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New U.S. Army South commanding general works on strengthening partnerships in Honduras

By Robert R. Ramon
 ARSOUTH Public Affairs

On his first trip to the Central American region since taking command, Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim, U.S. Army South commanding general, traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, from Oct. 3 to 5.

While there, he visited with the U.S. ambassador, met with Army South Soldiers and had discussions with key leaders in the Honduran military.

The visit coincided with U.S. Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta's visit to South America and is in line with what Panetta stated is the U.S. goal for the Western Hemisphere – to help nations in the region develop military capabilities and provide for their security.

Rudesheim first met with U.S. Ambassador to Honduras

Lisa Kubiske.

"I absolutely needed to visit the ambassador so I could understand and have a better appreciation for the support we provide to her country team and to our partners in Honduras," Rudesheim said.

Rudesheim also met with Army South's 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment Soldiers and other leaders assigned to Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras that support Joint Task Force-Bravo.

"I got a chance to meet those Soldiers that wear the Army South patch," Rudesheim said.

The 1-228th not only supports JTF-Bravo, but as the only forward-deployed U.S. aviation unit in the region, it has the mission to execute aviation operations to facilitate U.S. Southern Command's

strategy of engagement and security in the region.

JTF-Bravo is a task force under SOUTHCOM that operates a forward air base in Honduras and organizes multilateral exercises and operations, in cooperation with the host nation and regional partner nations in counter narcoterrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and building and sustaining partner capacities to promote regional cooperation and security in the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.

In the last two years, the 1-228th, working with JTF-Bravo, supported 18 medical readiness exercises that treated more than 47,000 patients throughout Central America.

In addition, the battalion

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Photo by Robert R. Ramon

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (right), U.S. Army South commanding general, visits with Brig. Gen. Freddy Santiago Diaz Zelaya, the Honduran army commander, at the Honduran army headquarters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Oct. 4.

Brooke Army Medical Center accredited by The Joint Commission

Brooke Army Medical Center, which includes San Antonio Military Medical Center and its outlying clinics, has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for accreditation.

They achieved this by demonstrating compliance with The



Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in hospitals.

BAMC facilities underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey in July 2012.

A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated SAMMC and the outlying clinics for compliance

with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, SAMMC has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients," said Mark Pelletier, executive director, Hospital Programs, Accredita-

tion and Certification Services, The Joint Commission.

"Accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend SAMMC for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

The Joint Commission's hospital standards address important functions relating

to the care of patients and the management of hospitals. The standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.

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A tribute to Delta Raiders: valorous warriors from Vietnam War will never be forgotten

By **Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke**
 Commanding general, Mission and Installation Contracting Command

I paid tribute to the fallen Soldiers of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division in a twilight memorial service Oct. 5 in the quiet heartlands of Lockhart, Texas.

Known as the Delta Raiders, the service honored their 54 fallen Soldiers; all American heroes from a forgotten war.

I was accompanied by Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, and five Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Soldiers, including Staff Sgt. Luke Jefferson from the 323rd Army Band who played "Taps" during the ceremony, Staff Sgt. Brandon Carroll and Sgt. 1st Class Oswald Pascal of the



Photo by Ben Gonzales

Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke talks to members of the 101st Airborne Delta Raiders who served during the Vietnam War at an Oct. 5 memorial service in Lockhart, Texas, honoring the 54 Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Vollmecke is commanding general of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

412th Contracting Support Brigade, along with Sgts. 1st Class Lamine Fall and Marcos Madrazo of the 410th Contracting Support Brigade, who presented the colors.

The seven of us stood among the ranks of those still living with many of their spouses, and we walked away with a renewed spirit and newly discovered friends;

generations of Soldiers connected from love of soldiering and common pain of war.

We listened to their individual stories and discovered the connection that so few would understand. From these stories comes a calling and commitment to never forget.

This year marks the 50th anniversary since the beginning of the Vietnam War.

It is now our call to action to honor these men and all those who fought, served and died during the Vietnam War. We must embrace each of them and welcome them home in a way to heal their pain and quiet their suffering over the many decades.

I ask all Americans to pause, reflect and honor units like this, and never

forget those who have fallen or served.

Please send notes and emails to amount@deltaraiders.com thanking this forgotten unit and others for their deeds and kindled spirit. It is through this gesture that we renew our nation's strength and love as Americans.

For us, this memorial service is etched in our hearts and minds.

We are deeply honored to have met the men and spouses of the Delta Raiders. We few gained so much in one night of kinship, admiration and respect that will endure the test of time.

Their stories must be told now as this nation and our military struggle with the challenges of more than a decade of war.

With common purpose and understanding, we learn and stand together with the Delta Raiders, fallen and still alive, with the sacred pledge to never forget.

Engineers to save bigger bucks on AC, lighting

By **Tech. Sgt. Kelly White**
 Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph
 Public Affairs

In today's culture of cost-consciousness, the onus for frugal spending of taxpayer dollars must be the priority for every uniformed and civilian member of Air Education and Training Command, throughout the Air Force, all the way to the top of the Department of Defense.

At Joint Base San Antonio, there's an energy team committed to reducing energy consumption and operating costs – and doing so in ways that result in zero perceived impact on its mission or personnel.



"Our long-term JBSA energy plan includes a blend of technologies that will lower monthly utility bills and increase our maintenance budget for energy-related equipment," said Ruben Ramos, 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron energy manager.

The plan is called demand side management. "Large electric utility customers such as JBSA

pay a unit cost for each KWh consumed, and a demand charge which is the rate at which those KWh are consumed," Ramos explained.

"Utility companies must meet the total peak demand of all customers at all times. If they can't meet customer demand, they either buy additional capacity or curtail customers' use via rolling blackouts."

JBSA's electricity provider, CPS Energy, offers its Demand Response Program.

"Under this program, if JBSA can reduce the rate at which it uses energy during critical periods, specifically noon - 7 p.m. daily, June through September, the utility pays JBSA," Ramos said.

"It's cheaper for the utility to reward its own customer than to activate an additional generating plant or buy supplementary capacity on the open market.

"Air conditioning is the most expensive electrical load at Randolph, as well as the other JBSA locations," Ramos added. "The 902nd CES has

systematically cycled air-conditioning system components on and off to reduce the total demand during cooling seasons.

"Since 2010, these 'events' have occurred at Randolph up to 25 times, providing CPS with 200-400KW, lasting from 3 to 6 p.m., as needed."

JBSA-Randolph's reward has totaled about \$73,000 over the last three years, and the JBSA Energy Team intends to expand this strategy across all its locations, turning the 300KW from JBSA-Randolph alone into 10 to 12 megawatts collectively.

To achieve this, the JBSA energy team and CPS will seek financial means to put thermal

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Flu Shots Available On, Off Post

Seasonal influenza vaccines are offered at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, for Department of Defense beneficiaries 5 years and older from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 and 31, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, 21 and 28. Vaccines for DOD beneficiaries 18 years and older are administered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16. Retirees can get the vaccine at the Army Medical Department Center and School from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 3. Beneficiaries can also get the vaccine at no cost at one of 45,000 network pharmacies that administer vaccines to TRICARE beneficiaries. Find a participating pharmacy at <http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare/pharmacy>, or by calling Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303.

DLA Disposition Services Site Closed For Training

DLA Disposition Services, Field Activity at San Antonio will be closed Oct. 19 to prepare for a systems upgrade and will reopen Oct. 22, as training continues and the computer system is deployed. The organization is replacing its legacy computer system known as "DAISY" with its Reutilization Business Integration solution. RBI is expected to provide real-time asset visibility throughout the Defense Logistics Agency supply chain. There is little or no delay between when data is entered and when it is available to other users. Items available for reutilization, transfer, donation and sales will also have increased visibility. For more information, call 221-3306 or click on <http://www.dispositionservices.dla.mil/>.

Free Tops in Blue Tickets Available

Joint Base San Antonio is scheduled to feature a free Tops in Blue show 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Laurie Auditorium on the Trinity University campus, 715 Stadium Drive. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, but patrons must have a ticket to get in. Tickets will be available starting Tuesday and can be picked up at the Randolph Community Services Mall, Building 895; Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road; and Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel Office, Building 5506.

CAM Combat Breakfast

The Alamo Chapter Air Force Association, Air Force Recruiting Service and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce are

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Unique headquarters company inactivates after decade of service

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
ARNORTH Public Affairs

From a small patio near the post's horse stables, leaders, comrades and loved ones said a fond farewell to a headquarters company that had overseen the base's Military Honors and Caisson platoons for a decade.

Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, Army Support Activity, inactivated Oct. 2 after 10 years of service following a quiet ceremony.

The unique headquarters company, under different organizations, has been a part of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston since 1962. The company was placed under the Special

Troops Battalion, U.S. Army Garrison, in 2002.

"I knew this day was coming," said Capt. James Blevins, company commander, HHC, ASA. "I am happy that 1st Sgt. Anthony Walls will remain with the unit to give it continuity even though I am leaving."

Walls has since assumed duties as first sergeant for Headquar-

ters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, which now is responsible for some of the former unit's missions.

As part of the restructuring on the installation, the STB was deactivated in 2006 and the company fell directly under the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, said Joseph Leblond, ASA executive officer.

"Four years later, as

part of the base realignment and closure commission, the company was transferred to the Army Support Activity under the 502nd Mission Support Group," Leblond said.

"However, since the company had an 'Army-specific' mission, it was decided that it should remain with the Army."

Elements of the company, now part of Army North, have the important mission of continuing to provide military funeral honors in the south Texas region as well as providing ceremonial support to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and the greater San Antonio military community.



Capt. James Blevins, company commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Support Activity, and 1st Sgt. Anthony Walls, case the company guidon during an inactivation ceremony held Oct. 2 as Frank Blakely, ASA manager, looks on. The Military Honors Platoon, which provides military funeral honors in the south Texas region and ceremonial support to JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and the greater San Antonio military community, is now part of Army North's Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

(From left) Capt. James Blevins, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Support Activity, along with Frank Blakely, ASA manager; Spc. Anthony Cortinas, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North; Michael Mathews, deputy manager, ASA; and 1st Sgt. Anthony Walls inactivated HHC, ASA, after a decade of service Oct. 2.

Combined Federal Campaign finds donors in a giving spirit

By Mike Joseph
JBSA-Lackland Public Affairs

This year's annual Combined Federal Campaign has found Joint Base San Antonio and the city of San Antonio contributors to be in a giving mood.

Five weeks into the 2012 campaign, the

three JBSA locations combined have reached almost 40 percent of their \$4.6 million total goal. And city-wide, contributions from San Antonio federal employees are running \$251,000 ahead of last year's pace toward its \$5.5 million goal.

"The JBSA campaign

is going very well," said 1st Lt. Anthony Anderson, the JBSA campaign project officer. "We have seen donations coming in at a faster pace than last year, and we expect this to continue."

"I had high expectations when we kicked off the campaign Sept.

1, and those expectations have been exceeded," he said about the campaign, which continues through Dec. 15.

The CFC was created to shield federal employees from constant year-round solicitation

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FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS OPEN HOUSE FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Two-year-old Jonathan Flanders dances with Sparky the Fire Dog during the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Fire Prevention Open House Oct. 12. Sparky visited with the children, everyone enjoyed food, music by the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own," and fire safety demonstrations and giveaways.

Armando Fabela demonstrates how fire fighters dress for their job during the Fire Prevention Open House Oct. 12. The purpose was to show young children what a fire fighter looks like in their gear so if the child is in a fire, he or she will not be afraid of fire personnel.



Fire Inspector Joseph Miyaski shows children household fire dangers using props in the fire safety house during a Fire Prevention Open House.

**Photos by
Lori Newman**



Eleven-year-old Kenneth Flanders checks out one of the many items given to children during the open house.

ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMAND STAGES 'TURKEY BOWL'



(From left) Adrian Salinas, Randy Dayoc and Col. Mark Lee from the U.S. Army Environmental Command Red Team move in to make a tackle on ball carrier Phil Gust. USAEC members chose up sides last week and played in the annual "Turkey Bowl" game on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's Parade Field Oct. 11. In a classic defensive struggle, the Black Team defeated the Red Team, 42-24.

Kent "Hap" Gonser (left) moves in to block for Craig Ruzicki as U.S. Army Environmental Command employees played in the annual touch football "Turkey Bowl" game.



Photos by Bill Bradner

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hosting the Celebrate America's Military Combat Breakfast at 7 a.m. Nov. 7 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Kendrick Enlisted Club. Uniform for the event is Army Combat Uniform or Airman Battle Uniform for service members and business attire for civilians. Cost is \$10.95 per person and guests must RSVP by Oct. 25. Call 565-0567 for more information.

Federal Employees Health Benefits Fair

All Federal employees are invited to attend the upcoming 2012 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs. Representatives will be present to discuss different health care insurance options available to Federal employees. FEHB Open Season is from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10. The first fair is Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center, Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road. The second fair is Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, in the Medical Mall, adjacent to the pain clinic. For more information, Air Force Employees can call 808-0205 and Army Employees can call 221-9638. Federal employees can click on <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>.

Friday Night Jazz & Wine

Army Entertainment's "Friday Night Jazz & Wine" series returns at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater. Performers are American jazz, blues and funk saxophonist Ronnie Laws, Swiss-born smooth jazz pianist Alex Bugnon and special guest Jeffery Smith. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets and seating are available for \$35 in advance, plus services fee, or \$45 at the door. Visit <http://www.ArmyMWR.com> to purchase tickets in advance. For more information, call 466-2020. The event is open to authorized Department of Defense ID cardholders and their guests. Visitors may enter through either the Walters Gate off I-35 or the Harry Wurzbach Gate off Loop 410 and Harry Wurzbach Road. All vehicle occupants age 16 and older must show a valid photo ID to enter gates.

Air Force Reserve MTIs needed

The Air Force Reserve Command is looking for traditional Reservists

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Vice JCS chairman visits, honors wounded warriors in San Antonio

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

The nation's second highest ranking military officer honored two wounded warriors during a Purple Heart ceremony at the Warrior and Family Support Center Oct. 12.

During his visit, Navy Adm. James A. "Sandy" Winnefeld Jr., vice chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, also visited with

patients at the Center for the Intrepid and San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Army Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center and Southern Regional Medical Command, opened the Purple Heart ceremony followed by Winnefeld, who presented the medals and certificates.

"It is great to be back in Texas," Win-

nefeld said during the ceremony. "There is no place other than Texas that truly supports our Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines like the way they do here."

Winnefeld welcomed the Purple Heart recipients with words of praise for their courage, dedication and sacrifices they made to defend the nation. He also recognized and acknowledged the wounded warriors

whose injuries are not as visible.

"We are going to take care of them (wounded warriors) for many decades to come," Winnefeld said.

Sgt. Paul T. Roberts was assigned to Company D, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, serving as a water treatment specialist in Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device detonated, resulting

in his combat injuries Nov. 24, 2011.

Spc. Jason Smith, an infantryman, was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team when he stepped on a pressure plate improvised explosive device July 25 in Afghanistan, resulting in his combat injuries.

After the ceremony, Winnefeld visited with about 15 wounded warriors at the Center for the Intrepid, a state-of-the-art outpatient rehabilitation facility. He said he was impressed with the wounded warriors who were participating in sports with their leg brace called the Intrepid Dynamic Exoskeletal Orthosis, or IDEO.

"This is what I came to see – the IDEO in action," he said.

At the end of the visit, Winnefeld visited with patients at the medical center, giving them words of encouragement, praise and gratitude, and ensured them that they are getting the best medical care during their recovery.



Navy Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr. (center), vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pins the Purple Heart medal on Army Spc. Jason Smith during a ceremony at the Warrior and Family Support Center Oct. 12. Smith was injured July 25 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photos by Robert Shields
Navy Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pins the Purple Heart medal on Army Sgt. Paul Roberts during a ceremony at the Warrior and Family Support Oct. 12. Roberts was injured Nov. 24, 2011, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Army North Soldiers continue time-honored tradition

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
ARNORTH Public Affairs

A silent procession of Soldiers and horses make their way through the paths of the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Their fellow Soldiers stand at attention with their rifles at order arms, waiting.

The only sound is from the muffled hooves of the horses and the wheels of the caisson they are pulling.

The Soldiers, sitting ramrod straight on their

horses and marching next to the caisson, as well as the horses themselves, are conscious that this is no ordinary ride. They have the honor of carrying a fellow Soldier to his final place of rest.

The solemn dignity provided by these Soldiers during the ceremonies is no accident. They train constantly for this duty – they are the men and women assigned to the Military Funeral Honors platoon and the Caisson section of U.S. Army North.

"We provide military

funerals and honors for veterans and active-duty Soldiers," said Sgt. Titus Mathai, Military Funeral Honors Platoon, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North. "We are responsible for 58 counties in South Texas. On an average day, we conduct four to six funerals. On a heavy day, that can increase to six or eight."

There are different types of honors afforded

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Soldiers from the Caisson section arrive to receive the casket during an interment Sept. 10 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Four to six horses, harnessed in pairs, are used to pull a caisson. However, only the near or left-hand horses are ridden, so the rider has to control not only the horse he is riding but the one to the right of him – the "off horse."

42nd Celebrate America's Military schedule



Nov. 1

CAM Kickoff Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. registration, noon lunch. Guest speaker is Robin Lineberger, CEO, Deloitte Federal Government Services; San Antonio Exposition Hall at Freeman Coliseum, 3201 E. Houston St. Members, \$40 for individual, \$450 for table of eight; non-members: \$50, individual and \$550 for table of eight. Registration required.

Senior NCO Salute – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Chamber reception at San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Performance by the 323rd Army Band “Fort Sam’s Own.” Free and open to public.

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 to 8:30 p.m., Texas A&M University-San Antonio Main Campus, 1 University Way. Displays, exhibits, military enlistment ceremony, benefits fair and more.

San Antonio Spurs CAM Game Night – 7:30 p.m. at AT&T Center, One AT&T Center Parkway. Opponent is the Utah Jazz. Ticket for game required.

Nov. 4

“Listen” Tops in Blue Concert – 4 p.m. at Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive. Free and open to the public.

Concert at the Quadrangle – 5 p.m. at the 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. Free and open to the public.

SeaWorld San Antonio 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 the Guard & Reserve “Salute to Employers Awards Luncheon” – Noon at Doubletree Hotel Downtown, 502 West Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, commander, Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

Nov. 7

Air Force Association Combat Breakfast – 7 a.m. at Kendrick’s Enlisted Club at Joint Base

San Antonio-Randolph. Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot, commander of 24th Air Force.

Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans – 4 p.m. at JBASA-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. Registration required and available at <http://www.CelebrateAmericasMilitary.com> or call 229-2119.

Nov. 9

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa presents a 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 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 public.

UTSA Military Day Football Game – 4 p.m. at Alamodome, 100 Montana St. Game features UTSA Roadrunners hosting the McNeese State Cowboys. Ticket purchase required. Buy tickets at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

Nov. 11

San Antonio Rock n’ Roll Marathon, Half Marathon and Mini-Marathon – 7:30 a.m. start in downtown San Antonio near South Alamo Street and East Market Street. \$15 registration discount for military members with code MILITARY2012. See <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/san-antonio> for more information.

Veterans Day Ceremonies – 9:30 a.m. musical prelude, 10 a.m. program at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. Open to the public.

Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Commemorative Ceremony – 1:30 p.m. at San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St. Open to the public
Veterans Day Concert “Salute to Service” – 7 p.m. at Majestic Theater, 224 E. Houston Street, with the San Antonio Symphony and Air Force Band of the West. Open to the public.

Army Environmental Command renews adopt-a-school partnership

By Kristina Curley
USAEC Public Affairs

Amid the songs, cheers and thank you's of student ambassadors, the U.S. Army Environmental Command renewed its Adopt-A-School partnership with the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School at a signing ceremony held at the school Oct. 5.

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School principal Tonya Hyde and Fort Sam Houston Independent School District superintendent Dr. Gail Siller joined USAEC commander Col. Mark A. Lee in signing a special poster-sized agreement featuring photos of past Adopt-a-School activities.

With the signing, USAEC volunteers agreed to continue sharing knowledge of the environmental sciences, professional career paths and a love of lifelong discovery with school's students and faculty.

"Army Environmental Command team members love to participate and interact with the students," Lee said.

"Everyone benefits. Our folks are doctors and scientists excited about learning. They want to inspire young students to learn."

Lee told the students he comes from a long line of teachers and once considered becoming a chemistry teacher before pursuing his career in the Army. He said they still might have a "Mr. Lee" teaching their chemistry class one day.

"There is fantastic work that goes on in this school and the students are the ones that benefit. Thanks, Ms. Hyde, for helping military kids learn and letting our organization partner with the school," Lee said.

"We want to be full partners and are excited about helping at events throughout the coming school year, and again



Photo by Kristina Curley

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District superintendent Dr. Gail Siller and Col. Mark A. Lee, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Command, sign an agreement to renew the adopt-a-school partnership between USAEC and Fort Sam Houston Elementary School.

helping students to learn and experience new concepts and ideas."

Siller expressed her appreciation to USAEC for readopting Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and for continued actions that enrich the

lives of students.

"Thank you for supporting our school and military children. We all look forward to the coming year," Siller told Lee and the other USAEC representatives. "This partnership will help

students to become more effective and involved with the end result being better informed and more involved American citizens.

"The Army Environmental Command can help you with choices of special careers," Siller told the students.

"If there is something special you want to know about, tell us, because

there are people at Army Environmental Command who are willing to help."

Some of the types of help USAEC volunteers provided last year were demonstrated in a slide show presentation put together by Hyde recapping highlights of the previous school years' adopt-a-school events.

"We enjoyed putting together this presentation of past performances and taking a look toward the future," Hyde said.

"It is amazing to see what a full year of activities we had. This represents more than 300 volunteer hours of Army Environmental Command working with our students."

USAEC, which officially adopted Fort Sam Houston Elementary School in September 2011, has participated in school activities such as the fifth-grade "Science in Action Day," "Read Across America" honoring Dr. Seuss' birthday, an Earth Day environmental fair, holiday events, mentoring and graduation ceremonies.

The partnership signing renews the relationship for the 2012-2013 school year.

AF officials to migrate civilian personnel records to OPM

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center project the migration of the Air Force version of each employee's electronic Official Personnel Folder to the Office of Personnel Management's government-wide eOPF version will take place Nov. 6.

The eOPF is a digitized version of a hardcopy personnel folder that contains official human resource records for each federal employee.

Officials said the system enhances portability of civilian human relations records and increases employee awareness and accountability through email notifications of personnel actions.

"The OPM eOPF provides ease of access

to individual personnel records of Air Force civilian employees while protecting and securing the information contained in those records," said Sal Lara, AFPC's Civilian Future Operations Branch personnel systems project officer.

"The OPM eOPF is a Web application that is very similar to what civilian employees use today, and we anticipate a seamless migration to OPM."

The migration includes more than 152,000 electronic personnel records with about 14 million documents.

AFPC will continue to manage civilian personnel information, but OPM will control the eOPF database.

All Army civilian employees serviced by the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory

Center are encouraged to visit My eOPF on the CPOL webpage at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/eOPF/> to view education and training material designed to address questions ranging from "What is eOPF" to "How Do I Access My eOPF."

Employees will also be able to view an Office of Personnel Management video that introduces employees to the eOPF system.

A link to eOPF information on CPOL has also been posted on the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center webpage (<http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/index.aspx>), Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ft-Sam-Houston-Civilian-Personnel-Advisory-Center/217123538373277>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/FSHCPAC>) locations.

Exchange offers fee-free holiday layaway

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's holiday layaway program is now fee-free.

Shoppers simply select their gifts for layaway and stop by customer service to complete the layaway process.

"Fee-free" means that while the Exchange collects an initial \$3 processing fee for new layaways, that amount is returned to customers, via an Exchange Merchandise Gift Card, upon final payment and pick up of their items.

In addition, toy layaway will be extended through Dec. 23. Gifts are safely out of sight

until final payment and pick up just before Christmas.

Also, for a limited time only, Nov. 1 through Dec. 16, customers can place computers, laptops, iPads and netbooks on layaway.

"The Exchange continues to beat the competition when it comes to selection, service and value," said AAFES chief of staff Col. Tom Ockenfels.

"Other retailers charge as much as \$15 for layaway. Our program saves shoppers money."

A deposit of only 15 percent is required when starting the layaway



process.

See customer service at local exchanges for program details and eligibility.

(Source: Army & Air Force Exchange Service)

ARSOUTH from P1

provided support to other aviation missions, which included counter illicit trafficking operations, personnel recovery, humanitarian disaster responses and other operations for U.S. and partner nation personnel in Honduras and the surrounding area.

Rudesheim spent the remainder of his trip building relationships with key Honduran army leaders, including the Honduran minister of defense, the chief of defense forces and the army commander.

“Central America is an important region so it’s

vital that Major General Rudesheim develop a personal relationship with partner nation army leaders,” said Maj. Jeff Lopez, Army South Central American desk officer.

“This ensures that we maintain a foundation of trust and confidence.”

Rudesheim and the Honduran army leaders discussed a range of important topics including setting the conditions for future engagements, Lopez said.

This is a conversation the leaders will continue during the upcoming Central American Regional Leaders Conference to be hosted in January at Army South’s headquar-



Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (left), U.S. Army South commanding general, visits with U.S. Ambassador to Honduras Lisa Kubiske at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Oct. 4.

ters in San Antonio where army commanders from at least seven Central American nations plan to attend.

Lopez, who sat in on the meetings, said Rudesheim built an immediate bond with the Honduran army leaders. He credited this in part to the fact that Rudesheim was born to American

parents in Panama and was raised there until he left at the age of 18 to attend college at the University of Texas at Austin.

“He built a bond with our Honduran army partners right away,” Lopez said. “General Rudesheim has a solid grasp of the Latino culture and is excellent with the Spanish language.”

Rudesheim said he plans to continue to cultivate Army South’s relationship with partner nation armies during his tenure as commanding general.

“I had very fruitful talks with senior leaders of the Honduran army

and gained a good initial understanding of the assistance we provide and our partnership with them,” Rudesheim said.



Photos by Robert R. Ramon

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (left) visits with Honduran Minister of Defense Marlon Pascua Cerrato at the Honduras joint staff headquarters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

SAMMC from P1

other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 19,000 health

care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 10,300 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,500 other health care organizations that provide long-term care, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services.

The Joint Commission currently certifies more than 2,000 disease-specific care programs, focused on the care of patients with chronic illnesses such as stroke, joint replacement, stroke rehabilitation, heart failure and many others.

The Joint Commission also provides health care

staffing services certification for more than 750 staffing offices. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. *(Source: Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs)*

ENERGY from P2

energy storage tanks at major chiller plants on each location that will store cold water needed for air conditioning, while allowing the machines that produce the cold water to be dropped off-line during peak demand periods, Ramos explained.

"The chiller plants will be turned back on to 'charge' depleted storage tanks with cold water during off-peak or evening hours," he added. "By shifting the load and leveling generating profiles, CPS generating plants will run more efficiently, ultimately keeping customer rates more stable."

But the JBSA Energy Team isn't stopping there.

"The second highest load is lighting," Ramos said. "When thermal energy tanks are added to JBSA and chiller plants run at night, the base

load will understandably increase.

"To counter this, we'll improve the efficiency of night-time exterior lighting through solid state lighting, more commonly known as light-emitting diodes, and related controls, across JBSA to lower energy consumption and also become a key tool in demand side management," Ramos said.

This technology cuts energy requirements by considerably more than half and is a light source that can be dimmed or started instantaneously to illuminate roadways, parking lots and building exteriors across the locations nightly, he said.

Adding timing devices will, overall, result in JBSA's utility bills being significantly cheaper.

For more information about energy conservation, call the JBSA energy manager at 808-0180.

CFC from P3

in the work place. It affords them the opportunity to decide and donate without leaving their work center.

The 2012 campaign guidebook for potential contributors lists more than 2,700 different charities, local to international. Donors can make one-time contributions or payroll deductions; donations can also be distributed among the charities in accordance with the donor's wishes.

JBSA has raised more than \$1.8 million one-third of the way into the fundraising. By location, JBSA-Randolph has reached more than 55 percent of its \$1.1 million goal, JBSA-Lackland is at 39 percent of its \$2.1 million target, and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston has collected 27 percent toward its \$1.4 million objective.

This year's theme, "iGive," is comprised of four parts: "I'm informed, I'm involved, I'm inspired and I'm invested." It augments an "effective communications" approach to the campaign, and Anderson said it has been one of the keys to a successful start.

"We have seen marked improvement this year in receptiveness to the campaign simply by ensuring we use effective communication," Anderson said.

"Our key workers have made sure not to just drop the brochure on an individual's desk, but rather take the time to explain CFC so they can make an informed decision."

Dave Carletti, senior vice president, public sector campaigns, United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, who is responsible for the San Antonio CFC, also said

helping potential contributors understand the campaign's significance is paying off.

"Our primary focus this year was to provide meaningful information so donors could make informed decisions and really understand the impact their investments make," Carletti said. "We look to be on track for a successful campaign to meet and exceed our \$5.5 million goal."

"I believe most people are willing to give if given the opportunity and provided a good reason to be involved," Carletti said.

"The No. 1 reason people don't give is they are not asked. Through our efforts to create more meaningful contact, we hope to educate all CFC donors so they see the value in participating."

Anderson said the CFC provides choice, convenience and confidence for contributors.

"Federal employees can choose from more than 2,700 agencies, donate conveniently through payroll deduction, and be confident the organization they are donating to has been screened to ensure their money is being used as the agency advertises," he said.

Carletti added the military and civilian federal workforce has always shown the capacity and willingness to help others.

"Albert Schweitzer once wrote, 'You don't live in a world all alone. Your brothers are here, too,'" Carletti said. "Participating in the CFC allows us to help others who are in need of a helping hand...to make a difference in someone's life."

"You never know when that someone might be you, a family member or a friend."

JBSA resource fair a success for military families with special needs

By Cheryl Harrison
Warfighter and Family Readiness
Marketing

The Joint Base San Antonio Exceptional Family Member Program joined forces with Morgan's Wonderland to hold the third annual Resource Fair and Child Find Event Oct. 13, with more than 275 family members, volunteers and vendors taking part.

The purpose of the fair was to put families with special needs members in touch with the numerous resources that specifically support individuals with disabilities.

One resource offered this year was Child Find, which was an opportunity for families to have their children assessed to determine if there was a special need or concern with normal development, speech and/or physical concerns.

The program is geared for children up to three years of age, with a behavior emphasis from three to five years of age.

There were also more than 40 booths lining the Morgan's Wonderland Event Center offering childcare placement, tuition assistance, counseling, respite care and special classes for families with special needs individuals.

"Due to the success of the previous resource fair events at Morgan's Wonderland, we are pleased to offer this wonderful opportunity for military families and EFMP families here in the area," said Air Force Col. Christine M. Erlewine, commander, 902d

Mission Support Group, who opened the event.

"This is an opportunity to be educated by resources from Joint Base San Antonio and those out in the community."

Families were able to connect with some much-needed support, while parents and children alike were entertained by local talent.

The 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" provided music for more than an hour. Following the band, a special young lady was introduced.

Sierra Cecil, a local 15 year old, having experienced her own disabilities from birth, took the stage to demonstrate the gifts she has developed regardless of missing limbs.

Opening with the Patsy Cline favorite "Crazy," Cecil captivated the attendees. Cecil performed for more than an hour, ending her performance with her latest acquired talent, the guitar.

Demonstrating other skills was the Kinetic Kids gymnastic group.



Eighteen-month-old Cullen Turner enjoyed his pinwheel while his dad, Sgt. Tim Turner from the San Antonio Military Medical Center, browsed the vendor's literature and brochures at the Oct. 13 EFMP Resource Fair and Child Find Event at Morgan's Wonderland.



Local singer Sierra Cecil awed the audience with her strong voice and newly acquired guitar skills, thanks to a specially fitted prosthetic.

The audience enjoyed the gymnasts' performances on the parallel bars, balance beams, vault and floor.

Kinetic Kids offers year-round, comprehensive group programs for children with special

needs with physical and cognitive disabilities. Their gymnastic program is for children who are able to walk independently or with an assistive device, such as a walker or crutches.

Besides being entertained inside the event center, families were able to visit the park.

Morgan's Wonderland is a play area specifically designed for children and adults with special needs.

With the cooler temperatures that day, the park proved to be the perfect site for learning and playing for the families who attended the event. With the specially equipped rides for special needs children including wheelchairs, everyone had a grand day.

"The fair went very well," said Melissa Reyes, EFMP manager for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

"Lots of vendors were available, and 80 percent of the day's vendors were new to the annual

fair, offering even more variety of resources to families in the San Antonio area."



Photos by Cheryl Harrison

Four-year-old George Wunderlin from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland isn't quite sure about the H-E-B Buddy during the JBSA Resource Fair held Oct. 13 at Morgan's Wonderland, but allowed his photo to be taken anyway.



The 323d Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" rock band provided lively music for guests. Andi Gonzales and Staff Sgt. Tony Cooper from the band couldn't keep their feet still.

Secretary of the Navy highlights heritage and warfighting in birthday message to the fleet

By Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy

This year's celebration of our 237th birthday is highlighted by anniversaries that have defined us as the greatest maritime warfighting force in history.

Across the country, cities held Navy Week celebrations for the bicentennial of the War of 1812, which guaranteed our

independence and ensured our future.

These events have shown the contrasts of our modest beginnings with the original six frigates at the start of the 19th century to today's 21st century modern fleet.

This year is the 70th anniversary of Guadaluca-



nal, which was one of our Navy's most important World War II victories in the Pacific.

2012 is also the 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis that allowed President

Kennedy to stand firm during the Cold War confrontation with the might of 140 ships of the fleet in the Caribbean.

Since then, the Navy has continued to provide the flexibility our Commander in Chief needs to meet high-end conventional or asymmetrical threats, or provide humanitarian assistance in response to natural disasters. We have remained a nation committed to the seas and to a strong Navy.

While we have innovated and built the world's

greatest fleet through the years, what makes our Navy part of the best expeditionary fighting force the world has ever known is our Sailors.

You are standing the watch and sustaining peace in the global commons.

The new defense strategy announced by the president in January is a maritime-centric strategy, so America needs your

continued best.

This is a time and a future when so much depends on our naval services and we will continue to take care of our Sailors and their families to make sure they have all they need to take care of our nation.

You are part of a Navy warfighting team that is reliable, flexible and ready to respond worldwide – on, above and below the sea. I look forward to all we will accomplish in the years ahead.

Thank you, happy birthday and semper fortis.

Six key words for CNO birthday message: 'Warfighting First, Operate Forward, Be Ready'

By Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert
Chief of Naval Operations

As we celebrate our naval heritage on our 237th birthday, we proudly reflect on more than two centuries of warfighting excellence as the world's preeminent maritime force.

We had an extremely busy year answering our nation's calls to operate forward – and like those Sailors that came before

us, we assured allies, projected power, and defended our nation's interests around the globe.

This past year also signified a landmark year for our Navy as we commemorated the War of 1812. Two hundred years ago, on the Great Lakes, along the eastern seaboard, and waters of New Orleans, our legacy was forged and traditions were made.

We can never forget

the Sailors who fought in 1812 and what we learned. They were brave and innovative Sailors with an amazing warfighting spirit.

They made us what we are today, and their spirit and self-sacrifice live on in our bold, proficient and confident Sailors.

As we start this New Year together, I ask you to remember our tenets: Warfighting First, Operate Forward, and Be Ready.

We must be ready to fight and win today, while building the ability to win tomorrow. We must provide offshore options to deter, influence, and win in an era of uncertainty.

Finally, we must harness the teamwork, talent, and imagination of our diverse force to be ready to fight and responsibly employ our resources.

Happy 237th birthday, shipmates! I could not be



more proud of our Sailors, civilian work force and families. I am grateful to be your shipmate and a part of the greatest Navy the world has ever known.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert high-fives a junior Sailor in celebration after cutting a birthday cake in honor of the Navy's 237th birthday in front of USS Constitution's fighting top at the National Museum of the U.S. Navy. Greenert and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens hosted a worldwide Navy birthday all-hands call and reenlistment. The event was broadcast live on television via satellite to Sailors overseas and at sea, and carried around the world on the internet.

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Peter D. Lawlor

SAN ANTONIO SAILORS COMMEMORATE NAVY'S 237TH BIRTHDAY



U.S. Navy Capt. John Larnerd, commanding officer of Navy Medicine Training Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, speaks to Sailors and guests during a bell ringing ceremony held at the Alamo Oct. 11. The ceremony kicked off the celebration of the U.S. Navy's 237th Birthday.



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Juan Pena of Navy Recruiting District San Antonio rings the ceremonial bell during a bell ringing ceremony which kicked off the celebration of the U.S. Navy's 237th Birthday at the Alamo Oct. 11.

Photos by Burrell Parmer

Tracking hazardous material important to environmental support

By **Melanie Berry**
JBSA-FSH Hazardous
Material Management
Environmental Scientist

As part of the 502nd Mission Support Group, the 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron provides installation environmental support services for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis.

A crucial component of this environmental support is the management and tracking of hazardous material, or HAZMAT.

With more than 90 mission partners and 2,000 facilities to cover, the main objectives of HAZMAT management are to protect health, preserve the environment and save money.

Federal and state regulations require the tracking of HAZMAT from its procurement to its disposal. This is referred to as “cradle-to-grave” management. The less hazardous material that is used, the less the impact is to the installation and its surrounding communities.

Hazardous material is generally defined as a material that is radioactive, flammable, corrosive, and/or toxic.

However, the way in which a material is used and its quantity also factors into the determination of whether something is considered a hazardous material.

HAZMAT may pose serious safety and health hazards resulting in



illness, injury and even death. It can result in serious environmental impacts if not used properly.

Misuse and disposal of HAZMAT can incur outrageous disposal and clean-up costs. It can result in base fines and cause shut down of military operations.

Identification of hazardous material locations is crucial for emergency response planning.

Common HAZMAT for JBSA-FSH includes propane, medical gases, oils, greases, sealants and paints.

“Consumer-use” products such as window cleaners, white board cleaner, canned air, bleach, etc. may not require tracking. However, it is still necessary to get it identified to have those items added to the instal-

lation’s exempt list.

The Department of Defense and all military service regulations outline specific “cradle-to-grave” management procedures.

To meet these requirements, JBSA-FSH has implemented the Air Force Enterprise, Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health-Management Information System, allowing for the tracking of all HAZMAT on the installation.

This system establishes authorized users for each work center who can order and receive hazardous material. It allows for each to be reviewed by safety, occupational health (preventive medicine), and environmental agencies before its procurement.

The 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron needs your help.

If you are contacted by someone from the HAZMAT management team, please help them to identify the materials in use and their procurement methods.

Keep your hazard communication programs current in order to provide chemical inventories and MSDSs.

If there are questions or concerns regarding hazardous materials, call the installation HAZMAT manager at 808-6280/6281/6333.

For disposal of unneeded HAZMAT, call 388-2134. For questions regarding the recycling of aerosol cans, call 852-1762.

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>.



Traditional tunes, foods highlight Oktoberfest 2012

By Deyanira Romo Russell
502nd Force Support Squadron

With German music and dance – along with schnitzel, bratwurst and carnival rides – Oktoberfest 2012 on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston brought together the military community Oct. 12 and 13.

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Commander, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, kicked off the two-day event with the traditional tapping of the keg.

Five-year-old Lilliann Witcher danced the Hokey Pokey with her dad, Spec. Jason Witcher. The two enjoyed the tunes of the Bohemian Dutchmen.

“We’re having a great time,” said Witcher, who spent

time under the main tent, enjoyed the music and hitting the dance floor. “My daughter is loving it. She loves the music and the rides.”

Roy Haag, the Bohemian Dutchmen band leader, said he books a lot of gigs in October, with the military crowd on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston being one of his favorites.

“This is a great event. We look forward to coming back next year,” Haag said.

Sgt. Jenise Williamson and her husband, retired Staff Sgt. David Williamson, shared a funnel cake and reminisced of their days in Germany.

“We just got back from Germany six months ago. We love this,” Williamson said.

Oktoberfest revelers took home giant



Kylah Dubay and her fellow Cadence Cloggers energized the crowd with their fancy footwork.



Three-year-old Emma McCarthy dances to the music of the Bohemian Dutchmen, showing off her traditional dirndl.



Accordian player Dennis Koehler and The Swingin' Dutchmen from New Braunfels provided German music for Oktoberfest 2012 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.



Photos by Deyanira Romo Russell

(From left) 502nd Mission Support Group Command Sgt. Maj. Donald J. Freeman, 502nd Mission Support Group Commander Col. John Lamoureux and Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, commander, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio, toast to Oktoberfest 2012.

pink stuffed puppies, bags of kettle corn and commemorative beer boots, with

everyone going home with a great memory of the annual German celebration.

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to the military service member or veteran.

“If the service member died on active duty, regardless of rank, they are entitled to be buried with full military honors with a caisson,” said Sgt. Jimmy Sandoval, Fort Sam Houston Caisson Platoon.

“If they are a retired veteran, they are entitled to full military honors and a caisson if they are a sergeant major or a colonel or general. All others are authorized a two-person uniformed detail to present the burial flag to the next of kin and a bugler.”

While the honors platoon provides Soldiers for military funerals across south Texas, the caissons are only used for funerals at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery due to

the logistical requirements of moving the horses and caissons. There was, however, one exception.

“When Sgt. Maj. William Wooldridge, the first Sergeant Major of the Army, died in March of this year, we sent the caisson and horses to his funeral at Fort Bliss,” Sandoval said. “All of our horses are named after former Sergeants Major of the Army, so it was fitting that they pull the caisson.”

Many of the Soldiers assigned to the military funeral honors and caisson platoons came here as part of a compassionate reassignment.

“I arrived two-and-a-half years ago as part of a compassionate reassignment for my son,” Sandoval said. “I started in the military funeral

honors platoon as part of the ground team. About five months ago, the caisson platoon asked for volunteers and I volunteered.”

Sandoval, like most of his fellow caisson Soldiers, had no prior experience with horses. He did, however, spend two months learning to ride the horses before he moved on to controlling the caisson.

“My initial training consisted of learning to give commands and control the horse,” he said. “Once I was comfortable with that, I moved onto horsemanship and different riding styles.”

The Soldiers riding style is not the relaxed style of someone going on a pleasure ride.

They learn to sit erect, in a forward position on a McClellan saddle.

“The McClellan saddle was designed by Gen. George McClellan and was used by the Army as their cavalry saddle through World War II,” Sandoval said. “I have been told by people who have ridden other types of saddles, that McClellans are very uncomfortable.”

Once he was comfortable on the horse, he started learning the different parts of caisson control.

Four to six horses, harnessed in pairs, are used to pull a caisson. However, only the near or left-hand horses are ridden so the rider has to control not only the horse he is riding but the one on the right of him as well, which is known as the “off horse.”

“Horsemanship is

important in this detail because you can’t control two horses until you can control one,” Sandoval said.

Historically, only infantry Soldiers were part of the honors and caisson platoons; however, many of the Soldiers currently serving in the platoon represent a wide variety of military jobs.

“A lot of the Soldiers we have had in the military funeral platoon were 90-day augmentees, and they represent a variety of MOSs,” Mathai said.

Right now, none of the members of the caisson platoon are augmentees, but are assigned Soldiers.

“It takes a while to train someone to ride a horse and control a caisson,” Sandoval said. “All of the Soldiers assigned to the caisson platoon are

here for at least a year.”

Currently, all of the Soldiers in the caisson platoon are male, but that may change.

“Historically, all caisson platoon members here and at the Old Guard have been men because the platoon was made up of infantry Soldiers,” Sandoval said.

“However, we currently have Soldiers in other military occupational specialties so it is possible that we will have female caisson riders. The important thing is that the Soldier is comfortable around horses.”

Regardless of military specialty, serving as a representative of Fort Sam Houston and the Army fills the Soldiers with a sense of pride.

“It is a truly honorable detail,” Mathai said.

Cole Cougars football romps in first win

In a game at Cole Stadium Oct. 12, the Robert G. Cole High School Cougars varsity football team dominated the Brooks Academy Bengals 40-0.

The win was the Cougars' first in District 15-2A and first overall win this season.

Jacob Kelly rushed for 165 yards with three touchdowns.

Jerrold Scott, Romelio Davis and Patrick Height also added scores, as the Cougars rolled up 348 yards on the ground.

Now 1-2 in district play, the Cougars face the 4-2 George West Longhorns at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19 in George West.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES OCT. 22-27

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Oct. 22

Red Ribbon Week: "I Care About Me and Promise to be Drug Free." Wear red.

Oct. 23

Red Ribbon Week: "Team Up Against Drugs." Wear your favorite team jersey.

Oct. 24

Red Ribbon Week: "My Character Counts Toward Being Drug Free." PreK/kindergarten wear purple for "Citizen;" first grade wear orange for "Fairness;" second grade wear yellow for "Respect;" third grade wear red for: "Caring;" fourth and fifth grade wear blue for "Trustworthiness;" and administration wear green for "Responsibility."

Oct. 25

Red Ribbon Week: "The Choices We Make Today Effect Tomorrow." Wear a college T-shirt. Environmental Command Char-

acter Counts Assembly, 9 to 9:45 a.m. in cafeteria.

Picture retakes

Oct. 26

Red Ribbon Week: "Drugs are Ridiculous." Wear mismatched outfits, crazy hair and crazy socks (school appropriate and dress code still applies).

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Oct. 22

MS Volleyball vs. Brooks Academy at Cole, 5/6 p.m.

Oct. 23

JV/V Volleyball vs. Dilley at Cole, 5/6 p.m.

Oct. 25

Picture retakes

Oct. 26

Movie night provided by Project Graduation, HS Mall area

Oct. 27

Fall musical rehearsals at Mosely Gym, 1 to 3 p.m.

'Pink Friday' is personal for Cole teacher

By Robert Hoffmann
Cole High School

While the Cole High School varsity football team romped to their first victory of the season Oct. 12, to one dedicated Cole teacher it was much more than that ... it was a continuation of a personal drive to end cancer.

For the third consecutive year, longtime Cole special education teacher Angela Knight spearheaded "Pink Friday" at a Cougars home football game.

Through her efforts, almost \$2,000 has been donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in the last two years, and an estimated \$1,000 will

be given this year to the American Cancer Society.

"The NFL wears pink the entire month of October in observance of breast cancer awareness. I wondered if we could do something to support this effort," Knight said when asked what inspired her to begin the tradition of Pink Friday.

"For me, participating is personal. My mother had breast cancer and the treatment was worse than the disease," Knight added.

"I lost a niece this year to breast cancer. She fought for seven years.

"So, it's personal. I asked if we, as a school, could have one

home game dedicated to pink," she said. "And Pink Friday began."

The fight for a cure for breast cancer is a year-round effort at Fort Sam Houston Independent School District.

The district routinely enters several teams in San Antonio's annual springtime Komen Race for the Cure and Cole's Junior ROTC has provided the color guard, saber guard, and set-up and clean-up detail for the race for the past decade.

District teams also participate in the San Antonio Rock and Roll Marathon in support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"I believe our efforts are part of the solution in finding a cure, or maybe just helping someone in their fight for life," Knight said.

INSIDE THE GATE

Sam Houston Army Career & Alumni Program office, Building 2263 in room B-100. Call 221-1213 to reserve a seat.

Couponing

Oct. 22, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

HUGS Playgroup

Oct. 23, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

First Termer Financial Readiness

Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-2380.

Pre-Deployment Planning Training

Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Making the Most of Your Money

Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Army Career & Alumni Program holds several 2-1/2 day Transition Assistance Program seminars to help military personnel transition

to civilian employment. Available dates are Oct. 24-26, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 5-7 or 12-14. Classes meet 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8-11 a.m. Friday. The seminar covers multiple employment-related topics presented by the Texas Workforce Commission. A DD Form 2648 must be completed before attending the class. Dress code is civilian attire. The TAP is followed by a veteran benefits briefing, Friday from noon-4 p.m. The Veterans Administration offers life-long VA benefits. Call 221-1213 to reserve a seat.

Unit Trauma Training

Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Armed Forces Team Building Level 1

Oct. 24 and 25, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Installation Chaplain Training Room, Building 2530, call 221-0918.

Haunted House

The Youth Center haunted house will open, Oct. 19-20 and 26-27, 6:30-10:30 p.m. and on Halloween, Oct. 31, 6-9:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, Building 1630. Casper's Fun House will be open for the little ones. The cost will be \$1 for children 5 and under, \$2 for children and youth

ages 6-18 and \$3 for adults. Call 221-3502.

Doggie Dip

Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-noon, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, Building 3300 on Williams Road. Free hot dogs and drinks for pet owners and treats for dogs. Call 221-1718.

Operation Rising Star Auditions

Auditions are now open for singers aspiring to perform in the 2012 Operation Rising Star Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395. The contestants will first sing a cappella in front of a three-judge panel. The judges will select the top five finalists who will then sing with an accompaniment. For this second round, there will be a 50/50 split vote between the judges and the audience. The second and third place winners locally receive \$250 and \$100, respectively. The first place winner at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston competition receives \$500. The video of their performance will be judged among other winners worldwide, with only 12 contestants selected for the finals. The 2012 grand prize winner receives \$1,000 and a trip for two to Los Angeles for a professional recording studio experience, valuing \$18,000. For more information, call 221-4016.

41st Combat Support Hospital Reunion

Former members of the 41st CSH are invited for a picnic reunion noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 27 at Salado Creek Park on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 916-9527, 269-2150 or 654-3264 for more information.

Gospel Music Fest

Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 241-1713 or 382-1978.

Access Level 1

Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Access Level 2

Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Halloween Carnival

Oct. 31, 4-5:30 p.m., School Age Services, Building 1703. Wear your costume and enjoy carnival games, dancing and treats. Call 221-3381.

Excel Level 1

Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics

The Exceptional Family Member

Program will hold a Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For more information or to volunteer, call 221-2962.

Free Tops in Blue Concert Tickets

Joint Base San Antonio is hosting "Listen," a free Tops in Blue show 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Laurie Auditorium. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, but patrons must have a ticket. Doors will open no earlier than 45 minutes prior to show time. Tickets are available at JBSA-Randolph ITT in the Community Services Mall, Building 895; JBSA-Lackland's ITT office, Building 5505 and the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395. Ticket-holders must be seated by 3:40 p.m. Those without tickets will be allowed to enter at this time.

Employment Search Orientation

Nov. 9, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516.

Friday Night Jazz & Wine

Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre featuring American jazz, blues and funk saxophonist Ronnie Laws and Swiss-born jazz pianist and composer Alex

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Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Oct. 17

CURRENT LEVEL * = 649.0'

*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>.

VISIT NEWS LEADER ONLINE: [HTTP://WWW.JBSA.AF.MIL](http://www.jbsa.af.mil) OR
[HTTP://WWW.SAMHOUSTON.ARMY.MIL/PAO](http://www.samhouston.army.mil/pao)

Weekly Weather Watch

	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23
San Antonio Texas	81° Sunny	83° Sunny	84° Mostly Sunny	87° Partly Cloudy	85° AM Clouds/PM Sun	82° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	69° Sunny	63° Partly Cloudy	65° Sunny	62° Sunny	65° Sunny	66° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

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in the ranks of senior airman through master sergeant who are interested in filling Military Training Instructor positions at the 433rd Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base. The 433rd TRS is looking for high-quality Airmen to fill 76 MTI vacancies. Requirements include excellent military image and appearance, minimum fitness score of 75 (must be within last six months), ability to speak clearly, Total Active Federal Military Service less than 15 years, minimum score of 49 in general area on Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Call 671-7975/7336 for more information.

Nasal influenza research study

Brooke Army Medical Center is enrolling people for a self-administered nasal influenza feasibility study. Male and female applicants should be in good health, between

18 and 49 years of age and be a Department of Defense beneficiary. During the study, applicants will complete an interview and diary, have blood drawn twice, make two visits over a one-month period and be supplied with the nasal vaccination. There is a payment of \$25 for each blood draw. To apply, or for more information, call 916-6014.

Budge Dental Clinic Hours Change

Walk-in exams at the Budge Dental Clinic, located at 3145 Garden Ave., Building 1278, are from 6 to 10 and noon to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Sick call is from 6 to 10 and noon to 3 p.m. weekdays. The clinic is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed for lunch from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays. There are department and clinic meetings from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. People may now call to schedule an exam/prophylaxis appointment in place of a walk-in exam. These combination

appointments are limited and only offered certain days of the week. For more information, call 808-3736 or 808-3735.

JBSA-FSH Voting Assistance Office

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Voting Assistance Office is open and available to provide information and resources to military and civilian personnel and their family members about the 2012 elections. The office also assists voters in registering. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at Building 2263, 1706 Stanley Road. Call 221-1424 for more information. People can also contact their unit voting assistance officer. For additional information on voting in Texas, outside of Texas and absentee voting, go to <http://www.fvap.gov>.

All-Day Appointments for CAC/ID Cards

The 502nd Air Base Wing re-

placed the walk-in customer services at its main ID Card/CAC issuance facilities with an all-day appointment-only process for all military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers. Appointment times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, scheduled in 20-minute intervals. Changes to existing ID Card/CAC and DEERS services only affect the main DEERS ID Card/CAC issuance facilities at these locations: 502nd Force Support Squadron, Building 367, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 221-0415; 802nd Force Support Squadron, Building 5616, JBSA-Lackland, 671-4178; and 902nd Force Support Squadron, Building 399, JBSA-Randolph, 652-1845. Customers can schedule appointments at any of these facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> or calling to set up an appointment.



FOR SALE: Micro oven: \$30, wood bookshelf: 3x5 ft: \$35, metal 4-draw filing cabinet, beige: \$35, single bed, frame and headboard: \$50, dresser: 40 and much more items for sale. Contact 241-1291 or (512) 943-2314.

FOR SALE: Graco high chair with removable pad and tray, \$20. Contact 495-2296.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Gardening for Wildlife Seminar

Green Spaces Alliance will sponsor a Gardening for Wildlife seminar 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20 at Denver Heights Community Garden, 300 Porter St. Participants will have an opportunity to assemble a nesting box and plant species appropriate for attracting butterflies. There is a \$5 admission fee, register at <http://www.greensatx.org>.

Halloween at Morgan's Wonderland

Morgan's Wonderland will be

open 5-8 p.m. Oct. 31. Children age 12 and younger and special-needs individuals of all ages can wear their more-delightful-than-frightful Halloween costumes and go trick-or-treating while they enjoy the 25-acre theme park and all the attractions that are accessible to everyone. For more information, visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.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 Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and en-

couraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

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 more information.

Dinosaur Stampede

The San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, will feature a life-size dinosaur exhibit through Dec. 31. Visit <http://www.sabot.org> for more information.

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Bugnon. Laws is one of the original members of Earth, Wind and Fire and Bugnon will be joined by special guest musician Jeffery Smith. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Open to DOD ID cardholders and their guests. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=128924&k=03634A007953>.

Armed Forces Action Plan

The Armed Force Action Plan Conference will be held Nov. 13-16. People can submit issues and/or volunteer to participate in this annual event. To submit an issue, email jbsa.afap@gmail.com. Call 221-2336 for more information.

"On Golden Pond" at the Harlequin

Through Nov. 17, Thursdays, Fridays at Saturdays at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. Call 222-9694 for reservations.

JBSA- Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office Fall Hours

Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The ticket office will reopen on Saturdays in spring 2013. Call 226-1663.

Discount Tickets for Winter Ballets

The MWR Ticket Office in the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, is selling discount tickets for the Moscow Ballet, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.

and Dec. 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Discount tickets are also available for the Nutcracker, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 22, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 23, 2 p.m. The ticket office also has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 226-1663.

JBSA-Camp Bullis Sportsman Range

The range is open Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning Oct. 6. 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.

Hunting Season at JBSA-Camp Bullis

Archery hunting season for deer is open Friday-Sunday, 5:30 a.m. until dark at JBSA-Camp Bullis. Hunters must have preselected permit to hunt deer. Scouting of preselected hunting areas continues. 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 for information.

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. For more information, call 221-3828.

Parent Central Customer Service Hours

Parent Central will assist walk-in patrons from 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. for registration and 12:30-1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Call 221-4871.

Before and After School Care Registration

Register your child, grades K-12, for before and after school care at Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance, Building 3936, Acubo Barracks or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

School Liaison Office

The 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. Call 221-2214/2256 or visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html>.

Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time Thursdays, 10

a.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

Thrift Shop Open

The Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. There is currently a summer blowout sale with many items marked half off. The shop also has Halloween costumes and ladies formal wear. Store hours are Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consigned items are taken those same days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Consignment of fall items begins Oct. 17. For more information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Air Force 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. These tests are scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

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

Brooke Army Medical

Center Chapel

Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

10 a.m. - Traditional

Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.

11:01 - Contemporary

"Crossroads"

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600,

3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

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>.

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

1:30 p.m. - Jummah,
Friday, AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-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 to enroll.

Stilwell House

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio

Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

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.

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 for more information.