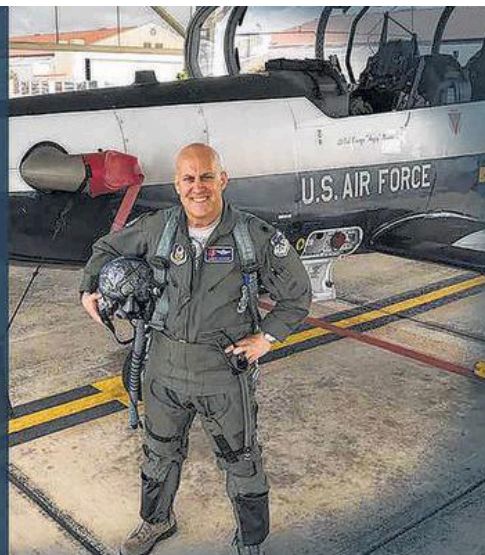


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*Retired Col. Forrest Kissinger (left) stands for a photo prior to his deployment to Vietnam in 1968. Nicknamed "Dutch," he served as a fighter pilot during the war, flying the F-4 Phantom. He would inspire his son, Lt. Col. Andrew Kissinger (right) to become an Air Force pilot. The younger aviator recently retired after 32 years of uniformed service that included thousands of hours in the B-52 during the Cold War.*

that would see him matriculate into his role piloting the B-52 Stratofortress.

The uniquely effective and instantly recognizable weapon system was equal to the young aviator's buoyant, larger-than-life personality.

After racking up thousands of hours in the workhorse of the cold war, Kissinger made a career decision that opened a host of opportunities for him, enabling him to continue to serve his nation while balancing personal and professional goals.

His decision to transfer to the Air Force Reserve in 1998 also brought him back to the mission that originally incited his passion for flight. As a Reserve instructor pilot, he would spend the rest of his Air Force career sharing that passion with undergraduate pilot and instructor pilot candidates.

It was not a surprise to those who knew him well, and those who would come to know him over the next two decades.

"What most impressed me is that he always took the extra time to make sure his students succeeded," said teammate Maj. Justin Gittins. "I know this because I was his student 20 years ago in UPT and I've watched him help countless students become better pilots. His best quality was his ability to put people at ease before a stressful flight and help them regain their focus."

As a traditional Reserve member, he was also able to pursue a civilian career. Not a surprise that he opted to fly commercial aircraft for a well-known passenger airline, and his upbeat personality made him a natural success there, as well.

"He is essentially the fun-loving dad that just enjoys spending time with all of us youngins," said Maj. Justin Perkins. "When he walks in the room he makes everyone's day better with his corny jokes and infectious laughter; truly a

stalwart in our T-6 section. He will leave a gigantic hole never to be filled."

Kissinger's knowledge and expertise in the T-6 made him the natural choice to support and fly various VIPs, including 2017 visits by John A. Fedrigo, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and then U.S. Coast Guard Corpus Christi Sector Commander/Air Station Commanding Officer Capt. Tony Hahn.

Although Kissinger leaves an un-patchable hole in the fabric of the squadron, he also left an unspoken challenge for his former (and future) teammates. Amassing more than 7,500 flying hours, he is excited to meet the next instructor who will top those numbers.

"I am going to miss his positivity and the energy he brings to every room he enters," said flight commander Lt. Col. John Camponovo. "His passion for instruction and zeal for life is

contagious. Students consistently rave about his incredible instructional style and ability to connect with them on a personal level...thank you for your friendship and service to the nation and to the COBRAS!"

Although Kissinger has flown his final flight for the Air Force, he will continue to fly commercially, and particularly looks forward to being able to spend more time with his wife Diana and their kids, Nicholas, Anders and Paulina. And, this is far from the end of the Kissinger Air Force legacy.

It may be a few years before 17-year-old Nicholas dons a uniform, but like his dad and granddad, he's already enamored with flight. In preparation for the day that he surpasses the bar his dad has set, Nicholas will begin private flying lessons this summer at the New Braunfels, Texas airport, and already has his sights set on his place in the long blue line.