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## AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES RIVER PARADE



Lt. Gen. Douglas H. Owens, Air Education and Training Command vice commander, Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, AETC Command Chief, and their spouses, wave to spectators along the San Antonio River Walk during the America's Armed Forces River Parade Saturday. Owens was the grand marshal of the parade. Military leaders from across Joint Base San Antonio took part in the second annual parade sponsored by the Paseo del Rio Association. Twenty-five professionally decorated floats travelled down the River Walk, themed according to their participants, which included all branches of the armed forces, veterans of recent conflicts and military support groups. The floats featured live entertainment from military and civilian ensembles, including the San Antonio Fire Department band pictured.

Photo by Robbin Creswell

## Carter says farewell to Joint Base San Antonio team

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter took command of Joint Base San Antonio and the 502nd Air Base Wing in July 2011, only eight months after the newly-formed joint base hit full operating capability.

"In the joint basing evolution, the Department of Defense set up two phases for standing up the 12 joint bases," Carter explained. "Those were dates on a calendar to coincide with the legal require-

ment to finish the Base Realignment and Closure implementation by September 2011 rather than a reflection of the full readiness of the joint base to begin operation."

The general faced many challenges trying to establish the critical path ahead for JBSA.

New positions which were added or were transferred from the Army were still vacant. A hiring slowdown became a hiring freeze.

"I had the responsibility to perform certain actions, but I didn't necessarily have the people to accomplish them, so that was a big

challenge," Carter explained.

Another challenge was combining three geographically separated locations into one single entity.

"That required different thinking, different processes, that weren't yet fully developed," she said.

"I think there's a lack of understanding about joint basing throughout the greater Department of Defense and because of that lack of understanding, there's confusion about if there is

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# Memorial Day: a day of remembrance

By retired Chief Master Sgt.  
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As Memorial Day weekend is approaching, a television station reporter asked people in a shopping mall, "What is Memorial Day and why do we observe it? Do you know what the cities of Normandy, Inchon or Al Khafji have to do with Memorial Day? Have you ever heard of Crispus Attucks, Deborah Simpson, Alvin York, Forrest Vosler, Roy Benavidez or Dakota Meyer?"

Not one person could answer these questions. Many of our young Americans seem to have forgotten our past and just live for the present.

Remembering our military heroes, past and present, who gave their lives so that others may have freedom, is a responsibility for all Americans. These heroes paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we take



Photo by William Costlow

A joint service honor guard prepares to present the colors during the 2012 Memorial Day ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

for granted each day. This day is to honor them.

Memorial Day isn't just a day off work to go shopping or have a picnic with the family.

It's a day to take the time to thank all military veterans, especially those who served our country when it needed them most. It's a day to tell our children about the battles in our proud American history and more importantly it is a day to thank

those heroes who sacrificed for us.

Our departed military heroes paid the ultimate price for all Americans, present and future, to live in freedom in our great nation.

This Memorial Day, please take the time to listen for the sounds of service and answer the call to recognize all those who have served in our military services. These sounds can be as sad-

dening as "Taps" or as uplifting as a John Philip Sousa march.

We Americans should be thankful to our veterans and never forget our heroes who knew the risks, yet they still answered our country's call to serve in our military services.

Everyone should observe Memorial Day and honor those who wear the military uniform today.

Our military personnel set the example for children and fellow Americans by participating in Memorial Day activities. Participation can include anything from visiting local veterans at veterans' hospitals, or visiting cemeteries to display American flags on gravesites, demonstrating our thanks to our departed heroes.

At a minimum, we should at least pause for a moment of silence this Memorial Day to pay the utmost respect and remember our departed heroes.

It's very important

that we Americans never forget our country's history. Freedom isn't free and history can reveal the path for the future.

My dad, a World War II veteran, often passed on stories of his experiences during D-Day and the Battle of The Bulge, as well as serving under General George Patton. He said he volunteered to fight because he loved our country.

I'll never forget my dad for his service as a 17-year-old Soldier during WWII. Today, my son, a U.S. Marine, proudly serves for the same reasons.

Memorial Day is a day set aside for everyone throughout our nation to remember what our departed heroes have done for our country and pay them the ultimate respect they deserve.

Hopefully, when we Americans are asked why Memorial Day is celebrated, our chest will swell with pride as we remember what our heroes did for us and we pay them the respect they so deserve.

## Hagel announces fewer furlough days for DOD employees

By Nick Simeone and  
 Karen Parrish  
 American Forces Press Service

After weeks of review, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has concluded budget cuts will require most of the department's civilian employees to be furloughed beginning in July, but because of other efforts to deal with the shortfall, only half of the 22 days originally envisioned as temporary layoffs will now

be necessary.

During a town hall meeting May 14 at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Hagel told Defense Department employees that most will be required to take 11 furlough days beginning July 8, one per week, through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30.

Hagel noted that when he took the oath of office less than three months ago, post-sequester plans called for 22 furlough

days. Congress allowed the department to shift or reprogram some funds in March that cut that number to 14.

Now, he said, as maintenance, training, flying hours and ship deployments are increasingly affected, he had no choice but to authorize the furloughs.

"We kept going back. And finally, we got to a point where I could not responsibly go any deeper into cutting or jeopardiz-

ing our formations, our readiness and training," he said.

In a memo to senior department leaders, Hagel said he had "very reluctantly" concluded that major budgetary shortfalls triggered by a \$37 billion cut in defense spending for fiscal year 2013 forced a decision he said he deeply regrets, and one that he acknowledged will

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Photo by Erin A. Kirk-Cuomo

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks to Department of Defense employees at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., about civilian furloughs.



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## News Briefs

### **Pools implement swimming fees**

Beginning Saturday, all swimming pools throughout Joint Base San Antonio will implement swimming fees, except for lap swimming and training. Fees are: \$2 for all-day child pass (10 years and under), \$3 all-day daily entry per adult, \$35 all-season military student pass, \$45 all-season individual season pass, \$85 all-season family pass (for three persons, \$10 each additional family member) and \$65 for eight swimming lessons. For pool parties of less than 50, cost is \$75 per hour, which includes two lifeguards. For 50 or more people, an addition \$25 an hour is charged, which includes an additional lifeguard. For more information, call the Aquatic Center at 221-4887 or the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center at 221-1234.

### **Community center office closures**

The Lincoln Military Housing Watkins Terrace and Harris Heights Community Center offices will be closed Friday through Tuesday during the Memorial Day holiday. Both offices resume normal business operations Wednesday. Residents in need of assistance can visit the main office at 407 Dickman Road or call 270-7638 or 7656. For all work orders, call "Lincoln at Your Service" at 225-5564 or CALL-LMH. For all other emergencies, dial 911.

### **AMEDDC&S Health Fair**

Students from the Army Medical Department Center and School's Principles of Military Preventive Medicine Course are sponsoring a health fair in the Willis Hall food court in Building 2841 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. Learn about getting enough sleep, engaging in enough physical activity and eating nutritionally balanced meals. Other topics will include information on West Nile Virus, food-borne illnesses, pertussis, fad diets and other health initiatives. There will also be representatives from post and community agencies to help people maximize their health. A Zumba class will also be held.

### **232nd Medical Battalion Change of Responsibility**

The 232nd Medical Battalion hosts a change of responsibility ceremony at 8 a.m. June 7 at the post flagpole. Command Sgt. Maj. Marlo Montes will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Jawn Oilar.

# Sequestration places limits on gate access at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston

By **Matthew Barido**  
Deputy Director,  
502nd Security Forces Squadron

The Department of Defense and the armed services recently issued guidance and directives for operating under sequestration.

These directives restrict our ability to sustain installation support services at current levels of performance due to overtime limitations, potential civilian furloughs and reduced levels of funding.

We don't anticipate the fiscal situation improving anytime in the near future.

Unfortunately, these fiscal limitations have direct impact on the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community and will come in the form of reduced

operating hours at entry control points (gates), as well as some gate closures and the possibility of reduced security patrols in lower risk areas on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

We will implement these reductions and closures in three phases (as outlined below) over the next 45 days:

#### **Phase 1 (Goes into effect June 2):**

- Wilson Gate will operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be closed on weekends and holidays.

- The San Antonio Military Medical Center Beach Gate will operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be closed on weekends and holidays.

- Harry Wurzbach

West Gate will be closed until further notice.

- New Braunfels Gate (outbound only) will operate Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

#### **Phase 2 (Goes into effect June 16):**

- Holbrook Gate will be closed until further notice.

- Nursery Gate will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Winans Gate will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Jadwin Gate posting will be reduced and privately owned vehicles will no longer be allowed to access at this location.

#### **Phase 3 (Goes into effect June 30):**

- Personnel posted at all remaining gates will

be reduced.

- Security patrols may be reduced as available manpower dictates.

We realize these phases represent a dramatic change for our customers and are sensitive to the impacts.

Therefore, as each phase is implemented, we will continually assess the impact to base traffic and the surrounding San Antonio community.

Should we determine the impact of our implementation to be adverse, we may be able to adjust our plan within the fiscal limits dictated to us.

Finally, in conjunction with Phase 3, we will begin implementation of visitor center operations at JBSA-Fort Sam

Houston. This move is the next step in the implementation of Public Law and Department of Defense directives requiring us to properly vet and credential contractors, vendors and visitors accessing JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

As this phase is implemented, people without authorized access credentials will be required to stop at a visitor center prior to entering JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Personnel with military, dependent and government civilian identification cards can sponsor visitors to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston or any location within JBSA.

For more information regarding visitor rules and procedures, call 221-0213 or 221-2570.

## Joint Base San Antonio fitness centers revise hours

Due to mandatory budget cuts associated with sequestration, the operating hours at certain fitness

centers throughout Joint Base San Antonio will adjust their hours beginning Saturday.

### **JBSA-LACKLAND**

#### **Gateway Fitness Center**

Building 10330  
Monday to Friday: 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday: Closed  
Holidays/family days: Closed

#### **Warhawk Fitness Center**

Building 2418  
Monday to Friday: 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday: Closed  
Holidays/family days: Closed

#### **Medina Fitness Center**

Building 199, JBSA-Lackland Training Annex  
Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday: Closed  
Holidays/family days: Closed

#### **Chaparral Fitness Center**

Building 7346  
Monday to Friday: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday: Closed  
Holidays/family days: Closed

#### **Kelly Fitness Center**

Building 210, Port San Antonio  
Monday to Friday: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday: Closed  
Holidays/family days: Closed

### **JBSA-RANDOLPH**

#### **Rambler Fitness Center**

Building 999  
Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.  
Holidays/family days: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON**

#### **Jimmy Brought Fitness Center**

Building 320  
Monday to Friday: 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed  
Holidays/family days: Closed

#### **Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Pool**

Building 320  
Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed  
Holidays/family days: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### **Fitness Center at the Medical Education and Training Campus**

Building 1369  
Monday to Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: noon to 9 p.m.  
Holidays/family days: noon to 9 p.m.



# Under Secretary of the Air Force visits Joint Base San Antonio

By Alex Delgado  
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

Eric Fanning visited with Airmen at Joint Base San Antonio May 16 and 17 during his first base trip as the under secretary of the Air Force.

His two-day visit to JBSA included stops at Randolph, Lackland and Fort Sam Houston, where he met with Airmen and got an overview of the military operations taking place in San Antonio.

“What a great way to begin my career in the Air Force by witnessing firsthand the very training environment that brings young men and women into the ranks as Airmen,” Fanning said.

He also thanked Airmen for their daily contributions to the Air Force mission. “Your role in providing critical train-

ing, professional education and vital medical care is crucial to the success of our Air Force.”

Fanning began his visit with a meeting with Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, who gave him an overview of the many things going on in JBSA. While on JBSA-Randolph, he was also briefed on pilot instructor training at the 559th Flying Training Squadron and got a close-up view of a T-38 Talon, a two-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet trainer.

At JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the newly appointed under secretary visited with Air Force wounded warriors, where he heard some of the Airmen’s personal stories.

Fanning had breakfast with Airmen at JBSA-Lackland May 17 before

attending a Basic Military Training graduation parade where he served as the reviewing official.

He addressed the graduates briefly before administering the oath of enlistment and reflected on the major accomplishment the Airmen have achieved over the past eight weeks.

“You are joining the best Air Force the world has ever known and we have no doubt you will make it better.” Fanning said. “Commit to treating each other and yourself with respect and dignity, serve with integrity and you will accomplish more than you can imagine.”

After the graduation parade, Fanning paid a visit to the 341st Training Squadron, where he received an overview of the Military Working Dog program. The squadron



Photo by Benjamin Faske

Under Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning takes questions from Air Force personnel during breakfast May 17, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The under secretary is responsible for Air Force matters on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force to include the organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of its Total Force Airmen and their families.

provides trained military working dogs used in patrol, drug and explosive detection, and specialized mission functions for the Department of Defense and other government

agencies.

Fanning, escorted by Maj. Gen. Suzanne Vaurtriot, 24th Air Force commander, toured the 24th Air Force headquarters facility and opera-

tions center where he was briefed on the Air Force’s cyber mission.

A subordinate unit to Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., the 24th Air Force mission is to extend, operate and defend the Air Force portion of the Department of Defense network and provide full spectrum capabilities for the Joint warfighter in, through and from cyberspace.

Fanning concluded his trip with a visit to the 323rd Training Squadron where he met with trainees and toured a newly constructed Airman Training Complex.

Prior to his departure, Fanning also received a JBSA mission briefing from Brig. Gen. Teresa Carter, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio commander.



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### Memorial, wreath laying ceremony

The Army Medical Department Center and School NCO Academy hosts the annual Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon Van Autreve memorial and wreath ceremony at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

### 187th Medical Battalion Change of Command

The 32nd Medical Brigade will host the 187th Medical Battalion change of command ceremony at 8 a.m. June 20 at the MacArthur Parade Field. Lt. Col. Soo Lee Davis will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Rachel Smith.

### Installation management career program seeks first interns

Applications for interns in the Army installation management career program are being accepted. Selectees will be part of the inaugural cohort of future installation management professionals. Interns will collectively participate in a 24-month training and development program. With an initial assignment at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, selectees must sign a mobility agreement. The entry grade is GS-07, with potential growth to the GS-11 level at full performance. Go to <http://www.usajobs.com> and under "keyword search" type "installation management specialist" and/or "Fort Sam Houston." For more information, call 466-0467 or 466-0475.

### MRI Brain Study

The Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgery Center is seeking volunteers to take part in a MRI brain study sponsored by the Air Force Surgeon General's office. Applicants need to be active duty, between 26 and 50 years old and have a doctorate-level education. The study will provide a normative baseline allowing comparison to high-resolution MRI abnormalities already detected in Air Force pilots. Call 292-0476 for more information.

### AFOSI Mobile App

Suspicious or illegal activity can be anonymously reported directly to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations

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# Five local commands team up for 2013 JBSA Best Warrior competition

By Amanda Rodriguez  
IMCOM Public Affairs

"Together Everyone Accomplishes More" was heard frequently as 36 Soldiers and noncommissioned officers from across the Army gathered at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis for the first JBSA Best Warrior competition May 11 through Friday.

Five commands headquartered on JBSA-Fort

Sam Houston – U.S. Army Installation Management Command, U.S. Army North, U.S. Army South, Southern Regional Medical Command and U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School – teamed up to choose their Soldiers and NCOs of the Year.

Replacing separate command competitions, the partnership formed to maximize the training experience and get the most out of each organization's budget for the annual competition say senior leaders.

"The Best Warrior Competition is important," IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice said. "I was on a rope next to a Soldier this morning and she

said, 'I can't quit, I can do this!' That's why we're out here.

"You've got Soldiers depending on you at the other end – it's about training how you fight and providing the most realistic experience possible. While budgets may be shrinking, training value remains critical," he said.

IMCOM operations senior enlisted advisor, Sgt. Maj. Donald Walton, lead coordinator for the event, concurred. "We need the Best Warrior Competition to train and motivate our Soldiers to excel."

With the number of competitors and tasks, staging the event took a lot of work. The effort proved successful, said Walton

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(Above) Joint Base San Antonio NCO of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Corbitt, an Army Medical Department Center and School instructor at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, scales a rope on the obstacle course at JBSA-Camp Bullis during the first JBSA Best Warrior competition held May 11 through Friday.

(Above) Joint Base San Antonio 2013 Soldier of the Year Spc. Austin Hunsaker, 525th Military Police Company, Guantanamo Bay Detention Center, plots his course during the land navigation event at the Joint Base San Antonio Best Warrior Competition, which concluded Friday. Hunsaker's unit comes under U.S. Army South.

Photos by Neal Snyder





## ARSOUTH HOSTS MEXICAN ARMY WAR COLLEGE



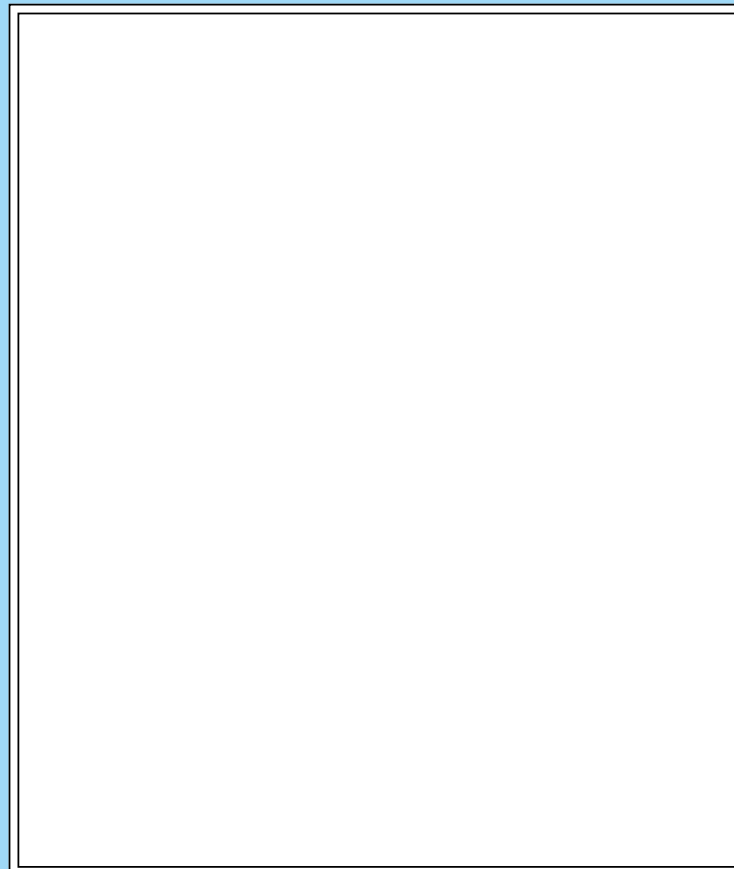
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Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (left), U.S. Army South commanding general, conducts a command brief for Maj. Gen. Ernesto Aguilera, director of the Mexican Army National Defense College, along with more than 50 students from the Mexican Army War College during their visit to the Army South headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston May 15.

## NEW WHASC PARKING DIAGRAM

The Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center parking garage at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is open to patients and staff and can be reached via the Wilford Hall Loop. Level 1 is staff and patient parking, and levels 2 and 3 are patient parking only.

**Courtesy  
Illustration**





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disrupt lives and impact DOD operations.

However, he credited congressional passage of a defense appropriation bill in March in part for helping to reduce the number of days civilians would be temporarily laid off by half.

It may be possible later in the year to “knock that back” to an even lower number, the secretary said, but he emphasized that he could not promise such an outcome.

“I won’t promise that,” Hagel said. “You deserve fair, honest, direct conversation about this, and I’m not going to be cute with you at all. This is where

we are. We’ll continue to look at it, [and] we’ll continue to do everything we can.”

Hagel said the furloughs will affect every military department and almost every agency, with limited exceptions.

“We will except civilians deployed to combat zones and civilians necessary to protect life and property,” he wrote in his memo, adding that others will be excepted if forcing them to stay off the job would not free up money for other needs.

Employees set to be furloughed will begin receiving written notification June 5.

In March, defense officials had told civilian employees to expect

as many as 22 furlough days during the current fiscal year, part of department-wide efforts to slash spending in response to across-the-board budget cuts known as sequestration.

In the time since, Hagel has been working to avoid or reduce the temporary layoffs, saying he had sought advice from department leaders and agencies, both civilian and military, but found no other way to help in closing the budget gap.

In his memo, Hagel said if the budget situation eases, he would strongly prefer to end the furloughs early.

“That is a decision I will make later in the year,” he added.

# Certain beneficiaries must sign up for TRICARE automatic payment by May 31

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve who pay monthly premiums by check must switch to an electronic form of payment by May 31 to avoid losing coverage.

TRICARE will only accept monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card, or by recurring electronic funds transfer from a linked bank account. To avoid confusion, beneficiaries should verify that their bank sends EFT payments electronically.

The Defense Manpower Data Center notified current TRR and TRS beneficiaries directly by email, and new beneficiaries were informed in their



the west region who have yet to establish their automated payment option with TRICARE for their monthly TRS/TRR premiums,” said James F. Walsh,

welcome package information when enrolling.

Electronic payments streamline account management and ensure continuous coverage for beneficiaries. Failure to pay premiums by the due date results in termination of coverage.

Beneficiaries can contact their regional contractor to set up automatic payments and get more information.

“There are still a considerable number of Air Force reservists in

the Air Force Reserve chief of Benefits and Entitlements Policy. “Those members who do not have this requirement established by the deadline will have their coverage suspended and possibly terminated for 12 months come June 1.”

Contact information for each region is available online at [www.TRICARE.mil/contacts](http://www.TRICARE.mil/contacts).

*(Source: TRICARE Public Affairs)*

## Did you know?

One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.



# Army North provides support for Ardent Sentry, Defense Support of Civil Authorities

U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) conducted a major hurricane exercise Friday through Thursday as part of Ardent Sentry 2013, a U.S. Northern Command-directed exercise focused on Defense Support of Civil Authorities.

DSCA is the current process by which United States military assets and personnel can be used to assist in missions normally carried out by civil authorities.

U.S. Army North, as NORTHCOM's Joint Force Land Component Command, deployed an element of its Task Force 51 to Fort Bliss to practice providing defense support to civil authorities in response to a disaster along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The simulated event took place along the border and required coordinated response efforts between the U.S. and Mexican Armies.

TF51 also deployed an element to the James E. Rudder U.S. Army Reserve Center in San Antonio. U.S. Army North's main command post conducted operations from its headquarters at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

"To facilitate army-to-army coordination at the regional and tactical levels, Army North exchanged officers with Mexican Region XI, and Task Force 51 will exchange officers with their counterparts in the 5th and 6th Military Zones,"

said Jose Velazquez, security cooperation specialist, Mexican Engagement office, U.S. Army North.

This is done because it is vital that each side shares information with each other in the event of a disaster along the shared border.

"Having our guys in Mexico, and their guys here in the U.S., will make coordinating and exchanging (or sharing) information much easier," said Lt. Col. Brian Woolworth, Mexican Engagement branch chief

for U.S. Army North.

The decision to conduct joint exercises along the U.S.-Mexico border came about after Hurricane Katrina.

"Last year was a historic year," said Col. Hector Salinas, assistant deputy chief of staff for security cooperation, U.S. Army North. "It was the first command post exercise conducted between U.S. Army North and the Mexican military along the U.S.-Mexico border."

Like last year, AS13 validates existing plans, policies and procedures, and it provides an opportunity for the U.S. military to practice working within the Incident Command System and National Response Framework.

*(Source: Army North Public Affairs)*



Privately owned motor vehicle mishaps continue to be the number one cause of fatalities in the Air Force during the summer months.

Although the percentage of vehicle-related fatalities during the previous three Critical Days of Summer campaigns has decreased slightly from 75 percent to 69 percent, it remains the major cause of fatalities throughout the summer.

When you take leave, keep in mind that your family, friends and co-workers want you to return rested and refreshed.

To help you get back "Safe 'n Sound," remember you have the responsibility to plan for and mitigate hazards.

*(Source: 502nd Air Base Wing Safety Office)*

Scan with Smartphone app to access the Joint Base San Antonio website at [www.jbsa.af.mil](http://www.jbsa.af.mil)



# Gap legislation can help for full replacement value of household goods

By Capt. Dustin B. Myrie  
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Claims Office

The introduction of the full replacement value program for loss and/or damage to household goods, as opposed to the depreciated value that was offered in the past, came with the Department of Defense's recent release of the Defense Personal Property System.

The Army military claims office at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston often gets asked if full replacement value for damaged household goods can be paid, even if the property was moved before the FRV

program began.

To be eligible for the FRV program, claimants are required to file their claim directly with the moving company using DPS.

But what if your property was picked up prior to the start of the FRV program, but delivered after the program began?

If your property was damaged during the move, would you only be entitled to receive the depreciated value of your damaged items?

The FRV "gap" legislation addresses this issue.

Under this relatively new law, claimants may still be eligible for full reimbursement for

loss and damage even if their property was picked up before the FRV program started.

This "gap" legislation became effective Jan. 7, 2011 and authorizes military claims offices, in limited cases, to compensate claimants for loss or damage to their household goods at full replacement value.

For more information on the FRV program and all claims-related issues, contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Claims Office at 221-2161 or stop by Building 153, located behind the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center building on Stanley Road.





# Risk awareness, management integral to motorcycle safety on JBSA

(Right) Senior Airman Mackenzie Orgren negotiates a turn during a motorcycle safety rally held at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex April 12.



Terry Ashcraft, 802nd Civil Engineer Squadron, polishes the windshield on his motorcycle. Ashcraft has been a motorcycle enthusiast for 48 years.



Bill James, JBSA-Lackland traffic safety manager, runs through a motorcycle safety course aboard a three-wheel motorcycle during a motorcycle safety rally at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex April 12.



About 75 motorcycle riders took part in a motorcycle safety rally held during Wingman Day at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Medina Annex.

Photos by Robbin Cresswell



Air Force Master Sgt. John Carter (standing), 937th Training Wing, instructs Air Force Staff Sgt. David Wilson of the 668th Alteration and Installation Squadron before he participates in a motorcycle safety rally.

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Reving engines and warmer weather are signals that motorcycle enthusiasts are hitting the highways in droves. May is Motorcycle Safety Month and an opportunity for riders to review and prepare for the risks they face on road.

Although helmets are optional in Texas, wearing one with proper protective gear is mandatory for military personnel on and off Joint Base San Antonio.

The results of a study published online in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons show that helmeted riders were 22 percent less likely to suffer cervical spine injury. Helmets are estimated to prevent 37 percent of crash deaths among motorcycle riders and 41 percent of crash deaths for motorcycle passengers according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wearing proper gear reduces injury and can save a rider's life. Retired Army National Guard Master Sgt. Martin Barrett wrote about an accident he experienced where his protective gear saved his life and prevented losing a foot.

"An elderly man in a small pickup crossed three lanes of traffic," Barrett recalled in his post on the Defense Department's Military Rider website. The driver didn't see the motorcyclist as he crossed lanes and Barrett collided with the truck just behind its cab. Barrett's left foot struck the side of the truck and the impact flipped his body violently into the air.

"I hit the ground on the opposite side of the truck and came to an abrupt stop," Barrett wrote. "My left foot was at about a 45-degree angle to my leg. I had shattered the left fibula and broken my left tibia. The surgery to repair my ankle took about five hours and I spent five days in the hospital."

"Fortunately, after another surgery and a year of rehab, I was able to ride

again. However, I now have an eight-inch titanium plate and eight screws holding my ankle together."

Barrett said the over-the-ankle boots he was wearing kept his foot attached to his leg.

"I was also glad I had spent the extra money to purchase a quality helmet," Barrett noted. "Even though it shattered on impact, it protected my head when it struck the road. My long pants and a leather riding jacket protected my body from road rash and my hands were spared by my gloves."

The high-visibility vest Barrett wore helped other drivers avoid him while he lay injured on the road until police and emergency personnel could get to him.

Along with a Department of Transportation-approved helmet, active duty military motorcyclists must wear long pants, long sleeves, full-fingered gloves and sturdy, over-the-ankle footwear.

"We strongly recommend they wear leathers that will protect them from all kinds of abrasions and road rash," said Terry Todd, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's safety manager.

Eye protection must meet the American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protective Devices standards for safety and be stamped with Z87.1-2003 or the ANSI Z87.1-2010 update. Safety glasses or a face shield on the helmet is fine Todd said, but prescription glasses and/or a motorcycle windshield alone do not constitute proper eye protection.

Licensing is required for all motorcycle operators and a reflective vest must be worn at night.

"Active duty people are (on duty) 24/7 and must protect themselves at all costs. If one person gets hurt or dies, then the mission is degraded and someone else picks up the slack," explained Steve Sinatra, Army Medical Command's safety program manager and a retired Air Force master sergeant who has been riding motorcycles for more than 40 years.

"Safety rules are there to minimize the risk of an accident," Sinatra stressed.

Civilians must have a state-issued motorcycle operator's license and wear proper protective equipment when coming onto JBSA.

"We strongly encourage (civilians) to continue to wear the proper protective equipment off the installation," said Jewell Hicks, 502nd Air Base Wing's chief of safety. "We want them to be safe out there. We want them to come back to work the next day in one piece."

Not wearing proper safety equipment can result in tragedy.

Several weeks ago, a woman died and the man she was riding with is in critical condition following a late-night motorcycle wreck just outside of San Antonio. The driver lost control and hit a retaining wall. The female passenger was thrown over the wall and died at the hospital. The male driver was in very critical condition at last report. Neither wore helmets.

Education is an important part of risk offset on JBSA, Hicks explained. Permanent change of station and temporary duty personnel receive a local conditions briefing or short course of training on arrival. Programs such as the "Critical Days of Summer" campaigns, rallies and annual briefings help keep safety a priority message for motorcyclists.

"Even though motorcycles are a small percentage of vehicles, they are about half of the privately-owned vehicle mishaps we have," Hicks said. "You just don't have the same protection on a motorcycle that you do in a vehicle. Your chances of being seriously injured increase significantly on a motorcycle."

Formal training gives motorcyclists a heightened awareness of hazards

on the road and provides techniques to manage those risks, explained Bill James, JBSA-Lackland traffic safety manager.

Properly managing those risks resulted in a total of only five motorcycle mishaps on JBSA-Lackland and Randolph in the last three years. JBSA-Fort Sam Houston reported zero mishaps during the same time frame.

Four Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses are offered regularly at JBSA-Lackland. The Basic Rider Course, a two-day class for beginners, required for licensing, is offered twice weekly, while the Basic Rider Course 2, a one-day advanced course, is offered once per week.

The Military Sportbike Rider Course, also a one-day advanced course, is given twice monthly. Courses include hands-on training and a knowledge-based evaluation, James said.

Motorcycle Safety Foundation-certified volunteers teach classes in Building 7065, room 208B, JBSA-Lackland and at the motorcycle training range on the Medina Annex.

For more information, call the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland safety office at 671-5028 or DSN 473-5028. Class schedules and registration information can be found at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/Traffic>.





## ARMY NORTH CYCLIST TEAM RIDES FOR CHARITY



**Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart**

(From left) Michele Elmore, Beverlyann Moore and Capt. William Watts take off from the start line for a 74-mile trek May 11 at the American Diabetes Association San Antonio Tour de Cure 2013 ride at Retama Park. Elmore works in the G6 plans section for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), Moore is the administrative support assistant for the Army North operations section and Watts works in the Army North operations section as a liaison officer.





# BAMC medical team impacts lives in Honduras

By Elaine Sanchez  
BAMC Public Affairs

A medical team from Brooke Army Medical Center made a lasting impact in Honduras last month during a two-week urology medical readiness training exercise.

A team of doctors, nurses, technicians, residents and anesthesiologists screened 200 Honduran patients and performed 84 surgeries – the majority pediatric and adult reconstructive procedures.

With three operating rooms and a larger team, this urology medrete was the largest one BAMC has conducted in Tegucigalpa so far, noted Army Maj.

(Dr.) Steven Hudak, a staff urologist at the San Antonio Military Medical Center and specialist in traumatic, reconstructive, and prosthetic genitourinary surgery.

This was due, in part, to a helping hand from a medical team from Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash., he explained. With their assistance, they were able to add a third OR and take on new procedures.

While the BAMC team handled the pediatric and adult male reconstruction procedures, the Madigan team treated women with incontinence and other debilitating issues, Hudak said.

The trip was worth-

while on a number of levels, noted Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Thomas Novak, the medical readiness training exercise mission commander and a SAMMC pediatric urologist.

“Staff surgeons are able to provide care in an austere environment in a focused time period with a high volume of patients, which sharpens their skills,” said Novak, who has served on four Honduran medical readiness training exercises.

This exposure to a variety of complex cases also benefits residents, anesthesiologists, surgical technicians and the support staff, he added.

These sharpened skills have a direct impact

on BAMC patients, said Novak, citing wounded warriors as an example.

By treating a host of complex post-trauma cases in Honduras, providers are able to better treat similar cases here, particularly service members wounded downrange. “We benefit every bit as much as the host nation,” he said.

The team also provides surgical skills training to Honduran doctors and residents, in some cases, year round. Novak has been an ongoing mentor to Dr. Enrique Tome, a Honduran pediatric surgeon who provides pediatric urology care for a good portion of the country.

“We communicate regularly about the ongoing follow up of patients we have cared for together and new patients that he is seeing in his day to day practice,” Novak

said. “The patient follow up is crucial for my own development as a surgeon and promotes the sense of trust that our involvement extends beyond the time that we are actually in country.”

From the patient standpoint, the team is treating conditions that have left Hondurans – many with tubes emanating – debilitated and unable to support their families, Hudak said.

“Many are young men, the only breadwinner for their family,” he said. “Being able to fix them for life in many cases is very satisfying for us. It makes a huge impact on their quality of life.”

The challenge is turning people away on screening day, Hudak noted. With limited time and resources, the team can only take on a certain number of cases.

“You wish you could

do more but we exhaust everything we have for those two weeks,” he said. “At some point, we run out of time to operate and resources.”

Still, the Hondurans are grateful, whether they’re seen that week or asked to come back the following year, Novak said. “Their gratitude is humbling,” he said. “They really make the trip worthwhile.”

Army Capt. Jennifer Husbands, the mission’s executive officer and BAMC’s Company D commander, said the exercise was a life-changing experience.

She recalled hearing about one patient, a child, who expressed his sincere gratitude for his doctor.

The doctor was “like an angel coming from the sky to make me better,” the child said in Spanish.

“That was really, really touching,” Husbands said.



Courtesy photos

(From left) Air Force Capt. (Dr.) Richard Knight, urology resident; Army Col. (Dr.) Douglas Soderdahl, chief of urology service at Brooke Army Medical Center; and Army Maj. (Dr.) Steven Hudak, a staff urologist, perform surgery April 22 during a two-week urology medical readiness training exercise in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Thomas Novak (left), a pediatric urologist at the San Antonio Military Army Medical Center and Air Force Capt. (Dr.) Uzoamaka Nwoye, a urology resident, perform pediatric urology surgery during a two-week medical readiness training exercise in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Novak served as mission commander for the exercise.

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and the other coordinators.

“This year is different because we pooled units, resources and cadre together to put on a joint competition,” said SRMC Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall Huffman. “We fight together, we should train together and I definitely think this is something we need to continue in the future.”

The commands chose their own Soldiers and NCOs of the year, and jointly recognized over-all JBSA winners – the highest-scoring Soldier and NCO of all competitors.

The 2013 Soldier of the Year is Spc. Austin Hunsaker, 525th Military Police Company, Guantanamo Bay Detention Center, and the NCO of the Year is Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Corbitt, an AMEDDC&S instructor at

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Command NCOs and Soldiers of the Year are: Sgt. Bryan Teneyck of U.S. Army Garrison Benelux and Spc. Jesse Kane of USAG West Point, IMCOM; Staff Sgt. Jason Ruiz and Spc. Malcolm Knox, ARNORTH; Staff Sgt. Jacob Dipietro and Hunsaker, ARSOUTH; Sgt. Benjamin Taylor and Spc. Connor Loehr, SRMC and Corbitt of AMEDDC&S.

As the winners prepare for their next level of competition, they’ll take away tips and tools that will make them better Soldiers.

“As corrections officers, we spend a lot of time in facilities,” Hunsaker said. “What I’m taking back to my unit is that we need to spend more time on warrior tasks and drills. No matter what your MOS is, everyone’s a Soldier and everyone needs to be able to pick up a weapon and a compass

and go to battle.”

Thirty-six competitors representing different military occupational specialties and units from around the globe arrived May 12 to begin the week-long competition which tested the limits of their knowledge, strength and endurance. Thirty-four finished the competition.

Day one started easily enough with in-processing, orientation, height and weight measurements and media training.

From that point on, days become longer, nights shorter and tasks harder.

Day two started with a 5 a.m. Army Physical Fitness Test, quickly followed by an oral board review, where a panel of sergeants major scrutinized each NCO and Soldier’s record, military bearing, appearance and knowledge of Army

history, regulations and current events.

Sleep deprivation tested competitors as they moved to night and day land navigation events and the mystery event tasks, which included assembling an M9 pistol, M4 rifle and M249 light assault rifle.

Other major events throughout the competition included Army combatives, the obstacle course, warrior task testing in an urban environment, a timed 12-mile road march and a written exam.

After all the preparation and the grueling competition, the winners were in awe standing on stage before their comrades-in-arms.

“I kind of knew where I was in some of the physical events, but you never know how you did in some of the other events,” Corbitt said.

“I have to admit that

the 12-mile road march took me by surprise. Normally, I run the entire 12 miles and after the whole week’s events, we were exhausted. I’m fit, I was as ready as I could be, but still feel surprised to be up here.”

IMCOM winners will move on to compete at the Army level in October. They say they’re ready.

“I look to my grandfather for inspiration,” Teneyck said.

“He was a Korean War vet who fought hard, never gave up. I knew coming into this week it was going to be tough. It was awesome to find out that I won because IMCOM has four great NCOs here. Now, I just continue what I’ve been doing – prepare, study and stay fit.”

Kane said he faced tough challenges on the way to becoming IMCOM’s Soldier of the Year, but he’s ready for

the next level.

“I was surprised to hear my name – there’s a lot of hard competition out there, but I’m excited to go to the next level.”

“Three things I got better at this week were land navigation, some of the obstacles and completing the ruck march was a great experience, too. I’ve never done 12 miles before,” Kane said.

“This was about more than just a competition; it was a way for us all to come together. To see the support from all the commands represented, it was a great experience and it’s a great day to be in the Army.”

The best warriors were announced Friday at a ceremony hosted by IMCOM at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

“Truly, it is a great day to be a Soldier and a great day to be in the Army!” said Rice, echoing Kane’s statement.



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really a joint base in San Antonio,” the general said thoughtfully.

When people don't understand joint basing, decisions or policies may be made in isolation, Carter explained, saying if there was a greater understanding of joint basing principles, those decisions or policies may have been done differently.

“I really tried to focus folks on not thinking about the joint base in terms of their service or their location, but rather collectively by the diverse and important set of missions accomplished on a daily basis across all JBSA locations,” she said.

There are five missions performed across Joint Base San Antonio that transcend service boundaries.

The first is training – basic training, technical training, flying training and medical training. About 80,000 service members go through some type of training at JBSA each year.

Second is education – service members attend Airman Leadership School, while both the Army and the Air Force operate NCO Academies. World-class medical education is conducted through residency programs at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center and San Antonio Military Medical Center, along with graduate programs offered at the Army Medical Department Center and School.

Third is 24/7 operational support provided by service component commands for multiple combatant commanders, including U.S. Army North, U.S. Army South, and 24th Air Force, which is the Air Force's component to U.S. Cyber Command. There are also

multiple intelligence capabilities such as the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency; the Army's 470th Military Intelligence Brigade and the Texas Cryptology Center.

The fourth area is installation management – the Army's Installation Management Command headquarters is located at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and provides support to over 180 garrisons around the world. At Port San Antonio, there is a collection of field operating agencies like the Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Air Force Civil Engineer Center and the services division of the Air Force Personnel Center.

The final component is health care – medical providers deliver world-class care to wounded warriors, service members, retirees and military dependents, as well as the San Antonio Military Healthcare System which provides TRICARE administration in support of more than 250,000 beneficiaries in San Antonio.

“If you look at the joint base in terms of those five ‘big rocks,’ collectively, I don't think there is another installation – and certainly not another location – within DOD that can rival that,” Carter stated proudly.

The general also initially focused on improving command and control and the way in which the crisis action team interfaced with three emergency operations centers.

Synchronizing the activities of three geographically separated EOCs without necessarily having a robust communication structure or processes in place was difficult.

As the installation commander, Carter needed



Photo by Mike O'Rear

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander, will relinquish command during a ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

effective command and control over the resources at each location and to ensure those resources could respond appropriately during an emergency.

To accomplish this, multiple exercises were conducted over the past two years.

The efforts paid off; one of the emergency management exercises earned an “outstanding” rating during an Air Force compliance inspection. This is only the second time in 14 years that an Air Education and Training Command installation earned an outstanding rating.

The general says progress is being made in many areas across JBSA.

Most of the construction projects have been completed or are nearly complete such as the new Walters Street access control point and the Medical Education and Training Campus at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, along with the Airmen Training Complex facilities at JBSA-Lackland.

“That's a way to see visible progress; but if you look deeper, I think you can see things have matured,” she said.

“We were in the beginning stages of setting up some new processes to combine three entities into one. It's now starting to operate more smoothly. A big part of that is changing the view of how folks look at Joint Base San Antonio,” Carter said.

“I have seen a lot of forward progress in this area. People are really starting to pull together, irrespective of the uniform they wear or the location at which they work,” the general added.

“We have started to see a lot of enthusiasm for events that we do as a Joint Base San Antonio family,” she said, citing some examples such as the annual JBSA awards ceremony held in March and the recent Mission Breakfast at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston May 14.

Current budget constraints and sequestration have had an impact, the

general admits.

“We will have about \$48 million less than we anticipated for fiscal year 2013, so that's driving us to pretty much reevaluate everything we are doing,” Carter said.

There is also the potential for a civilian furlough to help the Defense Department meet its bottom line.

“It looks like the furlough is going to happen,” she said. “That's very difficult not only from the standpoint of our ability to continue providing service to 200-plus mission partners, but also the personal impact it will have on our employees.”

Carter understands that many employees will be affected by the furlough.

“That's very difficult. Some employees live paycheck to paycheck or are dual-civilian couples,” she said. “Will they have the resiliency and backup plans to accommodate that loss of income?”

Carter said she was encouraged by the willing-

ness of civilian employees to watch out for one another, and she noted there are resources available to assist employees with financial counseling or other support, as needed.

“The key to continued success at JBSA is to recognize when we all work together we can get a heck of a lot done,” she said. “In this limited resource environment, having duplicate and triplicate processes really doesn't get us anywhere.”

“The tight budget forces people to be creative,” the general said. “It forces them to look at their work processes and say ‘How can we do this differently?’”

“We need to continue to focus on building an identity as Joint Base San Antonio,” Carter said, “while also recognizing that the heritage and legacy of our former installations will never change, that's always going to be part and parcel of the evolution of JBSA,” she explained.

“It is an evolution, and I think together there isn't anything the collective JBSA team can't do.”

As the major general-selectee prepares for her new assignment as the The Civil Engineer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., she said she will miss the people at the 502nd ABW and throughout the joint base, as well as the San Antonio community.

In her new position, Carter will be responsible for installation support functions and civil engineering activities at 166 Air Force bases worldwide.

“I look forward to seeing how things continue to evolve over the next few years. JBSA will definitely have a big cheerleader in the Pentagon,” Carter concluded.



### Pool Opens for Summer Fun

The Aquatic Center will open for the season Friday. The pool hours are noon-8 p.m. daily. For more information, call 221-4887.

### End of the Year School Party

Friday, afterschool-6 p.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Center. There will be lots of food, games and water fun.

### 3D Archery Shoot

Saturday and Sunday, register from 8-10 a.m. each day at JBSA-Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. Awards are given to the top three competitors. The cost is \$15/competitive and \$10/non-competitive. Call 295-7577.

### H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515. Call 221-0349.

### First Termer Financial Readiness

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel. Call 221-2380.

### Credit and Debt Management

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

### Extravaganza

Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center. Call 221-1681 or 221-2705.

### Consumer Awareness

Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

### Walk-in Vaccination Clinic

A walk-in vaccination clinic will be held Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility, 2915 Schofield Road, Building 2635. Call 808-6101 or 808-6104.

### Self-Paced Financial Readiness Training

Wednesday, noon-6 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

### Fort Sam Houston Trails and Tales

Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meet at Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-1681 or 221-2705.

### Post Deployment Resiliency

Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-9079 or 221-1829.

### Last of the Red Hot Lovers

Thursday, Friday and Saturday through June 8, 8 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 222-9694.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. June 9-13 at the Dodd Field Chapel for children pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Call 221-5006.

### Summer Safety Day

June 11, 9 a.m.-noon, Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-3840 or 221-3846.

### Fisher House Kindertag Children's Day

June 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., BAMC Fisher House 3. This free event is open to all children of military families and will feature a variety of fun activities including clowns, face painting, live music, moon jump and more. Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. June 7. Call 916-6458 or email fhbamc@aol.com.

### Texas Medical Center Job Fair

June 19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516

### Employment Job Search Orientation

June 26, 1-3 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness, Building 2797. Call 221-0516.

### Computer Lab/Microsoft Office Classes

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Computer Lab will be closed temporarily, until further notice. Microsoft Office classes will also be discontinued until further notice.

### Summer Camp

Child, Youth and School Services will offer summer camp for grades Kindergarten through 12. For registration details, call 221-4871.

### Youth Horsemanship Camp

Registration is open at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. This camp is open to youth ages 7-17, and runs Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sessions are in one-week intervals throughout the summer, \$25 deposit, cost is \$225. Call 224-7207.

### PGA Junior Golf League

Registration is open at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club for junior golfers, ages 9-13, for the summer PGA Junior Golf League. This is a team scramble format and open to all skill levels. The fee is \$50 and includes range balls, team jerseys, golf balls, PGA bag tags, a weekly practice session and tournament. Call 222-9386.

### Youth Cooking Classes

Youth cooking classes will be held every Thursday in May at 4:30 p.m. Call 221-4871.

### Swimming Lessons

All lessons are taught in accordance with American Red Cross standards. Every participant will receive eight days of lessons. The dates for the sessions are June 10-21, June 24-July 5, July 8-19 and July 22-Aug. 2. For rates and registration, call 221-4887.

### Moms and Tots Stroll

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m., Fitness Center on the METC, stroll on the indoor track and win prizes. Call 808-5709.

### SKIESUnlimited Classes

SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381 for dates and times.

### Cheer Coaches Needed

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports is looking for volunteers to coach children 5-12 years of age for the 2013 cheer season. Volunteer coaches must be at least 21 years old and willing to commit for the entire season, August through November. All volunteer coaches are

required to complete an application and consent to a background check. Call 221-5519 or 221-4492.

### Equipment Rentals

The Outdoor Equipment Center has all the items needed for a backyard party, unit organizational day, or weekend getaway. Rental items include canoes, boats, campers, camping equipment, outdoor games, barbecue pits and more. Call 221-5225.

### World Climb Tower Challenge

Sign up at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the World Climb Tower Challenge. Call 221-1234.

### Catfish Pond Open

Saturday and Sunday, noon-6 p.m., JBSA-Camp Bullis, cost is \$3 per pound. Call 295-7577.

### Bowl to Win Prizes

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center is offering the opportunity for bowlers to win prizes this summer. Receive "Bowling to Win" entry forms with your paid games through Aug. 26. Drawings for prizes will be held Aug. 23 during Bowler Appreciation Week. Call 221-4740.

### Fort Sam Houston Museum

The Fort Sam Houston Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The museum will close in September to move to their new location in the Quadrangle. Call 221-1886.

### JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office, located in the Sam Houston Community Center, offers discounted tickets for the River City Rockfest, Schlitterbahn water parks, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld, Aquatica and Universal Studios Orlando. The Ticket Office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call 808-1378.

### Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for

target practice. Call 295-7577.

### Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6; 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10; and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381.

### Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. Call 221-3828.

### Parent Central Customer Service

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. for registration and 12:30 to 1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Parent Central is located in Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4871.

### Before and After School Care Registration

Register your child for before and after school care at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Center or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

### School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html> or call 221-2214 or 221-2256.

### Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

### Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open to all DOD cardholders and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

### Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency testing. PME Testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

### SAT and ACT Test Prep Programs

The SAT and ACT PowerPrep™ Programs are available online or DVD, and include more than 11 hours of video instruction and 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions, practice tests and graphic teaching illustrations. Eligible recipients included service members from all branches of the military who are active duty, retired, veterans, Guard, Reserve, DOD employees, contractors and civilians performing military support. The eKnowledge Sponsorship covers the complete \$200 purchase price for the standard SAT or ACT Test Preparation Program. There is a nominal charge of \$17.55 to \$19.99 per standard program for the cost of materials, support, streaming and shipping. Each SAT or ACT test preparation program has a one-year license from the day the product is ordered. To place an order, visit <http://www.eKnowledge.com/MAFB> or call 951-256-4076.



# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## A Salute to Our Military

The Institute of Texan Cultures on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 801 E. César E. Chávez Blvd., will present "A Salute to Our Military," a living history program focusing on Texans in American military service, from Spanish Texas through today, the event is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$8/adults; \$7/seniors 65 and older; \$6/children under 12; and free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification. Call 458-2300 or visit <http://www.TexanCultures.com>.

## Memorial Day Concerts by Gateway Brass

The United States Air Force Band of the West Gateway Brass will perform Memorial Day tribute concerts 7-8 p.m. Thursday at Arneson River Theatre at La Villita

and 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Concerts are free, however people must pay admission at the Botanical Garden. Music selection will be light classical to popular and patriotic. Visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil>.

## Two-gether on the Home Front

This relationship enrichment program adapted for military couples will be held 2-4 p.m. June 1 at the Central Library, 600 Soledad St. Facilitators are Dan Ratliff, PhD, Professor of Marriage and Therapy, St. Mary's University and Gritchell Pelizzari, Clinical Intern, Family Life Center, St. Mary's University. Call 207-2500 for information.

## 'Operation Comedy' Free for Military, Veterans

The River Center Comedy Club at 849 E. Commerce St. is the site for "Operation Comedy," a free event for all military members, past and present veterans and their guests from June 5 to 9. Founded by Army Infantry veteran

John Stites, the event provided top-flight comedy entertainment to thank the military for their service and sacrifices. For reservations, call 229-1420 and use the code "Operation Comedy" or click on <http://www.operationcomedy.com>.

## Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 539-1178.

## Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686.



**FOR SALE:** Noritake stoneware, desert flower pattern, microwave and oven safe, coffee or tea pot, creamer and sugar bowl with top, \$45; two-piece butter dish and salt and pepper set, \$30; 8 1/2-inch serving bowl and 14-inch serving platter, \$30; camouflage parka, military spec's, size large-regular, \$35. Call 495-2296.

**FOR SALE:** New Penmate dog kennel, one for large dog and one for small dog; chaise lounge, with adjustable back, wheels and new pad, \$68 obo; patio bench and patio chair, both with cushions, both for \$23; solid wood French door, 36 inches wide, 80 inches tall, \$54; computer desk, \$17. Call 313-0061.

**FOR SALE:** 12 amp Eureka vacuum, \$30; exercise bike, \$25; office chair, \$20; electric fan, \$15; wood computer desk, \$30. Call 241-1291.

**FOR SALE:** New Rascal wheelchair, \$700 obo. Call 661-3765.

## INSIDE from P20

### Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738.

### Cloverleaf Communicators

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of every month 11:45

a.m.-1 p.m. at Building 4011A, off Reynolds and Wilson Way. Visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/> or call 916-3406 or 221-8785.

### Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

### Top 3 Enlisted Association

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Top 3 meets 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Building 2263. All senior enlisted members and E-7 selects are encouraged to attend. The Top 3 association is aimed at establishing important relationships across all services.

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are

invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

### Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344.

### Lost Property

If you have lost any property on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

## NEWS BRIEFS from P6

using a mobile phone application or by texting 'AFOSI' and the tip to 274637 (CRIMES) in an SMS text message. Of special concern to Air Force officials are violent crimes against Air Force members, sexual assaults and drug use. Once downloaded, a video describes the app's features to emphasize its secure use and value to the Air Force and other community law enforcement agencies. Individu-

als can find the app in both the Android and Apple store as "Tip-Submit Mobile." The direct link to the anonymous Internet tip line is <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=1111>.

### Military Clothing Sales Offer Free Alterations For Wounded Warriors

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers free alterations and modifications for severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers at all 79 Army Military Clothing stores around the world. This Army-led ini-

tiative ensures all wounded Soldiers receive free alterations and modifications on all issued uniforms in accordance with the Wounded Warrior Clothing Support Program, to include the Army Service, Combat and Improved Physical Fitness uniforms as well as undergarments. Eligible Soldiers must present an approved Army Form 3078 along with the prescribed modifications by their physical or occupational therapist to receive free services.

### Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

The Army chief of staff and the secretary of the Army established the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline to give Soldiers and their families a place to share their concerns on the quality of care received. It also provides Army senior leadership with a valuable tool to determine if appropriate resources are devoted to solving medical-related issues in timely and comprehensive fashion. The hotline is available around the clock at 800-984-8523, DSN 421-3700 or via email at [wfsupport@amedd.army.mil](mailto:wfsupport@amedd.army.mil).

## CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

#### Sundays

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way  
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

#### Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.

8:30 a.m. - Samoan

10:30 a.m. - Gospel

#### Army Medical Department

#### Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.

9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade

#### Collective Service

11:01 - Contemporary "Crossroads"

#### Brooke Army Medical

#### Center Chapel

Building 3600,

3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

10 a.m. - Traditional

### CATHOLIC SERVICES

#### Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600,

3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way

11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

#### Saturday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

#### Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD

8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC

9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC

11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC

12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

### JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,

Friday, MPC

8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,

Friday, MPC

### ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:15 p.m. - Jummah, Friday,

AMEDD

### LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,

AMEDD

### BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services,

Sunday, AMEDD

*For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.*

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of May 24

**CURRENT LEVEL \* = 641.2'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



## Weekly Weather Watch

	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29
San Antonio Texas	90° Mostly Cloudy	90° AM Clouds/PM Sun	94° Partly Cloudy	95° Partly Cloudy	93° Partly Cloudy	90° Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	89° Mostly Sunny	87° Mostly Sunny	78° Mostly Sunny	80° Mostly Sunny	81° Sunny	85° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))



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