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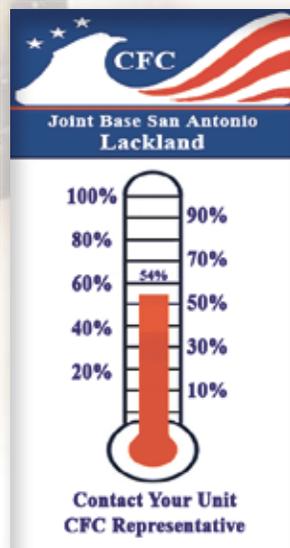
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Photo by Robbin Cresswell

U.S. Army Col. Kelly Mann, director of the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service, holds a military working dog puppy at the Holland Military Working Dog Hospital during the American Veterinary Medical Association president's visit to the facility, Oct. 22 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The MWD puppy program is looking for enthusiastic foster parents. **Turn to page 5 for information.**

Defending American values

Top percent who serve in uniform

By Lt. Col. Timothy Thurston
Commander, 322nd Training Squadron

Military service is not only a noble profession; it embodies a group of highly dedicated, elite men and women – the top one percent of America. Slightly less than three million serve including active duty, guard and reserve components. With a total population of approximately 315 million people, less than one percent of the U.S. is willing or capable to secure the freedoms we so often take for granted.

Too frequently military service is minimized. Instead, it should be highly respected. Our freedoms must be secured every hour, every minute, of every day. Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan said it best, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

It is our duty to live this concept, and more importantly to instruct those who replace us.

Operating in the Air Force Basic Military Training environment, I am reminded daily of the commitment of our top one percent. Every week a new collection of civilians enters the military and are trained by this country's finest.



Lt. Col. Timothy Thurston

The passage from civilian to Airman is a demanding journey. It involves so much more than learning to march, or make a bed. A description of the eight and one-half weeks of basic does little justice to the trainees' transformation. The real lessons learned consist of comprehending the Air Force Core Values and adopting the Wingman concept as a way of life. On completion of BMT, the conversion is absolute. Airmen are now

ready to defend this country against those who reject the American way of life.

During basic, Airmen have learned what our uniform signifies. It represents something greater than themselves – a belief in a better way of life and freedom for U.S. citizens. The uniform represents the American way of life. Not only do these Airmen wear the uniform, they have attached their last name to it. This, perhaps, more than any oath, identifies each of them with a rich and honored past. When you put your name on something you give your word. You make a pledge that what you say is true. Further, the uniform embodies the Core Values of service before self.

We in uniform recognize the belief in the American way of life and what it symbolizes comes before our own selfish needs.

But service to our nation comes at a price. We refuse to think of the alternatives. We refuse to turn our heads from tyranny overseas. We refuse to turn blind eyes toward those who hate America. America is not just a country – it is a concept, a belief that all men are created equally, and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We in uniform will fight for these rights, regardless of location. We understand that freedom isn't free. It must be constantly fought for, and it is worth the price.

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If you leave your name and telephone number or email address, you will receive a reply.

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For issues related to basic training or technical training, email the 37th Training Wing at 37TRW.PA.INBOX@us.af.mil.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

JBSA-LACKLAND AWARDS CEREMONY

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland third quarter awards ceremony is Wednesday, 3 p.m., at the Gateway Club.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Tia Jordan at 210-671-5896 or Master Sgt. Regina Scott at 210-671-5894.

CCAF RECOGNITION CEREMONY

A diploma recognition ceremony for the newest Joint Base San Antonio Community College of the Air Force graduates is Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Bob Hope Theater.

Graduates who have received diplomas or certificates from other colleges will also be recognized.

For details, contact Senior Master Sgt. John Jacob at 210-292-5451.

FEDERAL BENEFITS OPEN SEASON

Federal benefits open season for Air Force civilian employees is Nov. 12 through Dec. 10.

The Lackland Federal Employees Health Benefits Fair is Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Mitchell Hall. Employees will have an opportunity, to meet representatives from different health carriers.

For details, contact Donna Leeth at 210-671-0005.

FREE VETERANS DAY CONCERT

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West and the San Antonio Symphony free annual Veterans Day concert is Nov. 11, 7 p.m., at the Majestic Theatre in downtown San Antonio.

Tickets can be picked up at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel Office, the Randolph ITT office, or the Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation office.

PET CONSULT SERVICES AVAILABLE

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility now provides animal behavior consult services for family pets.

The VTF's military animal behavior resident is now scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination, and tail chasing.

For details, call 210-671-3631/2245.



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Left to right, Air Force basic military trainee Alexander Silva, Col. Mark D. Camerer, 37th Training Wing commander, and trainee Spencer Marks, have lunch with Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley Oct. 23 at the 326th Training Squadron dining facility. During his visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Donley met with Airmen from the 37th Training Wing. Silva and Marks are assigned to the 326th TRS's Flight 675.

SecAF visits basic military training

By Nathan Simmons

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

In the wake of ongoing investigations into professional misconduct that occurred at basic military training, Air Force Secretary Michael Donley met with BMT leaders at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Oct. 23.

"It was important for me to talk to the commander and military training instructors about their experiences, and the status of corrective actions that have been put in place the last several months," Donley said. "I want their sense of the direction we need to go to ensure the misconduct that has occurred here doesn't happen again."

Donley met with MTIs for an hour-long feedback session in which they discussed current challenges and the

way ahead. Col. Deborah Liddick, commander of the 737th Training Group, said the secretary wanted to stress the importance of what MTIs do.

"Secretary Donley expressed his pride in the cadre and his gratitude for their critically important role in developing Airmen," Liddick said. "He said that they set the standard for the Air Force, one Airman at a time."

The 737th TRG has implemented 13 measures as a result of an internal review of basic military training, which include unannounced daily visits from BMT leadership with an emphasis on nights and weekends, disallowing "closed door" counseling sessions, and doubling the number of MTIs assigned to controlled quarters after lights out to increase accountability. More changes

are on the horizon.

"AETC plays a critical role - as the recruiting, BMT and tech training environments reflect an individual's first interaction with the Air Force," Donley said. "Most of our MTIs have conducted themselves in an exemplary and professional way. A few have not, and they have tarnished the image of the MTI corps. We are taking measures that will prevent this from reoccurring."

The secretary said the role of military training instructors cannot be understated, as they are vital in shaping and molding each new Airman, and getting them on the path to success in the Air Force. Investigations surrounding misconduct at BMT are ongoing, and Air Force leaders continue to hold Airmen safety and accountability as top priorities.

Safeguarding Personally Identifying Information – an individual responsibility

By Karen Frey
Joint Base San Antonio Privacy Act Officer

Issues involving the protection of Personally Identifying Information, or PII, have officials throughout Joint Base San Antonio stressing that service members, civilian government employees and contractor personnel take responsibility for protecting all such information.

Defined as “information that directly identifies an individual,” PII examples include names, addresses, social security numbers, home or cell telephone numbers and email addresses.

It is imperative that all personnel understand what constitutes PII and learn how to properly handle this sensitive information because accidental or intentional release of this information may lead to identity theft in an attempt to commit fraud or other crimes.

How can JBSA members protect personal information? Do not leave PII items like performance reports and recall or personnel rosters in a public area that could result in loss or theft.

Once personal information is used, destroy the material by shredding it, so that the data is unrecognizable and beyond reconstruction, or place it in an approved, locked recycle bin.

Always keep in mind, someone could be watching.

The Air Force mandates all “For Official Use Only” and PII information, sent via email, be digitally signed, encrypted, and “FOUO” must be included in the subject line.

In addition, the following Privacy Act statement should be placed at the beginning of the email message: “The information herein is For Official Use Only (FOUO) which must be protected under the Privacy Act of 1974, as

amended. Unauthorized disclosure or misuse of this PERSONAL INFORMATION may result in criminal and/or civil penalties.”

Use the above statement only when transmitting personal information for official purposes within the government domain.

Everyone is at risk of becoming a victim of identity theft. The monetary and emotional cost of repairing an individual’s identity can be expensive, requiring years to recover.

Be diligent in protecting PII information. Those found guilty of unauthorized disclosures of PII could face criminal and civil penalties.

If you witness an unauthorized disclosure of PII data, report it immediately to your supervisor and chain of command. All PII breaches must also be reported to the JBSA Privacy Act Officer.



For additional information, to get secure recycling bins for the office, PII training, or commander’s call presentations call 210-808-0159.

FOSTER a PUPPY

Department of Defense Military Working Dog Breeding Program



Worldwide need for detection dogs has increased dramatically. The Department of Defense Military Working Dog Breeding program breeds to meet the growing requirement for security at home and abroad.

A large part of the success of this program is dependent upon volunteers to provide temporary homes for developing puppies.

The 341st Training Squadron at JBSA Lackland operates a breeding program for military working dogs in support of the Department of Defense Military Working Dog program. These dogs are a vital part of our national defense and serve in Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps units around the globe.

You can become part of this important effort by volunteering your home and time to raise a military working dog.

Call us at **210-671-3686**,
or email us at 341TRSPP@lackland.af.mil

VETERINARY SERVICE



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

From left, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. John Poppe, chief of U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, greets Maj. Michelle Thompson, a U.S. Army veterinary pathologist, Oct. 22 at the Holland Military Working Dog Hospital. Col. Bob Walters, U.S. Army Veterinary Corps deputy chief, and Col. Noreen Murphy, assistant corps chief of the veterinary corps' specific branch proponent, look on. Poppe's visit coincided with the American Veterinary Medical Association president's visit to the facility at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.



Online access simplifies dependent updates

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JBSA-RANDOLPH – Family situations can be complicated, but updating family benefit information doesn't have to be, now that it can be done online.

Dependent family members must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, and in many instances must have a valid dependent identification card, to access medical, dental and other benefits. In the past, Airmen geographically separated from their dependents faced a multi-step, back-and-forth process to accomplish some of these updates in DEERS.

Those days are history, thanks to the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System Self-Service portal, said Ed Yoder, Air Force DEERS Project Office, Air Force Personnel Center.

The self-service portal is one of several tools developed by the Defense Manpower Data Center in an on-going enterprise-wide initiative to expand online customer self-service options for Department of Defense and uniformed service populations.

"Most Airmen can't drop what they're doing to resolve DEERS and ID card problems and if they're deployed or stationed separate from their dependents, they face even greater challenges. This new system capability will help Air Force members take care of their families," Yoder said.

Implemented in September, the RAPIDS Self Service portal allows Common Access Card holders to digitally sign required documents which are then accessible to all ID card-issuing facilities world-wide. A dependent who is thousands of miles away can then go to the nearest RAPIDS

ID card-issuing facility and complete the update process or have a new ID card issued.

Prior to the online option, members had to go in person to a military personnel office, sign in, wait for their turn, complete and sign the forms, and fax them to the dependent's servicing personnel section so that the dependent could complete the paperwork and get their new IDs.

"That was the simple process," Yoder said. "If a member's situation was unusual in any way, it became more complicated, requiring greater effort on behalf of the member and personnel office."

For example, one member had to fax initial forms to his ex-wife so that she could get proof that their son was attending college as a full-time student. She then faxed the documents back, and the member had to go to the personnel section, finish the paperwork and fax the personnel list

to the servicing section for ID card completion.

"This process is very manually intensive and it could take several days to complete, during which time, the dependent would be without active benefits or a valid ID card," Yoder said.

The new RAPIDS Self-Service process is designed to update DEERS records and renew or reissue ID cards only, Yoder said. Initial DEERS enrollment and ID card issuance requires the member's presence. In addition to DEERS and ID card actions, members can access the RAPIDS Self-Service portal to add or change an email address for signature and email encryption certificates, download certain applications, view and update contact information and more.

For additional information about personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

BMT HONORS

Congratulations to the following 68 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 693 Air Force basic military trainees graduating today:

320th Training Squadron**Flight 683**

Jamie Brown
Flight 684
 Hunter Granderson
 Kyle Kennedy
 Thomas Limpert
 Rafael Lopez
 Seth Mitchell
 John New
 Eric Tumblin

321st Training Squadron**Flight 685**

Dominic Davila
 Robert-John Jubinsky
Flight 686
 Nicholas Colonna
 Steven Halterman
 Ulrick Swigart
 Jeffrey Tripp

Caleb Wallace

322nd Training Squadron**Flight 687**

Gregory Albanesius Jr.
 David Lucas
 Anthony Pratl
 Jeffrey Spencer
Flight 688
 Patrick Green
 Byron Howard
 Steven McCarthy

323rd Training Squadron**Flight 691**

Karl Burghart
 James Griffin
 Patrick Harris
 Cameron Hayworth
 Craig Larimer
 Brett Libsack
 Austin Louque
 Eric McComb
 Anthony Miramontes
 Victor Rohr
 Ross Wehrle
Flight 692
 Rebeca Hamoy

Tamara Mobley
 Ashley Santos
 Emily Wheaton

326th Training Squadron**Flight 679**

Kevin Edwards
 Taylor Kemp
 Gregory Nelson II
 Thomas Sierra

Flight 680

Joanna Adams
 Amanda Ratcliff

Flight 689

Jason Murray
 Kendall Nuss
 William Ownby
 James Protsman
 Jacob Vallejo

Flight 690

James Bresnahan
 Gavin Coulson
 Zachary Elliott
 David Johnson
 Jacob Lassiter
 Preston LeBlanc
 Shane Magada
 Collin Mortensen

331st Training Squadron**Flight 681**

Aaron Grubbs
 Garrett Hart
 Corey Havis
 Nathan Hillin
 Kyle Melnick
 Aaron Perkinson
 Charles Platt
 Bradley Sharp
 Jason Thompson

Flight 682

Megan Carlson
 Delina Garguilo
 Senaida Muric

Top BMT Airman

Steven McCarthy,
 322nd TRS, Flight 688

Most Physically Fit**Male Airmen**

Ian Di Mino,
 326th TRS, Flight 689
 Miles Brickell,
 331st TRS, Flight 681
 Trenten Collins,
 320th TRS, Flight 684

Riley Swearingen,
 321st TRS, Flight 686

Female Airmen

Rosa Gradilla-Viayra,
 323rd TRS, Flight 692
 Tamara Mobley,
 323rd TRS, Flight 692
 Alexis Miguel,
 323rd TRS, Flight 692
 Emily Guthrie,
 331st TRS, Flight 682

Male Flights

323rd TRS, Flight 691
 326th TRS, Flight 689
 320th TRS, Flight 684

Female Flights

323rd TRS, Flight 692
 326th TRS, Flight 680
 331st TRS, Flight 682

Top Academic Flights

323rd TRS, Flight 691
 320th TRS, Flight 684
 331st TRS, Flight 681
 326th TRS, Flight 689

Fall back to safety on road, in home

By Tech. Sgt. Hilary Chadwick
JBSA-Lackland Safety Office

Often considered as a chance to get an extra hour of sleep, there are also safety issues that come along with the change from daylight saving time to standard time on the first Sunday of November.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, about 1.6 billion people will turn their clocks back an hour, marking the end of daylight saving time. The U.S. does not require states to observe daylight time, but federal law specifies that daylight time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday of March until 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November in areas that do not specifically exempt themselves.

Daylight saving time is observed throughout the U.S. with the exception of Arizona, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Carnegie Mellon University scientists conducted a seven-year study which revealed that during the weeks following the return to standard time, pedestrian deaths soar at 6 p.m. Pedestrians are three times more likely to be hit and killed by cars after the switch than in the month prior.

During this time, the risk of being killed by a car rises by nearly 200 percent for every mile walked, according to the study.

More deer are struck by cars after the time change. Deer movement peaks at dawn and dusk, and many more drivers are on the road at these times after the time shift. Deer usually move in family units arranged in a single file. If a deer is crossing the road, more are close behind.

Setting the clock back an hour is also a good time to consider home safety.

Change smoke detector batteries in



the home. A working smoke detector more than doubles the chances of surviving a home fire. It is estimated that more than one-third of all smoke detectors in the home have dead or

missing batteries.

With a few precautions and a little extra vigilance, the end to daylight time need not be a dangerous time of year.

Missing for 46 years, Air Commando finally laid to rest



Courtesy photo

Photos by Steve Elliott

An Air Commando who died when his C-123 flare ship was shot down over Ahn Khe, Vietnam, was laid to rest Friday at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The 310th Air Commando Squadron loadmaster, Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall, 24, was killed when his plane was hit by enemy fire and crashed into the central highlands, May 18, 1966. Until recently, Wall was listed as Missing in Action.

By Capt. Kristen D. Duncan
Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs

An Air Commando who died when his C-123 flare ship was shot down over Ahn Khe, Vietnam, was laid to rest Oct. 26 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

The 310th Air Commando Squadron loadmaster, Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall, 24, was killed when his plane was hit by enemy fire and crashed into the central highlands, in Vietnam, May 18, 1966. Until recently Wall, who was one of five crew members, was listed as Missing in Action.

In an intense recovery operation, three of the other airmen's remains were recovered shortly after the crash by soldiers of the U.S. Army 7th Cavalry Regiment. The flight engineer, Bill Moore, remains missing.

"I thought there was a possibility Jerry and Bill were still alive," said retired Senior Master Sgt. Gary Thomas, a volunteer with Wall's unit. "That situation stuck with me for my whole life."

That situation involved a small, tight-knit group of aircrew volunteers from various backgrounds. Thomas, a first sergeant with the 14th Munitions and Maintenance Squadron, spent a few months with Wall, who trained him and several others as "flare kickers" loading the approximately 200 27-pound flares.

"Jerry was so cool and calm, he was one heck of a guy," Thomas said. "He had already been into battle and was highly trained. When I first trained with him, it really shocked me to go into battle, and when he started going over how those flares could blow up and kill us. There's a lot of heroism in the 310th Air Commandos."

The night of the fateful crash, Thomas was scheduled to fly, but was sidelined due to an ear infection. The lead scheduler, Master Sgt. Raymond C. Jajtner, took his place.

Thomas said everyone knew the danger of flying those missions, loaded with highly flammable magnesium flares. Wall's flight was hit with a 40 mm round, according to witness statements.

"When you're in combat and when you make friends, even if it's for a very

short time, it's a real brotherhood," Thomas said. "It never goes away."

Air Commandos provided combat air patrol and airlift to the soldiers, delivering ammo, food, supplies and troops.

They also flew out wounded and killed in action GI's, as well as prisoners, but one of the most harrowing jobs was the "candlestick" mission. During those missions, loadmasters and flare kickers would load, unload and drop hundreds of flares from the skies over southern Vietnam, illuminating the enemy.

"It was a firefight, the Vietcong loved to attack," he said. "We had B-52s dropping bombs right outside our wings, ground artillery coming up, everybody is unloading. It got to be like the 4th of July, but of course, you were scared."

According to the Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office, since 1973, the remains of more than 900 Americans killed in the Vietnam War have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command conducted an investigation mission in June 2007 and identified a site that was recommended for recovery. In March 2011 and March 2012, JPAC conducted recovery operations at the site and recovered human remains and material evidence at the site, according to the press release.

For more than a decade the United States has conducted joint field activities with the governments of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia to recover the remains of missing Americans, according to their website.

Throughout those countries, teams continue to investigate crash and burial sites, as well as interview locals to gain additional knowledge. Today, more than 1,600 Americans remain unaccounted for from the conflict.

"I'm so grateful and very proud of my nation that persevered for so long in searching for my father's remains," said Lea Ann Wall McCann. "It's been a long journey home."

Thomas and several of Wall's family members greeted the flag-draped casket in San Antonio Oct. 24, aboard American Airlines Flight 497.



Members of the San Antonio Chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders line the road at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery to honor the return of the remains of Airman 1st Class Jerry Mack Wall, who was laid to rest Oct. 26. Wall, a 310th Air Commando Squadron loadmaster was killed at the age of 24 when his plane was hit by enemy fire and crashed, May 18, 1966. Until recently, Wall was listed as Missing in Action.

Passengers on the plane watched from their windows as the fire department honored the flight with a water cannon salute and as the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Honor Guard carried Wall's remains to a waiting hearse.

"Everyone involved in making this happen has been wonderful to our family, from the sergeant who escorted his body to San Antonio, to the Veteran's Affairs and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, to the color guard," McCann said.



San Antonio celebrates America's Armed Forces

Celebrate America's Military is an annual series of events honoring the active-duty military, the Guard and Reserve, wounded warriors and veterans for their service to the nation.

Nov. 2

Association of the U.S. Army Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Arthur Emerson, Texas Military Preparedness Commissioner, Sam Houston Community Center.

Nov. 3

Saluting America's Heroes – 2:30–8:30 p.m., Texas A&M University-San Antonio Main Campus. Displays, exhibits, military enlistment ceremony, benefits fair and more.

San Antonio Spurs CAM Game Night – 7:30 p.m., AT&T Center. Opponent is the Utah Jazz. Game ticket required.

Nov. 4

Tops in Blue Concert – 4 p.m., Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University. Event is free and open to the public.

Concert at the Quadrangle – 5 p.m., Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle, 1400 E. Grayson St., with the 323rd

Army Band "Fort Sam's Own." The Grayson Street pedestrian gate will be open at 3:30 p.m. Event is free and open to the public.

SeaWorld Military Family Day – During regular park hours.

Nov. 5

CAM Birdies for the Brave Golf Tournament – 9:30 a.m. registration and noon shotgun start at TPC San Antonio, JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway.

Nov. 6

Employer Support for Guard & Reserve "Salute to Employers Awards Luncheon" – Noon at Doubletree Hotel Downtown, 502 West Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, commander of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

Nov. 7

Air Force Association Combat Breakfast – 7 p.m., Kendrick Enlisted Club at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Guest speaker is Lt. Gen Douglas Owens, vice commander, Air Education and Training Command.

Welcome Home, Vietnam Vets – 4 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston Staff Post Parade Field with Vietnam Veteran reception following at the Quadrangle. Open to the public.

Nov. 8

Spirit of America Dinner – 6:15 p.m. cocktails and 7 p.m. dinner at Grand Hyatt Hotel, 600 E. Market St. Guest speaker is Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command. By invitation only. Online registration required at <http://www.CelebrateAmericasMilitary.com> or call 210-229-2119.

Nov. 9

Salute to Fisher House Gala – 6 p.m. cocktails and 7:30 p.m. dinner and program at JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway. Registration is required. Call 240-559-2470 for information.

Nov. 10

Veterans Parade and Wreath-Laying Ceremony – 10:30 a.m. ceremony and parade at noon at Alamo Plaza. Open to the public.

UTSA Military Day Football Game – 4 p.m. at Alamodome, 100 Montana St. The NCAA

football game features the UTSA Roadrunners hosting the McNeese State Cowboys. Ticket purchase required. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Nov. 11

San Antonio Rock n' Roll Full, Half, and Mini Marathons – 7:30 a.m. start time in downtown San Antonio near the intersection of South Alamo Street and East Market Street. There is a \$15 registration discount for military members who use the code MILITARY2012. For more information, visit the website at <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/san-antonio>.

Veterans Day Ceremonies – 9:30 a.m. musical prelude is followed by a 10 a.m. program at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., the event is open to the public.

Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony – 1:30 p.m. at the San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St. The event is open to the public.

Veterans Day Concert 'Salute to Service' – 7 p.m. at the historic Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St., with the San Antonio Symphony and Air Force Band of the West. Tickets required.



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**VETERANS DAY CONCERT:
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**Sunday, November 11, 2012, 7:00 pm
Majestic Theatre**

This FREE concert will feature selections from
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MWR Office and at the Lackland & Randolph AFB ITT office.

Call (210) 554-1010 or visit sasymphony.org  

LOCAL BRIEFS

FLEA MARKET AT WARHAWK

A flea market is Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Warhawk Fitness Center parking lot.

Vendor spots are available for \$10 or \$15 with a table.

For additional information, call the Skylark Community Center at 210-671-2021.

HYPERTENSION EDUCATION CLASS

A hypertension education class is Monday, 12:45-3:30 p.m., at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgery Center.

The class is open to anyone interested in learning more about hypertension.

Contact the Family Health Clinic at 210-292-3576 for additional information.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT WHASC

The flu vaccine is available at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center Immunizations Clinic for active-duty personnel. Active-duty members are required to receive the vaccine by Nov. 21.

Flu shots are also available to all Department of Defense beneficiaries

at the WHASC atrium. Flu shots will be administered Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and active-duty members will have priority. Patients with booked appointments may receive the vaccine from their primary care manager.

The immunization clinic's Mobile Flu Unit will also administer the vaccine at active-duty job locations across the base. Dates, times and locations are forthcoming. For additional information, call 210-292-4278.

PROGRAM SEEKS PATIENTS

The Air Force Post-Graduate Dental School Department of Periodontics at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland seeks additional patients with specific needs for treatment in its periodontics residency program. Applicants must be a military retiree or family member, or an active-duty family member and recently to have been determined by a dentist to have an existing periodontal condition.

Eligible applicants need a written consultation from their referring dentist; patients will be selected based on the program's needs. The Department of Periodontics provides

treatment of the gums and bone support of the teeth, along with dental implants; it does not schedule appointments for fillings, braces, crowns, or bridgework.

The consultation can be faxed to periodontics at 210-292-6431 or taken to the Air Force Post-Graduate Dental School, 2133 Pepperrell St., during normal business hours.

For additional information, call 210-292-7271.

BICYCLE HELMETS REQUIRED

All persons who ride a bicycle, tricycle, motor drive bicycle, or operate non-motorized transportation such as skateboards, kick-scooters, and roller skates on an Air Force installation are required by Air Force Instruction 91-207 to wear a properly fastened and approved bicycle helmet.

During hours of darkness, riders are required to wear retro-reflective vest jacket or outer garment containing retro-reflective material. In addition, bicycles should be equipped with a white front light (not a reflector) visible for 500 feet and red rear reflector or light visible from the rear of the bicycle from a distance of 300 feet.

For additional safety information, contact the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Safety Office at 210-671-5028.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINING

Active-duty family members, and retirees and their immediate dependents are authorized to have dinner Thanksgiving Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Lackland Training Annex Dining Facility, Bldg. 124.

Meal prices are a la carte and required reservations are due by Nov. 16.

For reservations or additional information, call Sylvia Terrell at 210-671-2009/3866.

DROP-IN DENTAL SCREENINGS

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Pediatric Dental Department will offer dental screenings for children of active-duty members and retirees Nov. 13, 8-10 a.m., at the Dunn Dental Clinic. No appointment is necessary.

Children under 13 years of age will receive a dental screening exam, an assessment of the child's dental condition, and appropriate treatment recommendations or alternatives.

Parents should bring a copy of

the child's treatment plan or referral letter from their private dentist.

For additional information, call 210-671-9836.

THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE

The Lackland Thrift Shop's monthly INside and OUTside bag sale is Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Operated by the Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club, The thrift shop is located in the One Stop Facility, Bldg. 5460, on the corner of Walker and Selfridge Avenues.

For additional information, call 210-671-3608 or visit <http://www.lacklandosc.org>. Proceeds from all sales benefit scholarships for military dependents and military-connected organizations at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

QUARTERLY COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Family Housing quarterly community-wide yard sale is Dec. 1, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There is no sign up for the event, and housing residents may set up at their individual homes.

For additional information, email Claudia Moreno at CMoreno@bbcgrp or call 210-674-9366.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Christian

Catholic

Monday-Friday:

Freedom Chapel

Daily Eucharist, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday:

Freedom Chapel

Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation after Eucharist

Sunday:

Freedom Chapel

Religious Ed., 9 a.m.

Eucharist, 11 a.m.

Orthodox

Reader's Service

Sunday:

Airmen Memorial Chapel

(Classroom)

8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Protestant

Saturday:

Gateway Chapel

Seventh-Day Adventist

Service, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Airmen Memorial Chapel

Liturgical Service, 8 a.m.

Freedom Chapel

Contemporary Service,

9:30 a.m.

Gospel Service,

12:30 p.m.

Children's Church provided

Religious Ed., 11 a.m.

Wednesday and Thursday:

Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Protestant family Sunday school, a one-hour youth and adult Christian Bible study, every Sunday at Freedom Chapel, 11 a.m. For details contact Freedom Chapel at 671-4208.

Sunday:

Hope Chapel

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8-10 a.m.

Islamic

Friday:

Global Ministry Center,

Bldg. 7452

Jummah Prayer,

12:45-1:45 p.m.

Sunday:

Religious Ed., 9-11 a.m.

Jewish

Friday:

Airmen Memorial Chapel

Sabbath Eve Service, 4 p.m.

Sunday:

Religious Ed., 12:30 p.m.

Wicca

1st Tuesday of each month:

Freedom Chapel

Room 8, San Antonio Military

Open Circle, 6 p.m.

Sunday:

Arnold Hall, Bldg. 5506

12:30-2:30 p.m.

Buddhist

Sunday:

BMT Reception Center

Bldg. 7246, 2nd Floor

10 a.m. to noon.

Eckankar

Every first, third,

fifth Saturday:

Gateway Chapel

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Baha'i

Every first, third,

fifth Sunday:

Gateway Chapel

11 a.m. to noon

Church of Christ

Sunday:

BMT Reception Center,

Bldg. 7246, 2nd Floor

7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Christian Science

Sunday:

BMT Processing Center,

Bldg. 5725, 1st Floor

7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

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KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

Air Force Aid Society	671-3722
Airman & Family Readiness Center	671-3722
Airman's Attic	671-1780
Base Post Office	671-1058
Bowling Center	671-2271
DEERS	800-538-9552
Exceptional Family Member Program	671-3722
Family Child Care	671-3376
Legal Office	671-3362
Library	671-3610
Medical Appointment Line	916-9900
MPF ID Cards	671-6006
Outdoor Recreation	925-5532
TRICARE Info	800-444-5445
Thrift Shop	671-3608

Enlisted Spouses' Club	http://www.lacklandesc.org
Force Support Squadron	http://www.lacklandfss.com
ISD	http://www.lacklandisd.net
Officers' Spouses' Club	http://www.lacklandosc.org
Public website	http://www.jbsa.af.mil
My Air Force Life	http://www.MyAirForceLife.com

For more details, contact Freedom Chapel - 671-4208 • Gateway Chapel - 671-2911 • Hope Chapel - 671-2941

What's Happening

Family Support Events

NOV. 2

BMT FAMILY SEMINAR

The Air Force Basic Military Training Family Seminar is today at noon in the BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246.

The seminar provides information on the Air Force and its benefits to family members of graduating Airmen.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

COUPON SAVERS MEETING

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Scissor Savers coupon group will meet today, 1-3 p.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For additional information, email LAFBscissorsavers@gmail.com.

NOV. 5

FAMILY READINESS BRIEFING

A mandatory family readiness briefing for personnel who are deploying

is Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The briefing is for personnel who are deploying longer than 30 days, or who are going on remote assignments.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

RETURN, REUNION SEMINAR

A return and reunion seminar is Monday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The seminar is an informal forum for family members who wish to talk about their individual experiences and the stress caused by deployment-related separations.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

NOV. 6

AMVET REPRESENTATIVE

An American Veterans national service officer is available by appointment only to help with disability

Monthly Meetings

ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Enlisted Spouses' Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.lacklandesc.org.

OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club meets monthly. For dates and times, or more information, visit www.lacklandosc.org.

MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Military Council of Catholic Women meets the first Friday of the month, 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Chapel. For information, call 210-671-4208.

On the web www.lacklandfss.com

claims Tuesday, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

To schedule an appointment, call 210-699-5087.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR

A "How to Apply for Federal Employment" seminar is Tuesday, 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The class is a review of the civilian hiring process, including Office of Personnel Management guidance and terminology. Instruction includes navigating through <http://www.usajobs.com>, and tips for writing a federal resume, searching and

applying for jobs, using Application Manager, and checking the status and rating process.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

NOV. 7

FIRST DUTY STATION CLASS

A mandatory officer's first duty station personal finance management class is Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

VA CLAIMS PROCESS

A Veterans Administration representative will discuss the VA claim process in a workshop Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The class will cover VA benefits, how to fill out VA forms, the Power of Attorney process, and the VA claim processing time frame.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

HEARTS APART MEETING

A Hearts Apart meeting for family

members of deployed Airmen is Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The group meets once a month to socialize and receive up-to-date base community information.

For additional information, call 210-671-3722.

PERFORMING ARTS GROUP MEETING

The Lackland Performing Arts Group meets Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center. "Expressions," an open microphone forum, follows the meeting from 7-9 p.m.

For additional information, call 210-671-2619 or 210-671-2352.

AWANA CLUBS MEETING

Awana Clubs, a Bible-based children and youth ministry offering games and challenges, meets Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., at Freedom Chapel.

For more details about Awana Clubs, contact Freedom Chapel at 210-671-4208.



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

59th Dental Group wide receiver Aaron Johnson attempts to break away from 688th Information Operations Wing defenders with assistance from teammate Michael Smith.

59th DG numbs another opponent

Group forces 4 interceptions in first half of 38-0 rout

By Jose T. Garza III
Sports Editor

The 59th Dental Group forced four interceptions off 688th Information Operations Wing quarterback Turner Phillips to attain a 38-0 victory Tuesday.

Dental improves to 6-0 in National League flag football play.

With the defense setting the tone early, quarterback Ricky Guajardo didn't have to make much of a presence on the field.

Guajardo needed only eight plays during Dental's first drive to complete his first touchdown to cornerback/wide receiver John Grey for an early 6-0 score.

After Dental's early touchdown drive, its defense's impact was felt.

Grey made the first interception after four plays during 688th's first drive.

Dental went back to work on offense, but it didn't take a lot of time for them to score again. Guajardo found Grey for another touchdown, before connecting with him again on the one-point conversion and a 13-0 lead.

The 688th IOW offense tried to get back out on the field and narrow the 13-point deficit, but was sent back to the sidelines after one play – twice.

Grey and Aaron Johnson had back-to-back interceptions on IOW's first play the next two drives.

Guajardo and wide receiver Brandis

Dixon scored on ensuing plays after both interceptions.

It didn't take long for the defense to strike again as safety Michael Smith forced IOW's fourth interception of the first half. The interception led to a three-play drive, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown reception by wide receiver Levon Harrison.

As has been common throughout the season, Dental's early routs of its opposition have proven to be all she wrote.

"We try to capitalize on every possession just like last year," Grey said. "It's all about communicating amongst each other.

"Today, everybody was on point, and we clicked on all cylinders."

Harrison, who calls the defense "stingy" for not wanting to give up points, said the early routs allow every member of the Dental roster to get a morsel-sized amount of playing time.

"The faster we get ahead, the faster we can get everybody in to play," he said. "Our defense is stingy because we don't like giving up points."

While the team is competing against its opposition, Harrison said they are also competing among themselves to determine who can get the most interceptions. His teammates agree.

"Just for fun, we like to be competitive amongst ourselves," Grey said. "Trying to get interceptions allows us to stay on our toes on defense."

UPCOMING

ADULT SOCCER CLUB

Military and civilian personnel, all levels and ages, are welcome to participate in an adult casual soccer club Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. behind the Defense Language Institute English Language Center.

Physical training uniform is authorized. Cleats, shin guards, and eye protection is also recommended.

Contact Lt. Col. Mark Strahan at 210-286-5968 for more details.

GRIDLOCKS GUESTS

If you wish to test your NFL knowledge against our team of prognosticators in a future edition of GRIDlocks, contact *Talespinner* sports editor Jose T. Garza III at 210-671-0478 or email talespinnerports@gmail.com for more details.

Spotlight shines on JBSA-Lackland stage

Annual bodybuilding classic takes place Nov. 10

By Jose T. Garza III
Sports Editor

November is here and it means it's the time of month where an individual's year of hard work pays off during the 32nd annual Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Bodybuilding Classic Nov. 10. The finals start at 6:30 p.m. with prejudging at 8 a.m. Both events take place at the Bob Hope Performing Arts Theater.

Approximately 100 men and women will have the spotlight on them while they perform various poses and demonstrate their talents in several categories ranging from novice to open.

JBSA-Lackland Fitness and Sports Director Dwayne Reed is looking forward to the annual event, which will feature International Federation of Body Building and Fitness

competitor Branden Ray as a guest poser. Ray will sign autographs and talk about nutrition with attendees during the event.

"This will be my fifth year coordinating the event," Reed said. "Each year, it goes pretty good, and I'm excited to see everyone's hard work pay off by competing in this annual event."

Reed said no changes have been made on how the event is presented this year. He said he wants to keep the uniqueness of the event.

"People know what to expect when they come to the JBSA-Lackland Bodybuilding Classic," Reed said. "It's on a military installation and prices are lower than what they would pay outside of base."

"I feel attendees of this event like the military atmosphere and that is what I try to give them every year."

Tickets are on sale at the JBSA-Lackland Health and Wellness Center, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 to attend the prejudging portion of the event and \$15 to attend the finals.

Participants can sign up at <http://www.ThompsonMuscleContest.com>. A link is provided with the registration form to sign up for the event.

Body builders may also register at any of the six fitness centers located on base. Registration takes place up until the day of the event. However, there will be a late registration fee of \$50 after Nov. 2.

Reed said bodybuilders can utilize the event as a precursor for competitions they may participate in the future.

"If they are looking for a bigger, better show, they can use my show as a stepping stone to get ready for next year," he said.

"I cannot believe I am doing this again, but I will go with the Dallas Cowboys just this one LAST time. They will end the Atlanta Falcons' winning streak. If they don't win, I think it will be time to look for a new quarterback."

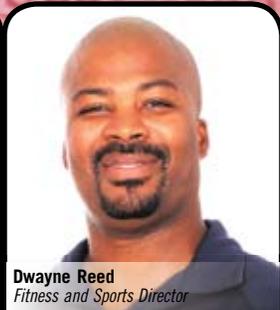
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Detroit at Jacksonville, Sun	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Jacksonville	Detroit
Miami at Indianapolis, Sun	Indianapolis	Miami	Miami	Indianapolis	Miami
Baltimore at Cleveland, Sun	Baltimore	Cleveland	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
Chicago at Tennessee, Sun	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Carolina at Washington, Sun	Carolina	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Arizona at Green Bay, Sun	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Minnesota at Seattle, Sun	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Minnesota	Seattle
Buffalo at Houston, Sun	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Denver at Cincinnati, Sun	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Tampa Bay at Oakland, Sun	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Oakland	Oakland	Tampa Bay
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, Sun	N.Y. Giants	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	N.Y. Giants
Dallas at Atlanta, Sun	Dallas	Atlanta	Dallas	Dallas	Atlanta
Philadelphia at New Orleans, Mon	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
	OVERALL: 64-46 (.582)	OVERALL: 66-44 (.600)	OVERALL: 62-48 (.564)	OVERALL: 63-47 (.573)	

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