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MASTER SGT. KELLY GOONAN

920th Rescue Wing Airmen push an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter out from inside a 433rd Airlift Wing C-5 Galaxy aircraft after returning to Patrick Space Force Base, Florida, from Exercise Distant Horizon in August.

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Joint Base San Antonio First Sergeant Diamond Sharp Awards

Joint Base San Antonio First Sergeants Council

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

Tech. Sgt Cruz E. Dozal

Unit: 39th Training Squadron

Duty Title: BEAST Cadre

Tech. Sgt Cruz E. Dozal showed great initiative by stepping up and taking over the squadron's information technology equipment custodian program, immediately identifying and crafting a plan to address 152 program deficiencies. He also led a four-member team to install squadron network access capability for 34 personnel, allowing for no mission degradation. Dozal also responded to a trainee with a dislocated kneecap, where he stabilized the patient and expedited advanced care. He led Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training, or BEAST, operating procedures standardization for 34 instructors throughout four zones affecting 40,000 recruits annually.



Tech. Sgt.
Cruz E. Dozal

Staff Sgt. Kaylia Brantley

Unit: 59th Surgical Operations Squadron

Duty Title: Orthopedic Administration Technician

As the squadron's sole orthopedic administrative technician NCO, Staff Sgt. Kaylia Brantley has fully innovated the schedules of three departments, 17 providers and more than 10,000 patient encounters. She's responsible for supervising two civilians, along with training the clinic nurse with administrative duties. Brantley successfully executed two continuous process improvements in the department. Currently completing her Community College of the Air Force degree with a 4.0 GPA, she has also completed more than 10 hours of professional development courses, while applying her knowledge to her everyday duties.



Staff Sgt.
Kaylia Brantley

Senior Airman Isis A. Alston

Unit: 59th Radiology Squadron

Duty Title: Diagnostic Imaging Technologist

Senior Airman Isis A. Alston managed daily floor operations for diagnostic imaging and computed tomography sections. She guided 34 members to accomplish 5,400 exams across eight tele-radiology sites and two facilities. Alston backfilled the special procedures section for two weeks, scheduling and performing exams for 20 patients resulting in zero patient care interruptions.



Senior Airman
Isis A. Alston

Additionally, she coordinated the first COVID-19-era squadron fitness team-building event to ensure zero fitness failures upon official assessment relaunch. Alston was coined by the squadron commander for exceptional patient care and leadership and also completed her associates degree, becoming eligible to challenge the National Radiology Registry Exam.

Senior Airman Andrew Leal Jr.

Unit: 502nd Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title: Flight Armorer

Senior Airman Andrew Leal Jr. spearheaded the unit's weapons modernization program, assisting the combat arms manager during the transfer and reconversion of 282 outdated M4 Rifles to the unit's newest weapon system, the M4A1 Fully Automatic Rifle, worth a total of \$1.8 million. Leal dedicated more than 36 off-duty hours working this tasker, while still continuing to work his regular 12-hour duty shifts as a Flight Armorer, supporting JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's daily mission. As flight armorer, Leal oversees accountability of 10,000 rounds of ammunition and more than \$8 million in six separate weapons systems and critical mission essential equipment.



Senior Airman
Andrew Leal Jr.

Airman 1st Class Angela Hollins

Unit: 559th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Duty Title: Public Health Technician

Airman 1st Class Angela Hollins manages her upgrade training and daily tasks flawlessly, achieving a 92% average on her end-of-course exams and setting herself up to complete her upgrade requirements ahead of schedule. Her professionalism led to being one of five Airman handpicked to participate in a panel where she mentored 31 officers on desired leadership qualities. She recently led training for 27 installation unit deployment managers to ensure they were up to date with current processes.



Airman 1st Class
Angela Hollins



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Feedback Fridays

Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller

502D AIR BASE WING AND JOINT BASE
SAN ANTONIO COMMANDER

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

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

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

Q: I'm not sure if you were aware, but in Texas beginning Sept. 1, there will be a new criteria for handicap parking (see article at <https://ust05fm.com/new-texas-law-changes-who-can-park-in-handicap-spots/>).

Will that apply to military locations like JBSA-Randolph, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, etc. because it will make a difference? I have not seen anything come out about it at JBSA



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and it will affect my husband.

Thank you in advance for your help.

A: Great question!

Effective Sept. 1, vehicles must have either a handicap symbol on their license plate or a handicap placard hanging from the rearview mirror to park in reserved handicap spaces on or off all installations.

The Texas law and installation policy have both changed, and disabled veteran plates must be

accompanied by the appropriate handicap symbol on the plate or a placard hanging from the mirror. The reason for the change was to better provide people with mobility issues access to the limited number of handicap spots.

Q: It has been months since I inquired as to why the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph golf course does now allow private golf carts to be used like at JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

If this is one base, shouldn't the same rules apply to all locations?

A: Thank you for your question.

Great news! The Randolph Oaks Golf Course does allow private golf carts to be used at their course. Randolph Oaks charges a \$6 trail fee for private carts, which allows owners to bring private carts onto the golf course.

The same golf cart etiquette applies:

► The cart must remain at least 30 feet from the green

► No more than two people per cart
Enjoy your round!

JBSA accepting 2022 Military Ambassadors applications

By Kathleen Salazar

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Air Force is seeking two Airmen, one male and one female, from Joint Base San Antonio to represent the service as military ambassadors at events throughout the local community, with San Antonio's Fiesta being the highlight of the program.

Ambassadors participate in the annual 11-day celebration, with more than 50 activities associated with Fiesta San Antonio, recognizing and celebrating San Antonio's rich diverse cultures.

The Military Ambassador Program promotes the military's commitment and relationship with the local communities around the installation.

"This is a great opportunity for our Airmen to not only learn about San Antonio's rich culture, but the connection that brings the city and the military together," said Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller, 502d Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander.

"I am humbled and grateful to have been selected to represent the Air Force as the Fiesta 2021 Military Ambassador," said Tech. Sgt.



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All E-4 to E-7 Air Force members, 21 years old and older, assigned to JBSA, are eligible to apply to become a military ambassador. Nomination packages will be distributed to public affairs offices across JBSA Sept. 1.

LaTeshia T. Burgess, 2021 Air Force Ambassador and 59th Medical Operations Squadron clinic patient

advocate. "It has been such an amazing opportunity to gain more insight on San Antonio's traditions,

vast heritage, and culture that is shared throughout Military City USA.

"I'm first-generation military, and what drew me to the opportunity was that I could give back to my community," said Tech. Sgt. Arturo Gomez Jr., 2021 Air Force Ambassador and 318th Training Squadron aircraft technical instructor.

All E-4 to E-7 Air Force members, 21 and older, assigned to JBSA are eligible to apply to become a military ambassador. Nomination packages will be distributed to public affairs offices across JBSA Sept. 1.

Nominations are due to the 502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at usaf.502.pao@mail.mil by close of business Oct. 20. Nominees must provide a letter of recommendation from their unit commander.

Once nominated, candidates appear before a selection panel of chief master sergeants. The selection panel will review applications, conduct interviews and select the ambassadors.

The application packet can be found on the JBSA website at <https://www.jbsa.mil>. Call 210-221-0456 for more information.

FORT SAM HOUSTON

MICC contracting team supports Vibrant Response disaster exercise

By Daniel P. Elkins

MISSION AND INSTALLATION
CONTRACTING COMMAND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Contract management officials are playing an integral role in ensuring the successful response by the Army to natural disasters and contingencies faced by this nation.

Members from the Mission and Installation Contracting Command Field Directorate Office at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston directly supported the 2021 Vibrant Response disaster exercise in support of Joint Task Force Civil Support that came to an end Aug. 9.

Army North's contingency command posts serve as the coordinating element for DOD requests for support from FEMA, state and local officials. Army North, as the Joint Forces Land Component Command in support of the U.S. Northern Command, is responsible for conducting defense support of civil authorities, or DSCA, across the United States when requested.

Operating as the MICC Army North Contracting Support Cell, MICC FDO-Fort Sam Houston contracting professionals began integrating their contract support efforts with multiple commands across the service in early July.

Serving as the senior contracting officer for the cell was Capt. Tamera Marshall, a contract management officer with the field directorate office. She led a team in coordinating the procurement of contract requirements with the joint task force's logistics directorate



PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS MICHAEL LEHMAN

Augmentees from various Army commands collaborate in the joint operations center at Joint Task Force Civil Support headquarters Aug. 6 at Joint Base Langley-Eustis during exercise Vibrant Response.

and U.S. Army Reserve's 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in San Antonio.

Marshall, along with Maj. Matt Bookout and Emory Cowan, were responsible for reviewing all contracting action submissions for accuracy and completeness as well as advising joint logistics personnel on the contract management process to include the assignment of contracting officer representatives, quality assurance and control procedures, and contract award tracking.

"Contracting support is very critical and has a direct impact on any defense support of civil authorities mission," Marshall said, "so implementing operational contracting support into the initial planning will only facilitate success."

The annual command post exercise validates ARNORTH's operational capabilities to respond to a catastrophic event. Marshall said eight contract requirements were submitted over a five-day exercise period valued at more than \$1.2 million. They included support requirements such as lodging with catered meals, laundry services, portable showers, and portable latrines with hand-washing stations.

"Although it was a 'table-top' exercise, complete contracting requirement packets were submitted for review," Marshall said. "They included independent government cost estimates, market research, performance work statements, quality assurance surveillance plans, request for service contract approval forms and

purchase requests. Signatures for approval authority and procurement lead times were simulated."

She added the MICC Army North Contracting Support Cell's ongoing active involvement in the COVID-19 Counter Measure Acceleration Group has proven beneficial in the team's ability to successfully support contract requirements in a crisis.

"The opportunity to participate in joint DSCA-level missions and exercises has been both amazing and rewarding," Marshall said. "The experience has sharpened my contracting knowledge, skills and capabilities. It has definitely enhanced my preparedness for future missions and assignments."

MICC FDO-Fort Sam

Houston officials will continue to provide business advice and contracting solutions in support of ARNORTH's participation with the command post exercises Ardent Sentry in June 2022 and Vigilant Shield in September 2022.

Ardent Sentry aims to hone the Joint Force Land Component Command's ability to respond simultaneously to homeland defense and DSCA requests for support in coordination with the 377th Sustainment Command. Vigilant Shield 2022 will serve to validate ARNORTH command and control capabilities as the Joint Force Land Component Command as well as build interagency partners to enable situational understanding and mutual support.

Headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the Mission and Installation Contracting Command consists of about 1,500 military and civilian members who are responsible for contracting goods and services in support of Soldiers as well as readying trained contracting units for the operating force and contingency environment when called upon.

As part of its mission, MICC contracts are vital in feeding more than 200,000 Soldiers every day, providing many daily base operations support services at installations, facilitate training in the preparation of more than 100,000 conventional force members annually, training more than 500,000 students each year, and maintaining more than 14.4 million acres of land and 170,000 structures.

Brooke Army Medical Center temporary visitation policy now in effect

Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

In support of patients and families, Brooke Army Medical Center is carefully modifying its visitation policy as of Aug. 19. The health and safety of patients, visitors, staff and community remain the top priority.

BAMC will allow visitors/escorts into the facility from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. These are the specific details and exceptions are at the discretion of clinic leadership:

- » **Pediatric Outpatients:** 1 adult caregiver (no additional children preferred)
- » **Adult Outpatients:** 1 primary caregiver for cognitively impaired adults and 1 primary support person for all others (at the discretion of provider and clinic leadership)
- » **Obstetric Outpatients:** 1 primary support person
- » **Labor and Delivery** (including postpartum): 1 primary support person throughout the hospital stay and 1 additional interchangeable visitor per day
- » **Pediatric Surgery Patients** (same day surgery and planned admissions): 2 escorts
- » **Adult Ambulatory/Same day Surgeries:** 1 escort until discharge
- » **Surgery with Planned Admission:** 1 escort may remain in the building until the surgeon completes the case and discusses it with him/her. The patient must agree to the sharing of the information with the escort/family member. Ward visitation as dictated by hospital policy.
- » **Emergency Department:** 1 visitor
- » **All non-COVID-19 inpatients** (not listed above): 1 visitor per patient at a time from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (no limit to the number of visitors during visitation hours). Visitors should be provided with a surgical mask while visiting.
- » **All COVID-19 Inpatients** (not listed above): No visitations at this time. Exceptions to policy must be approved at command level.

Screening visitors is conducted at the unit/clinic level. Visitors will be screened and restricted from visiting, regardless of their vaccination status, if they have current SARS-CoV-2 infection, symptoms of COVID-19 or



JASON W. EDWARDS

In support of patients and families, Brooke Army Medical Center has carefully modified its visitation policy as of Aug. 19.

have otherwise met criteria for quarantine.

Visits for patients who share a room should comply with infection prevention and control practices, including physical distancing and source control.

For questions/concerns, ask a member of the patient's healthcare team.

For all patients and visitors:

- » Visitors who are sick will not be permitted to enter patient care facilities.
- » Visitors may be re-screened by BAMC personnel at their discretion.
- » Everyone must wear a face covering according to current guidance.
- » Everyone should practice social distancing measures as appropriate.
- » Patients are encouraged to remain closely connected to their loved ones through virtual means including Skype, FaceTime, Zoom, and phone. Please be careful not to impede healthcare, display HIPAA information, or include patients or staff who have not consented to being filmed/photographed.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work to ensure everyone's safety! Guidance is subject to change based on new or additional information.

For updates and resources, visit:

- » BAMC on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/BrookeArmyMedicalCenter>
- » BAMC COVID-19 website at <https://bamc.tricare.mil/Patient-Resources/COVID-19-Guidance>
- » or visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.



Cmdr. Stephanie Simoni (center) assumed command of Navy Talent Acquisition Group San Antonio from Cmdr. Michael Files (right) during a change of command and retirement ceremony held at the Frank Fickett Scout Training and Service Center Aug. 11. Presiding over the ceremony was Capt. Anthony Bayungan (left), commodore, Region West, Navy Recruiting Command.

BURRELL PARKER

Navy TAG San Antonio welcomes new commander

By Burrell Parker
NAVY TALENT ACQUISITION GROUP
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A new commanding officer took command of Navy Talent Acquisition Group San Antonio during a change of command and retirement ceremony held at the Frank Fickett Scout Training and Service Center Aug. 11. During the ceremony, Cmdr. Michael Files, of Austin, Texas, relinquished command to Cmdr. Stephanie Simoni, of Stewartstown, Pennsylvania.

Commanding the NTAG SA since Nov. 12, 2020, Files was responsible for more than 220 recruiters and support personnel who assisted in making the Navy's recruitment annual mission.

His area of responsibility included two Talent Acquisition Onboarding Centers and 34 Navy Recruiting Stations/ Navy Officer Recruiting Stations spread throughout 144,000 square miles of Texas territory, spanning from Waco, west to Midland/Odessa, southwest towards El Paso, southeast along the Rio Grande Valley, and west of College Station.

Capt. Anthony Bayungan, commodore, Region West, Navy Recruiting Command, officiated the ceremony.

"This is one of the most rewarding experiences in Cmdr. Files' life," Bayungan said. "Many officers go through their entire career never taking command. It takes a very special kind of person to step up and

shoulder that responsibility. This shows character, dedication and sacrifice, and Cmdr. Files has done this twice."

Remarking on his tenure as commanding officer and his career, Files thanked those who have guided him.

"It is fitting that this ceremony is occurring at the Frank Fickett Center," said Files, who was awarded the National Eagle Scout Association's Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. "Without a doubt, I know that my involvement with scouts fortified my foundation."

Under Files' command, the NTAG shipped 2,968 men and women for service in America's Navy and Navy Reserve from more than 1,100 high schools and

universities throughout Central and South Texas. For his superior performance of duty, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by Bayungan.

Simoni, a surface warfare officer, thanked all for attending the ceremony and for Files' service.

"I would like to thank all the planners and participants for all their hard work in putting this ceremony together," said Simoni, who previously served as NTAG San Antonio's executive officer. "I am absolutely humbled to serve as your commanding officer and honored to lead this great team of men and women."

Additionally, she thanked Bayungan for the training and mentorship that he provided her

and her team during his visit to NTAG San Antonio, and for the trust and confidence that he placed in her to lead the officers, chief petty officers, Sailors, and civilians under her command.

Following the change of command ceremony, Files retired from America's Navy with 24 years of faithful and honorable service.

Navy Recruiting Command consists of a command headquarters, three Navy Recruiting Regions, 26 NTAGs and 64 Talent Acquisition Onboarding Centers that serve more than 1,000 recruiting stations around the world. Their mission is to attract the highest quality candidates to assure the ongoing success of America's Navy.

Monoclonal antibody treatment can help some COVID-19 patients

By Lori Newman

BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Brooke Army Medical Center doctors at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston are working with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council to help COVID-19 patients receive the monoclonal antibody treatment and potentially lessen the severity of the illness.

Some early evidence suggests monoclonal antibody treatment can reduce the amount of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the virus that causes COVID-19, in a person's system. This means the patient may have milder symptoms thereby decreasing the likelihood of being hospitalized.

"The goal of this treatment is to halt the progression of COVID-19, and to hopefully prevent inpatient admission," said Air Force Maj. (Dr.) Joseph Yabes Jr., infectious disease physician. "Overall, people have had good responses to this therapy."

"People who are immunocompromised, diabetic, or people who are age 55 with hypertension or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) may also benefit from this therapy."

Air Force Maj. (Dr.) Joseph Yabes Jr., infectious disease physician

Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-produced molecules engineered to serve as substitute antibodies that can restore, enhance or mimic the immune system's attack on cells. Combination Casirivimab and Imdevimab, a monoclonal antibody, is designed to block viral attachment and entry into human cells, helping to neutralize the virus.

The treatment involves IV infusion of investigational antibody medications that are not Food and Drug Administration-approved but

are authorized under an FDA emergency use authorization.

The treatment can be given to patients 12 years and older who weigh at least 88 pounds. However, the most benefit from this treatment has been seen in patients who are more than 65 years old and those with a body mass index over 35, explained Yabes.

"People who are immunocompromised, diabetic, or people who are age 55 with hypertension or COPD (chronic

obstructive pulmonary disease) may also benefit from this therapy," Yabes said.

A primary care manager must refer the patient to the BAMC Infectious Disease Clinic to see if they qualify for the treatment.

"If they meet the criteria, someone from the Infectious Disease Clinic will contact the patient to see if they are interested in receiving the treatment," Yabes said. "If they want to receive the treatment, we will fill out the referral and submit it to STRAC."

Once the patient is referred, they will be contacted and the treatment will be administered by medical staff at their residence or a designated location.

"Within 72 hours after the treatment, the patient will need to have a follow-up appointment with their PCM just to make sure they are OK," Yabes said.

If people have questions about monoclonal antibody infusion, they can call 1-800-742-5990 or visit <https://strac.org/ric>.

U.S., Chilean armies finalize 16th bilateral army-to-army staff talks

By Leanne Thomas
U.S. ARMY SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Army South and the Chilean Army held virtual bilateral staff talks Aug. 19-20 to formally agree upon security cooperation activities from 2022-2024.

“It is with great pride and pleasure that I represent the U.S. Army for this bilateral meeting,” said Colombian Army Brig. Gen. Hernando Garzón Rey, U.S. Army South deputy commander for interoperability. “The armies of the United States and Chile have had a strong relationship for years, and together, have faced various challenges and threats in our hemisphere. We have taken great steps to strengthen ties and improve our interoperability.”

During the two-day event, the U.S. and Chilean delegations established agreed-to-actions with areas of cooperation that focus on peacekeeping operations and global security cooperation, domestic and regional humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and interoperability and force readiness.



Maj. Gen. William L. Thigpen (left), U.S. Army South commanding general, signs agreed-to-actions during the 16th iteration of the U.S.-Chilean army-to-army staff talks with Col. Jeffrey T. Lopez (right), U.S. Army South Security Cooperation Directorate chief, Aug. 20 at the U.S. Army South headquarters at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

“In recent months, we have planned several events that will continue with the development of our interoperability,” said Garzón. “As a

result, our armies will be more prepared to work together and face any challenge that comes, guaranteeing the stability and security of the Americas.”

With 72 agreements planned to take place in 2022 alone, the close coordination between the two nations’ armies demonstrates their ability to plan and execute complex combined operations despite COVID-19 challenges and under changing and uncertain conditions.

“The minutes that we sign today are a product of months of coordination across the staffs,” said Maj. Gen. William L. Thigpen, the U.S. Army South commanding general during the closing ceremony. “The exercises, schools and exchanges, and activities that we have planned today will make both of our armies capable and ready throughout the future.”

As the Army’s Executive Agent, U.S. Army South conducts bilateral staff talks on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army with five countries in Latin America to strengthen professional partnerships and increase interaction between armies. These staff talks are agreed to by the countries through the diplomatic process to enhance cooperation and interoperability.

ARNORTH supports FEMA in Mississippi, expands in Louisiana

By Col. Martin O’Donnell
U.S. ARMY NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS

At the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, approximately 20 military medical personnel have deployed to Jackson, Mississippi, while another 20 will deploy to Tupelo, Mississippi.

Additionally, 20 military medical personnel will deploy to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as part of an ongoing Department of Defense COVID-19 response operation. U.S. Army North, Louisiana, as part of an ongoing Department of Defense COVID-19 response operation. U.S. Army North, Louisiana, as part of an ongoing Department of Defense COVID-19 response operation. U.S. Army North, Louisiana, as part of an ongoing Department of Defense COVID-19 response operation.

“Our joint forces go where FEMA needs us, and where the Department of Defense orders us to go,” said Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson, ARNORTH commander. “This is a whole-of-government response, and right now FEMA has determined the military’s unique, surge capabilities are most needed in these two states.”

The military medical personnel includes nurses, respiratory therapists and medical doctors.

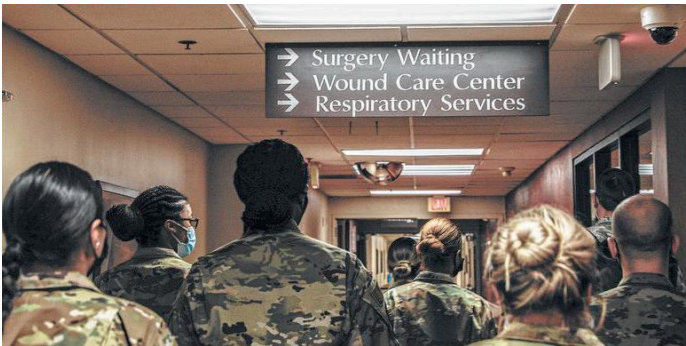
In Mississippi, one 20-person team from the Air Force are supporting the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, while another 20-person team from the Army will support the North Mississippi Medical Center-Tupelo in Tupelo.

In Louisiana, a 20-person team from the Air Force will support the Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge.

Last week, approximately 20 military medical personnel from the U.S. Navy deployed to Lafayette, Louisiana to support Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center.

This is the first time Department of Defense medical assets have deployed to support Mississippi during the pandemic. In 2020, the military provided support to FEMA in Louisiana in New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

“Defending the nation, which includes defeating COVID-19, is a



U.S. Airmen from Brooke Army Medical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and Kessler Medical Center at Biloxi, Mississippi, assigned to U.S. Army North Task Force 46, get a tour of Kingman Regional Medical Center as part of in-processing at KRMC, Kingman, Arizona, March 2.

team effort,” said Richardson. “U.S. Army North is proud to contribute alongside and in support of civil authorities in the whole-of-government fight against COVID-19. Our command also

remains prepared for potential, future all-hazards response and homeland defense.”

ARNORTH is the joint force land component command of USNORTHCOM.

LACKLAND

International enlisted leaders focus on ‘Building an Airman’

By Annette Crawford
37TH TRAINING WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A sea of multi-colored military uniforms and the sounds of several languages were the backdrops for the Senior Enlisted Leader International Summit, held in San Antonio Aug. 9-13.

The SELIS, co-hosted by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass and the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, brought together approximately 120 top enlisted leaders from the U.S. and 44 partner nations. The summit is normally held bi-annually for international senior enlisted counterparts to the chief master sergeant of the Air Force to discuss issues affecting the international community of enlisted Airmen and to further build relationships. It was last held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 2018.

This year's theme was “Building an Airman.” Bass kicked off the conference expressing her enthusiasm for the gathering.

“In this room today we have 44 nations represented — 44 nations of friends, of partners, that all work hard at making our world a better place,” Bass said. “It's our honor and privilege to spend this week with you talking about how we develop our United States Airmen ... you're here on purpose in San Antonio, because this is where everything starts for the United States Air Force enlisted corps. Every single one of our enlisted Airmen comes here — to Military City USA.”



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass (center) admires a patch presented to her at the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Aug. 12. Bass was touring the 37th Training Group along with other attendees of the Senior Enlisted Leader International Summit, held Aug. 9-13 in San Antonio.

AGNES KOTERBA

Bass, who marked one year as chief master sergeant of the Air Force Aug. 14, said that she's been focused on three things since then.

“I've been focused on our people, on readiness, and the culture of the United States Air Force. Our Air Force is very different from when I joined it over 28 years ago,” Bass said, noting that the Air Force is almost half the size now than it was when she joined.

“If we're half the size that we were, every single United States Airman counts, and that's why we pay a whole lot of attention at making sure that we have a culture that our Airmen are thriving in and able to be their very best,” she added.

Attendees learned about topics relevant to the summit's theme, including Enlisted Force Development and Professional Military Education. The group also had the opportunity to get viewpoints from several partner nations. Guest speakers included Kelli L. Seybolt, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, who offered her strategic perspective for the group.

“The enlisted corps is the driving force behind deepening ties with our allies and partners,” Seybolt said. “Enlisted Airmen and Guardians are the innovators who work side-by-side with

partner nations to enable mission execution and strengthen our collective deterrence and defense.”

Attendees got a firsthand look at the mission of the 37th Training Wing, headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, when they visited various elements of its four groups — the 737th Training Group, 37th Training Group, Defense Language Institute English Language Center, and IAAFA. They also traveled to JBSA-Randolph where they toured the 558th Flying Training Squadron.

“I work at NATO headquarters. I've worked there the past four years in a European bubble and didn't

realize how far our national partnership expands. As an enlisted person, it's confirmation that enlisted development is just as important. NCOs are the backbone of the corps,” said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Theda Shaw, Support, NATO HQ AIRCom PME Lead.

Later in the week, Bass said she had been looking forward to SELIS and its opportunities.

“I looked forward to connecting with all of these leaders, to be able to crosstalk and to share the goals that we have, to be able to also talk about the challenges and compare the different unique ways in which we tackle those challenges,” she said.

433rd AW assists 920th Rescue Wing's Exercise Distant Horizon

By Lt. Col. Ian Phillips

920TH RESCUE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In a remote and desolate field, 100 one-person tents seemed to appear out of nowhere as the 920th Rescue Wing established a forward operating base to conduct field Exercise Distant Horizon, an event designed to validate tactics, techniques and procedures of personnel recovery and agile combat employment in the Indo-Pacific region.

In less than 24 hours, 920th RQW personnel mobilized, maneuvered across 4,700 miles, established a forward operating base, and postured to conduct rescue raid events as a self-sustained encampment for seven days. The Rescue Force-Light package is a combined arms team of ground and air combatants. The wing also projects heavy and medium packages designed for assaults on defended points of incident.

Strategic airlift from the 433rd Airlift Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, and the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, conducted rapid transport of the Rescue Force to the remote island location at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii that is part of the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division training area. The Rescue Force then self-deployed a further distance to their forward operating base.

"For seven days last week we validated a new force presentation model focused on rescue in contested maritime and jungle environments. We succeeded at an autonomous operation that capitalized on speed, maneuver and unpredictability while we executed it halfway around the



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. KELLY GOONAN

920th Rescue Wing Airmen watch as an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter takes off during Exercise Distant Horizon in August.

world from our point of origin," said Col. John Dobbin, 920th RQW commander.

At the exercise forward operating base and remote initial contingency locations, combatants focused on major combat operation scenarios encompassing kinetic applications in offense and defense for the Rescue Force and their encampment.

"Initial contingency locations keep us mobile and unpredictable. This projects our fighting power deeper in the battlespace and enables the Rescue Force to seize the combat tempo from an enemy," Dobbin said.

Establishing a bare base in the middle of nowhere took coordination between every unit of the wing and select joint partners. Everyone was essential, from operational personnel to security and communications, but

perhaps most important was the wing's Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen team who fed the force with two hot meals a day, at times in a relentless physical environment.

"People are operating beyond their AFSC and testing their thresholds in depravity, exhaustion, and problem solving. Definitely out of their comfort zones and all to make us a more lethal fighting force," said a Rescue Force Senior Enlisted Leader.

Environmental conditions challenged all involved. Temperatures and strong wind gusts during the day increased demands on logistics and sustainment; providing excellent opportunity to refine standard operating procedures of the combat sustainment team.

"The exercise allowed us to practice skills we have been developing over the last year with a combined arms team and validate our key tactics techniques and procedures. We were highly successful in validating these TTPs," said the Rescue Force commander.

Distant Horizon is an annual exercise that, combined with their annual Fury Horizon exercise,



920th Rescue Wing Aeromedical Staging Squadron Airmen triage and stabilize simulated casualties during Exercise Distant Horizon in Hawaii in August.

prepares the wing for priority requirements around the world. Vigilant readiness garnered through these exercises and others supports the wing's mission to plan, lead, and conduct military rescue operations and missions to deny competitors and adversaries exploitation of isolated personnel.



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Monthly Events

September

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

Labor Day is celebrated with a special rate

Come out to any of the JBSA Bowling Centers Sept. 4-5 to celebrate the Labor Day Weekend and the end of summer. Bowling will cost \$12.50 per hour (up to 6 players per lane) with \$3 shoe rental. The Bowling Center is closed on Labor Day, Sept. 6. For more information, call JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-1234, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4740, and JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-6271.

Grandparents bowl for free in celebration

Bring your grandparents out to the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Sept. 12 from 1-4 p.m. for an afternoon of fun and companionship. Bowling and shoe rental is free for grandparents for up to three games. Everyone else may bowl for a \$3 per game, per person with \$2.75 shoe rental. For more information, call 210-652-6271.

Single military members bowl for free

All JBSA Bowling Centers are inviting single active-duty military members to come out and bowl three games for free during their single military member nights. JBSA-Fort Sam Houston offers this deal every Sunday from 3-7 p.m., JBSA-Lackland every Friday from 6-9 p.m. and JBSA-Randolph Saturdays from 6-9 p.m. For more information, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-1234, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-4740, and JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-6271.

Customers enjoy special rates

Join the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center every Tuesday and Wednesday from opening to closing for a \$5 Bowling Special. Patrons will play three games for \$5. For more information, call 210-221-4740.

The JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center offers a special \$7.50 per hour rate every Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Patrons can also come out Tuesdays from opening to closing for three games for only \$5. For more information call, 210-671-1234.

Patrons bowl under the stars

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center holds cosmic bowling every Saturday from 4-9 p.m. everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this party under the lights while a DJ provides musical entertainment. For more information, call 210-221-4740.

Check out the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Saturdays from 6-9 p.m. for Galactic Bowling. Galactic Bowling features cosmic lights combined with LED Center Punch Deck Lighting, LED Lane

Capping, LED Ceiling Lights and is enhanced with three 118" projection screens playing "mom approved" music videos. Select your preferred exciting option to bowl at the special rate of \$15 per hour per hour of bowling. For more information, call 210-652-7271.

Clubs

Bingo fun is at the club

Bingo takes place at the JBSA-Kendrick Club every Sunday at 3 p.m. and Monday-Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. 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. Don't forget to play every Tuesday and Wednesday to qualify for the monthly member prize give-away. Prizes for September are gift cards.

Bingo Extravaganza is held Sept. 13 and 27 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a chance to win a larger jackpot. Birthday Bingo is held Sept. 14. Club members with a birthday in Sept. receive a complimentary bingo machine. Randolph Club members only along with ID and proof of membership required. For more information, call 210-652-3056.

Patrons celebrate the end of another year

Join the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Sept. 24 from 7-11 p.m. to celebrate the end of the 2021 fiscal year in the Lone Star Lounge featuring DJ Tony Style playing some great music. There will be dancing, and contests with prizes. There is no admission cost. For more information, call 210-645-7034.

Kids get the royal treatment at the Parr Club

The JBSA-Randolph Parr Club hosts the Prince and Princess Tea Party Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each child will receive tickets to spend at the general store. Refreshments are provided and children will be given a tea pot to decorate while the DJ plays family friendly music. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite prince or princess. Come out and see Princesses Belle, Snow White and Rapunzel for a chance to get your pictures taken with them. This event is reservation only, and space is limited. The cost for club members is \$10 and the cost for nonmembers is \$15, children 4 and younger eat free. The Parr Club will start taking reservations beginning Sept. 6 for club members and Sept. 13 for nonmembers between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. by calling the cashier's cage at 210-658-7445 or email us at jbsarandolphclubs@gmail.com. The last day to cancel a reservation with a refund is Sept. 23. No refunds will be issued after this date. Coupons, club bucks, or gift certificates are not accepted as payment for this event.

Canyon Lake

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 and for boat rentals and marina information, please email jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com.

Patrons learn how to be safe on the water

Please join us Sept. 11 and 25 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. Youth, 16 and younger must be accompanied by a sponsor during the class and during equipment rental. To reserve a spot, please call 830-964-3576 or email jbsalodgingres@gmail.com.

Join us Sept. 11 and 25 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, Boat-ed.com, BoatUS.org, or iLearnToBoat.com. To reserve a spot or for more information, call 830-964-3576 or email jbsalodgingres@gmail.com.

Boat tour offered at Canyon Lake

The JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake encourages everyone to come out for the Beyond the Marina Boat Tour Sept. 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. Enjoy an hour and a half chauffeured boat tour around Canyon Lake. Encounter breath taking scenic views, discover the lake's history and the town that still resides beneath. This is open to all DoD ID cardholders. The cost for the tour is \$30 per adult and \$15 per child 12 and younger. Register by contacting our call center at 830-964-3576 or email jbsalodgingres@gmail.com.

Customers have fun on the water

JBSA Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake encourages everyone to enjoy a day out on the water. Rent a boat four times any Monday-Thursday in Sept. or Oct. and get the fifth weekday rental for free. The price includes all required safety equipment such as life vests but does not include fuel. Now is the chance to take advantage of a less crowded lake and save money as summer comes to an end. Email jbsamarinasuper@gmail.com for reservations. You must have taken the Boater's Safety Course through

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the State of Texas to be able to rent a boat. For more information, call 210-601-7768.

Community Services

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.

Precious memories are framed for a lifetime

Both the JBSA-Lackland and the JBSA-Randolph Frame Shops offer discounted framing services for all framing needs. Their expert framer will help customer design a one of a kind custom frame to display those precious memories or special achievements. In addition, they will match any off-base price on a comparable custom framing job. For questions about framing, please call 210-671-5503 for JBSA-Lackland or 210-652-5142, option 3 for JBSA-Randolph.

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.

Riders of all experience levels attend lessons

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers horseback riding lessons for beginners and advanced riders

in both English and Western style riding. Therapeutic riding lessons are also available and taught by certified instructors. Horses, saddles and tack for lessons will be provided if needed. Patrons must be at least seven years old. The price is \$60 per hour for a private lesson, \$50 for semi-private and \$40 for group lessons. Lessons are available by appointment only most days of the week and in the evenings. Helmets are also available if needed for the lessons. For more information, call 210-224-7207.

Fitness

Patrons climb to new heights

Step into September with the JBSA-Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center Sept. 1-10 by climbing the highest buildings in the world using the StairMaster. Participants can pick up a tracking card at the front desk to record how long it takes to climb these buildings. Then turn in the tracking card to the front desk once all six buildings have been completed to receive a prize. This free event is open to all DoD ID cardholders. For more information, please call 210-671-2401.

Athletes take on a triathlon

Athletes of all levels take to the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Sept. 13-17 to conquer a fun but demanding triathlon. Each participant must complete the 15-mile treadmill/indoor track walk/run, 30-mile stationary bike ride and five-mile row in order to complete the triathlon. Pick up the indoor triathlon challenge tracking booklet from the Fitness Center staff. As each portion of the event is completed, have a fitness team member initial that item before moving on. When all three elements of the triathlon are completed, turn the booklet into the Fitness Center staff. For more information, call 210-652-7263.

Competition heats up at the fitness centers

Come out to the JBSA-Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. for a friendly Bench Press Competition. Participants will have three lift opportunities and the highest lift will be recorded. Registration is not required. For more information, call 210-671-2016.

A Push-Up and Sit Up competition is being held at the JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center Sept. 17 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will have one minute to do as many push-ups and sit-ups as they can. This event is free and open to all DoD ID cardholders. For more information, please call 210-977-2353.

The JBSA-Lackland Gillum Fitness Center holds a Bench Press Competition Sept. 24 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contestants will get three attempts with no bouncing of the bar and the reps must be touch and go. This is a free event open to all DoD ID cardholders. For more information, please call 210-977-2353.

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Central Post Fitness Center

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holds a dead-lift contest all month long in Sept. Come by Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and see who can dead-lift the most weight. There will be categories for men and women, and patrons can compete as many times as they like. The man and woman who dead-lift the most weight will be awarded a prize at the end of the month. For more information, call 210-221-3593.

Basketball skills are tested at the fitness center

A three-point shoot out is held at the JBSA-Lackland Chapman Fitness Center Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. Each shooter will have 60 seconds to shoot five balls from each of the five racks positioned around the three-point line. One rack will be positioned at the top of the key, one on each wing, two on the baseline and one on each side of the hoop. Individuals can participate up to two times each. The competitor with the most shots at the end of 60 seconds will be declared the winner. The registration deadline is Sept. 15. For more information, call 210-671-4477.

The JBSA-Lackland Kelly Fitness Center is testing everyone's basketball skills in a special challenge on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants test their ball handling, passing and shooting skills during this challenge held at the Kelly Outdoor Sports Court. The competitors with the fastest time and fewest mistakes will be the winners. Registration is required no later than Sept. 27 by noon. For more information or to register, call 210-925-4848.

Families participate in a fun run

The METC Fitness Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is holding a Family Fun Run/Walk 5K Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. Participants will start at the Aquatic Center parking lot. Come celebrate fall while enjoying some healthy exercise in the fresh air. This is open to DoD ID cardholders of all ages. No advance registration required. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female competitors. For more information, call 210-808-5709.

Dice are rolled at the fitness center

Roll the dice and see what kind of workout the JBSA-Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center has in store Sept. 23 from 1-3 p.m. Patrons will roll 3 dice to determine what kind of full body workout they will have. One die will determine if the workout is for the upper body and core or if it is as lower body exercise. Then three dice are rolled to determine the number of repetitions. This free event is open to all DoD ID cardholders and is perfect for a group to complete. For more information, call 210-671-2401.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

The JBSA-Fort Sam Golf Course holds the Warrior Golf Scramble Sept. 3 starting at 12:30 p.m. The cost for this golf scramble is \$30 for DoD ID cardholder and Fort Sam Houston Golf Club members and \$40 for nonmembers. Price includes greens fee, golf cart and lunch for players. The event is limited to the first 60 paid players. Sign up through The Greens @ JBSA App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

Come out to the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Golf Course

Sept. 3 at 12:30 p.m. The cost for this golf scramble is \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. Price includes greens fee, golf cart and lunch for players. Sign up through The Greens @ JBSA App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. Those without the app can stop by the Pro Shop or call 210-671-3466 to sign up.

A championship match is held

The Club Championship is held Sept. 4, 5, 11, and 12 at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course. Games start at 8 a.m. This is an individual stroke play event, played over two weekends. Entry fee is \$60 per person before close of business on Sept. 1. Fee does not include greens fee or cart fee. Entry fee goes towards prize fund. Sign up through The Greens @ JBSA App or you can call the Pro Shop to sign up at 210-671-3466.



Patrons spend Labor Day playing golf

Head to the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course Sept. 6 for a two-person scramble starting at 8 a.m. The cost is \$20 dollars plus greens fee and cart fee. Find a partner and register on The Greens @ JBSA App. For questions or more information, please call 210-652-4653.

Golfers spend all at the golf course

The JBSA Golf Fest, held at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course on Sept. 18 starts at 8 a.m. This is an entire day of golf, food, shopping and fun. It begins with a two-player scramble. Men 64 and younger will play the white tees. Men, 65 and older and women will play the red tees. The cost is \$20 per player plus cart and greens fees. The fee includes a "hot dog bundle" and prizes. Deadline to sign up is close of business Sept. 15 and entries are limited to the first 72 teams. All sign-ups will be done through

The Greens @ JBSA App. Golfers will be sent their start times and all the necessary information. The event also includes a free Demo Day from noon to 4 p.m. Vendors will be on site to showcase their latest products and special pricing will be available for purchases made that day.

In addition, there will be a BBQ from 4-7 p.m. which only costs \$10.25 per person and includes two meats, two sides and a beverage. Reservations are required for the BBQ to ensure adequate food is prepared. There will be lots of family activities during the BBQ.

The evening culminates in golf cart drive-in movie at 8 p.m. The cost is \$20 per couple which covers a golf cart, popcorn and a drink for each person. Carts are limited to two people per cart. Reservations are also required for this event but you don't have to participate in the entire day to enjoy the movie. There will be other food and beverage options available for purchase. For more information, call 210-222-9386.

Patrons enjoy a new dining experience.

Swing by the JBSA-Fort Sam Golf Course Sept. 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for "Dining @ the Greens". This is a new bi-monthly themed dinner event. This month's theme will be a pub night with assorted pub food, craft beers and Bloody Mary's available for purchase at the Golf Clubhouse. Reservations will be required. Call 210-222-9386 to reserve your spot or for more information.

Golfers compete to find out who is the best

Come out Sept. 25 and 26 at 7:30 a.m. to find out who is the best golfer at JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course This is a 2-day individual gross and net event so participants will need a verifiable handicap. The cost is \$30 per person plus greens fees and cart fees. The entire \$30 tournament fee will supply the purse for payouts to those who place. Register on The Greens @ JBSA App. For questions or more information, please call 210-652-4653.

Information Tickets & Travel

Patrons stay up to date on pricing

The JBSA-Information Tickets and Travel offices present the "Travel Talk" series Sept. 14 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

Military spouses make connections

Military spouses connect with their new community by learning interesting historical facts about Fort Sam Houston, networking with other spouses and how to ballroom dance during the Bluebonnet Spouse Café, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to noon, at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center. Registration is required to ensure space for social distancing, call 210-221-2705.

Participants discover home-buying strategies

Register for the virtual Home Sweet Home: Home-Buying Strategies workshop Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to noon, and learn fundamental information to help ease the buying process. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Salary negotiation techniques examined

Review ways to determine earning potential and worth, interview tactics, and participate in a mock salary negotiation scenario Sept. 10, 9-10:30 a.m., during the virtual Salary Negotiation workshop. To register, call 210-652-5321.

September is blood cancer awareness month

In coordination with the Armed Services Blood Program, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Exceptional Family Member Program hosts a blood drive to give back to military-affiliated families Sept. 16, 8-11 a.m. Register to donate and save lives by scheduling an appointment at <https://www.militarydonor.com> and use the sponsor code: FSHEFMP, or call 210-221-2705 for details.

Military spouses create federal resumes

Military spouses learn how to leverage hiring preferences, compose a federal resume, and navigate USAJobs.gov site, Sept. 27 from 2-3 p.m., during the virtual Military Spouse Federal Resume workshop. To register, call 210-671-3722.

Investment strategies help financial goals

Become more financially secure by learning basic guidelines on investment strategies and review tips to help reach your financial goals during the virtual Wise Investment Strategies workshop, Sept. 30, from 10-11:30 a.m. To register, call 210-652-5321.

Outdoor Recreation

Concealed carry classes offered

The Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center (RNGRC), bldg. 6215, is providing Concealed Handgun License (CHL) classes Sept. 4 and 18 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. Face masks 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 or the RNGRC at 210-295-7577 or 210-296-7529.

Archery takes on another dimension

The Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center (RNGRC) 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 (long bows and recurve bows) and compound bows are allowed but no crossbows. The RNGRC has recurve bows available to rent

for \$15 each.

The last 3-D Archery Competition of the year is held Sept. 25-26. Registration is between 8-10 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 E-1 through E-4, 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. There are also rental RV campers, mobile grills and portable grills. In addition, equipment rental has a resale car lot. For more information, call 210-221-5224 or 210-221-5225.

JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation offers a full list of party items for summer fun to include tables, chairs, cotton candy machines, margarita machines, party speakers, champagne fountains and many more items. For more information, please call 210-925-5532.

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. Patrons can also 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.

Boaters learn the rules of the water

All JBSA-Outdoor Recreation locations require a Boaters Safety Course certificate from Texas Parks and Wildlife in order for customers to rent our motorized watercraft over 15HP.

Approved Texas Boaters Safety Courses can be taken online at: <http://www.boaterexam.com>, <http://www.boat-ed.com> or <https://www.boatus.org/onlinecourse/Texas.asp>.

For more information, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-5224 or 210-221-5225, JBSA-Lackland at 210-925-5532 or 210-925-5533 and JBSA-Randolph can be reached at 210-652-5142.

Youth Programs

Back to school is celebrated

Bring your appetite to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Programs Sept. 1 from 4:30-6 p.m. for the Back to School Burger Burn. Invite the family for a burger, with chips, and a drink and check out all of the fun Youth Programs is planning for the new school year. Not a member, call W. Ed Parker Youth Programs at 210-221-3502 to get signed up.

Families camp out at Canyon Lake

Bring the family and camp out with JBSA Youth Programs Sept. 11-12. Participate in group activities supporting mental health, family dynamics, resiliency, recovery and fun such as fishing, Dutch oven cooking, solar box cooking, compass orienteering and tent setup.

Cost \$10 per person. For registration and more details, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-5151, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-2388 or JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-3298.

Youth participate in a color run

Join the JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. for a colorful morning run. Children ages 5-6 run a half mile, ages 7-8 run a full mile, ages 9-18 run two miles and parents can run the 5K or run alongside their children. To register for the color run, please call 210-671-2388 to reserve a spot.

Families compete in a scavenger hunt

The JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs is holding a scavenger hunt Sept. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Families will embark on a base-wide scavenger hunt, completing tasks and earning points based off creativity and style. This family-friendly competition is fun for all ages. There will prizes and food. The cost is \$15 per family. To sign-up, call 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. All JBSA Locations are hosting Parents Night Out Sept. 18 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. To register or for more information, call 210-221-5002 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For JBSA-Lackland call 210-671-2388. For JBSA-Randolph call 210-652-4946.

Youth play the day away

Worldwide Day of Play is on Sept. 21, from 4-6 p.m. This is an annual event designed to encourage children to get away from their electronics and be physically active indoors and outdoors. This year's event takes place at all three JBSA Locations Youth Programs and includes many fun and exciting outdoor activities. Healthy snack and door prizes will be provided. For more information, please, call JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 210-221-3502, JBSA-Lackland at 210-671-2388 and JBSA-Randolph at 210-652-3298.

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37TH TRAINING WING
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Class 2021-B — the largest in-person class to graduate from the Inter-American Air Forces Academy since COVID-19 struck approximately 17 months ago — celebrated the cadre and student body's accomplishments at the Gateway Club at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Aug. 11.

Making the ceremony even more memorable was the guest speaker, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass.

Bass, who was in San Antonio to attend the Senior Enlisted Leader International Summit, opened the banquet with an African proverb.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. But if you want to go far, go together," she said.

"Our enduring partnership guarantees ... the security and prosperity that we want in our world. And that partnership is created through opportunities like tonight," Bass said. "Through training and development, through education, through cooperation and interoperability — as we seek to understand the unique strengths that we all bring to the table — we will continue to develop programs and opportunities in training and exercises in order to be partners for a long time."

Bass challenged the graduates to embrace the culture of diversity when they returned to their home countries.

"In the United States Air Force, we trust our Airmen. We empower our Airmen. We have faith in our Airmen and confidence they can execute any mission we give them," she said. "And I challenge each and every one of you here today to take that same message back to your air force, to your army, to your navy, and to your police force. The culture that we have and the readiness we have in our force is non-negotiable. And



Members of the Inter-American Air Forces Academy's Class 2021-B receive their graduation certificates at the ceremony Aug. 10 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Class 2021-B was the largest in-person class to graduate from IAAFA since COVID struck approximately 17 months ago. The class of 134 included 121 International Military Students from nine countries and 13 U.S. military members — 89 enlisted and 45 officers.

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this requires that we embrace the culture of diversity — the diversity of thought, the diversity of gender, of background and talents and skills. We must create a culture that every single person can thrive in and be their very best in their service and for their nation."

Col. Jose Jimenez, IAAFA commandant, said it was a great honor to have Bass speak to the graduates and to co-host SELIS with her.

"Chief Bass embodies the professionalism and expertise our academy instills to our partner nations through our expansive academic catalog," Jimenez said.

"The opportunity to play a key role in SELIS also highlights the strategic role AAEFA plays to carry out AETC's, 2nd Air Force's and the 37th Training Wing's Security Cooperation priorities. Our

cadre and staff are excited to welcome a larger class during C-Cycle and to continue to show IAAFA's all-in commitment to the Warhawk 'returning back to better' mantra," Jimenez added.

The class of 134 included 121 International Military Students from nine countries and 13 U.S. military members — 89 enlisted and 45 officers. The previous day the graduates had walked the stage at IAAFA and received their wings.

Some of the 14 classes these graduates attended included Professional Military Education, Pilot Instrument Procedures, Corrosion Control, and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Fundamentals. The partner nation countries represented were Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, and Uruguay.



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass speaks at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy graduation banquet for Class 2021-B at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Aug. 11.

502nd ABW senior NCO wins AETC National Public Service Award

By Jason Wilkinson

502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senior Master Sgt. Jermaine King is the 2022 Air Education and Training Command National Public Service Award winner and will go on to represent AETC at the Air Force level.

The award is given to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to their community — both military and local — and King has done some impressive things.

When asked what set him apart from the other contestants, it was no surprise when King indicated that it was not him personally, but his team, which made him special.

“I think what sets Joint Base San Antonio apart is the team's effort to help each other out, and it's not really me,” King said. “Corny as it may sound, it is literally being able to bring these people together to help other people that makes us different.”

It's clear that a passion for education also informs his work. As the 502d Air Base Wing Career Assistance Advisor, King has been instrumental in creating a virtual professional development program. With his team, he has delivered 605 courses to over 15,000 military and civilian personnel.

However, King was not always so impassioned by education.

“I wasn't that person who grew up believing that education was important, and school was not my thing



JASON WILKINSON

Senior Master Sgt. Jermaine King smiles for a portrait Aug. 16 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. King is the 2022 Air Education and Training Command National Public Service Award winner and will go on to represent AETC at the Air Force level.

in the beginning,” King said. “But then one day it just clicks.

“Now I am pursuing my doctorate, and it's probably the best thing I've ever done in my career,” he said. “It's certainly the thing I am most proud of.”

King has also been exemplary in his ability to increase awareness and inclusion, and his desire to provide an example for others resulted in the creation of the Joint Base San Antonio African American

Observance Council.

This desire to recognize the accomplishments of others is a key theme for King, and it ties to another of his core beliefs — the importance of meeting the needs of others.

“One of my core motivations is looking at what every demographic needs,” he said, “and trying to make sure I look at every angle when considering that.”

As a young Airman, King said he was unaware of the aid programs the Air Force had to offer.

“I try to remember that I was that young Airman that needed guidance,” King said. “Now, as a senior noncommissioned officer, I go back to them with this information that I didn't know, and hopefully it helps their families out.”

In a congratulatory announcement, 502nd ABW and JBSA Commander Brig. Gen. Caroline M. Miller said she is very impressed by the talents throughout the wing and continued efforts to “Fight Through.”

“Congratulations again to Senior Master Sgt.

Jermaine A. King and best of luck at the Air Force Level competition!” she said. “We would also like to thank the supervisors and leaders who took the time to recognize your service member, It is very much appreciated.”

Those interested in taking advantage of the professional development opportunities offered by King and his team may visit the course registration site at <https://teamup.com/ks9cy2lbn6t4mc42z>.

Medical Education and Training Campus forges biomedical technicians

By Airman Joshua Rosario
59TH MEDICAL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is home to the Biomedical Equipment Technician program that meets the unique mission of training, mentoring, professionally developing and qualifying the most proficient Air Force, Army and Navy biomedical equipment technicians.

This mission is carried out by the METC instructors and leadership.

“Our goal at the end of the day is to prepare them for the widest variety of medical equipment that they’re going to encounter Department of Defense-wide,” said Staff Sgt. Austin Jur, 59th Training Group METC instructor.

Each of the courses is composed of portions of lecturing, demonstration, hands-on training and evaluated performance.

“It prepares the students for some of the more difficult jobs that they may experience and they’re ready to solve the problem on their own,” said Jur.

The first 12 courses are instructed in a joint environment.

“We train Army, Navy, Air Force and we have quite a few friendly foreign country military members come through as well,” Jur said. “That speaks for our joint training ability.”

While each branch has different needs, the majority of the training is joint to promote interoperability.

“The goal of our joint training is to make sure that, regardless of service, each of our BMETs is able to speak the same language,” said Master Sgt. Holli Marshall, 59th TRG METC instructor supervisor.

After students complete their joint training, they move on to a final, service-specific course.

“It’s a completely different structure,” Jur said. “The way the Air Force structures everything is so wildly different from the Army and Navy, that it really does deserve its own course.”

For Air Force students, this course trains Airmen to be knowledgeable and prepared for their duty station and the



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Airman 1st Class Troy Thibodeau (left), biomedical equipment technician program student, and Staff Sgt. Austin Jur (right), BMET instructor, examine medical equipment at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston July 27.

deployed environment.

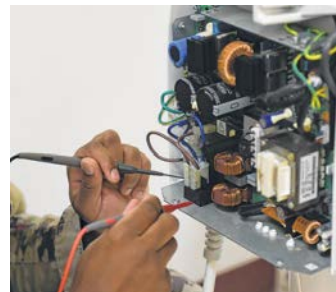
“A great thing about the Air Force specific course is that we’re teaching the Airmen how to transition from learning the basic technical skills into being actual Air Force BMETs,” Marshall said. “We teach them how to write Air Force work orders and correctly communicate what happened with a piece of equipment from start to finish. They also go through the wide-area virtual environment simulator in order to make sure they can do care under fire that way when they’re deployed they’re ready to go.”

The program conducts approximately 13 Air Force iterations per year.

“It’s been a hard course since I came in almost 20 years ago, but we’re getting faster and more proficient Airmen through the course,” Marshall said. “When I came through the program the washout rate was 78 percent. Now we’re below three percent for the Air Force.”

The BMET program continues to carry out its mission with a vision of being recognized as the world-renowned Center of Excellence for BMET training.

“So, while the course is getting longer and more challenging, our BMETs are getting smarter and more capable,” Marshall said. “If they can survive this 11-month program, they can survive anything.”



A biomedical equipment technician program student troubleshoots medical equipment at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Aug. 4.

Air Force Marathon shifts to virtual race due to COVID-19 precautions

By Kimberly Gaither

88TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Due to increased COVID-19 transmission both locally and statewide, the Air Force Marathon scheduled for Sept. 18 will transition from in-person participation to a virtual event.

The decision was made to protect the health and safety of more than 20,000 participants, volunteers and guests.

"We have watched, wrestled and worked continuously over the past few weeks to determine how to best execute the marathon this year," said Col. Patrick Miller, 88th Air Base Wing and installation commander. "To ensure the health and safety of all participants due to the continued high transmission rate of COVID-19 within our surrounding communities, we have decided to transition to a virtual event."

With many options considered, marathon officials understand the disappointment of canceling the

in-person race and the genuine experience of the marathon will not be realized at the same level participants have come to know and love.

"Our team feels the same disappointment everyone is feeling now," said Brandon Hough, Air Force Marathon director. "There is a bigger picture here and that's the safety of our participants, volunteers, and spectators and members of the Air Force."

This year would have marked the 25th annual event with more than 11,000 runners from all 50 states and many countries participating.

"Similar to last year, we will have a virtual option and we'd love to have everyone participate," he said.

For registrants, there will be a number of options available from running virtually, deferring or requesting a refund. Further details on this year's virtual race will be forthcoming from the marathon team.

For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon website and follow the Air Force Marathon Facebook page for the latest updates.

59TH MDW: COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING REINSTATED AT WHASC



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MELODY BORDEAUX

A group of 59th Medical Wing Airmen screen a line of patients for COVID-19 at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Aug. 18. Due to an increase in cases, the WHASC is conducting drive-through COVID-19 testing available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first floor of the parking garage.

INSPIRE-ing women: Program helps women attain professional, leadership goals

By David DeKunder
502ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A program at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is helping empower women at Sixteenth Air Force in developing both their professional and leadership skills through mentorship, career-building, and community activities.

INSPIRE, the acronym for the Invest and Nurture Successful Practices to Influence, Revitalize and Empower Women program serves women who are military and civilian members assigned to Sixteenth Air Force and its subordinate organizations on the Security Hill campus at JBSA-Lackland, and JBSA-Lackland partners, and promotes equity, inclusion and collaboration among women professionals.

The purpose of the INSPIRE program is to unite diverse and mission-focused women throughout the JBSA-Lackland community by investing in and nurturing successful practices with the goal of empowering women to meet their full potential, said Gloria Trevino, Sixteenth Air Force deputy chief of plans and resources.

“The Sixteenth Air Force INSPIRE team is committed to sharing strengths, talents and experience, and provide opportunities to train and partner with various organizations to achieve higher professional and leadership successes,” Trevino said. “INSPIRE activities are a platform for women focused on professional and development training through transparent keynote speakers, brown bag lunch-n-learn series, interactive panel discussions, and guided small group discussions.”

Trevino said INSPIRE partners with local organizations, corporate-level businesswomen, Department of Defense Senior Executive Service, and

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senior ranking Air Force professionals who want to mentor and provide professional development to women.

One partner is the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Woman to Woman, Leader to Leader group, a

sub-committee of the Military Affairs Council. This partnership helps link organizational professionals with women entrepreneurs, offering mentoring and networking opportunities in the local community.

In addition, INSPIRE members are actively involved in giving back to their community. The program supports Dress for Success San Antonio by providing professional attire to low-income women going to a job interview, entering or returning to the workplace.

INSPIRE members also provide volunteer support at the Battered Women and Children's Shelter and Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

Founded in 2016, the INSPIRE program came about from a climate assessment conducted by the Air Force Intelligence and Surveillance Agency, or AFISRA, which was headquartered at the time at JBSA-Lackland. The assessment, which was conducted in 2015, discovered several concerning issues women with AFISRA were experiencing.

As a result, the AFISRA commander at the time appointed two JBSA-Lackland members, Col. Laura Ryan and a civilian, Jeannette Moore, to find solutions by gathering feedback from military and civilian women assigned to JBSA-Lackland. Both Ryan and Moore conducted seminars in which women provided input on workplace issues important to them.

Seminar attendees requested a women-specific group or forum be created to help them get together for guidance and mentorship, planting the idea for INSPIRE.

INSPIRE is one of many endeavors and programs within JBSA that are in accordance with Women's Equality Day, observed Aug. 26.

For more information about the INSPIRE program, call 210-975-4940 or 210-977-6577.



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2021 DOD Warrior Games canceled due to COVID-19 variant



MELISSA ESPINALES

AFW2 hosted its first live in-person event since the beginning of 2020 on July 25th at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Ramblin Fitness Center. Distinguished visitors and guest welcomed Team Air Force to the week long training event.

Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

The 2021 Department of Defense Warrior Games have been canceled due to the requirement to ensure the safety, health and well-being of our service members and local communities as the COVID-19 Delta variant continues to affect the country.

Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth, as the executive agent for the DOD Warrior Games, made the decision to cancel the 2021 games in consultation with senior Army leaders, medical professionals and key stakeholders to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved.

"I want to thank all of the athletes, staff personnel and our partners for their hard work to prepare for this year's DOD Warrior Games," Wormuth said. "It's unfortunate we are unable to hold the Games, but our first priority must be the health and welfare of everyone involved. The entire DOD understands the importance of the

Warrior Games to the athletes and their families, as part of their recovery process, which makes this decision even more difficult. The Games are an important event for the DOD community. We look forward to resuming them next year if public health conditions permit."

The Games, originally scheduled to occur at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World, Orlando, from Sept. 12-22, would have marked the 11th anniversary of the annual competition of wounded, ill and injured service member athletes in adaptive sports.

The Warrior Games is one part of the larger Warrior Care Programs, and we will continue to support these wounded, ill and injured military members, and the tens of thousands of others they represent, throughout their recovery process. The entire DOD community looks forward to next year's games.

For more information, call 757-501-5878.

Register now for AETC virtual mentorship panel Sept. 14

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

Civilian leaders will host the "Soaring to New Heights: a Leadership Perspective" virtual mentorship panel from 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 14.

The event is hosted by Air Education and Training Command's Mentoring Council, which is composed of Airmen from around the command, and will allow the panelists to share their personal perspectives on mentoring and the impact it has made on their lives and career progression.

The panelists are Kimberly Toney, executive director at the Air Force Personnel Center; Amy Graveley, director of logistics, engineering and force protection at Headquarters AETC; and Brian Roush,

director of the 502nd Force Support Squadron.


The panelists will introduce tools that Total Force members can use for their professional and personal growth, and to better understand the benefits of mentoring in their development. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to ask panelists questions during the event.

"This panel is the third mentorship event AETC's Mentoring Council has hosted this year," said Robert Fishback, AETC civilian force development specialist and the event's point of contact. "It follows a hugely successful two-day leadership mentoring symposium held in late January, and an event featuring Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne Bass in late May."

Registration for the event is open to all Total Force members. To register and to get the event link, e-mail gregory.jenkins.9@us.af.mil. Registration closes Sept. 10 and is limited to 1,000 people.

Total Force Airmen who are interested in finding a mentor are encouraged to utilize the Air Force mentoring tool located in MyVector. Mentees will be able to select a mentor based on their preferences, chat with their mentor online, complete a mentoring plan, and invite selected individuals to review and comment on their plan. Additionally, mentees can find a tool for self-development linked to the Air Force's foundational competencies.

For those interested in becoming a mentor, register through MyVector.



Soaring to New Heights: a Leadership Perspective

A mentorship panel hosted by the
AETC Mentorship Council

Sept. 14
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Virtual on Zoom.gov

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Air Force offers Total Force enlisted members bridge to med school, commission

By Toni Whaley

AIR FORCE'S PERSONNEL CENTER
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Total Force enlisted Airmen and Guardians wanting to become commissioned officers and military healthcare providers can complete their preparatory coursework for admission to medical school while on active duty.

The Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program, or EMDP2, is a two-year program offered through the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., to enlisted service members, including the Air Reserve Component, regardless of occupational specialty. Following successful completion of EMDP2 and selection for attendance by an accredited medical school, members will attend officer training school.

In many respects, the nation's federal health professions academy curricula and educational experiences are similar to those of civilian academic health centers, with one important difference: its emphasis is on military health care, leadership, readiness and public health.

"This program is open to candidates who demonstrate integrity and are dedicated to becoming future physicians,



ANDREW DAMSTEDT

Kenneth Johnson and Joseph Merfeld receive their commission to the rank of second lieutenant June 23, 2016, while the other Air Force members from the first class of the Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program stand at attention during a ceremony at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

leaders and scholars of the nation's medical force," said David Zemkosky, Physician Education senior program manager here. "Students are challenged with an outstanding leadership and ethics program in a multiservice environment to become the nation's next generation of military leaders."

The program components include post-baccalaureate pre-medical coursework, Medical College Admission Test preparation, clinical experience/physician shadowing, mentoring by

physicians and medical students, and pre-health advising.

EMDP2 targets Airmen and Guardians in the grade of E-4 or above who have completed between three and 10 years of military service and have a bachelor's degree in any discipline from an accredited U.S. academic institution. The member must also have a competitive SAT or ACT score from within the last 5 years (2017 or later). Members must be eligible for reenlistment or extension and qualified for

worldwide assignments. All requirements must be met by Sept. 30 of the application year.

There is no tuition for USUHS students; they repay their education through service to the nation by supporting and leading global health engagements. All service members incur a three-year obligation or active duty service commitment for EMDP2. Depending on the medical school source, members will incur an additional four or seven-year commitment served

consecutively.

One of the most frequently asked questions is about education requirement waivers.

"Waivers are not considered for any of the academic requirements and are only considered for exceeding time in service and age requirements if extenuating circumstances prevented the member from applying earlier," Zemkosky said. "The program is very intense and requires attendees to grasp concepts and information from day one of training. Having completed the undergraduate degree and other requirements is key in priming these future military health professionals and leaders for academic success."

EMDP2 students who meet specific enrollment requirements during their first year in the program are required to apply for matriculation to USUHS's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine. Members will also have the opportunity to apply to other accredited U.S. medical schools after completing the first year.

For more information on EMDP2 and the application process, go to myPers at https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/25699 and the Uniformed Services University's website.

Air Force selects 15,660 for promotion in the 21E5 promotion cycle

By Staff Sgt. Kiana Pearson

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Department of the Air Force officials selected 15,660 Air Force senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant out of 44,663 eligible for a selection rate

of 35.06% in the 21E5 promotion cycle, which includes supplemental promotion opportunities.

The staff sergeant promotion list is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center website Enlisted Promotions page, the Air Force Portal and

myPers. Members will also be able to access their score notices on the virtual Military Personnel Flight via the AFPC secure applications page.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, visit the AFPC public website.

