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Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's Christmas tree at the Gateway Club lights up the evening. See more photos on pages 12-13.

# Sergeant shares hurt caused by drunk driver

By Tech. Sgt. Crystal Lee  
Armed Forces Network

Some things occur in life that you never forget, things that leave a scar and others that never even heal. There are lessons to be learned from those experiences and I learned a big lesson on drinking responsibly.

It was Friday, date night for my parents. Mom and dad were invited to a party which was about an hour away. Awesome! Jen and I had the whole house to ourselves. I was 11 and my little sister, Jen, was 9.

We proceeded to, you know, do typical kid activities. At around 2 a.m., we heard knocking at the door. I didn't grow up in the best neighborhood, so there was no way I was opening that door. The knocking persisted and we were terrified. Jen and I actually hid under the bed because we thought someone was trying to break into the house.

The next morning we woke up under the bed. We got up and knocked on mom and dad's room door. No answer. I opened the door; they hadn't come home.

I picked up the phone to call my grandpa and found it had been off the hook since last night. That's when he told me mom and dad were hit by a drunk driver. He said it happened around 1 a.m. and he had tried to call us. Grandpa was the one knocking on the windows and doors.

Once we got to our grandparents house, we were told the details of the accident. My father was driving home when a drunk driver swerved into their lane and side-swiped them. Dad hit a telephone pole head on. Mom wasn't wearing her safety belt and her face went through the windshield. Dad had this crazy adrenaline rush and pulled my mom out of the car. We



Photo by Airman 1st Class Zachary Hada

Whether it's having a drink at a friend's house before driving or taking a sip of alcohol before you're 21, it only takes one bad decision to forever change a career or life. As the Air Force continues to crack down on DUIs, it is ultimately an Airman's decision to drink responsibly. The consequences of drinking and driving include possible loss of rank and potentially a career.

found out later that his back was broken. He was out of commission for about six to seven months.

After gramps gave us the news, Jen started to freak out and I started crying. I'm not sure if I was crying due to sadness or because I was angry as hell, probably both.

Sunday evening at around 5 p.m. our parents came home. They were lucky to survive. They recounted the events from that night. I asked dad if the drunk driver got hurt. Dad said, "No. The guy thought the whole situation was funny."

Our lives drastically changed. No more family outings to the park, no more fun or normal things for kids our ages. Instead, the next several months consisted of Jen and me taking care of our parents.

What upsets me the most is that this didn't need to happen; responsible deci-

sions could have prevented the entire event.

When someone abuses alcohol it affects more than just that individual. It has a ripple effect on everyone who cares about that person, those they hurt, and the people who are left behind to pick up the pieces.

Take ownership and responsibility for your actions and what you put in your body. There are other things you can do besides drink excessively. Find that niche that makes you happy – go to school, play video games, travel, etc. If you do drink, know your limit. Know when to say "when." Ask yourself, "How are my actions going to impact other people?"

My life was affected by an irresponsibly selfish guy who couldn't make the right decision concerning alcohol and almost killed my parents. Don't be that person.



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For issues related to the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, call the WHASC Action Line at 210-

292-4567, or email your request to [59mdw.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:59mdw.pa@us.af.mil).

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

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### IAAFA 5K FUN RUN

The first Inter-American Air Forces Academy 5K fun run is Dec. 10, 2 p.m., starting at IAAFA's circle of flags.

More than 300 graduating IAAFA students from 19 partner nations will participate in the event.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each age group; cost is \$5 per runner.

For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Tasha Diaz or email [laafa5k@aol.com](mailto:laafa5k@aol.com).

### 802ND MSG AWARDS CEREMONY

The 802nd Mission Support Group's fourth quarter and annual awards ceremony is Dec. 18, 7:30 a.m., at the Gateway Club. Reservations are due by Dec. 12.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Toni Wiser at 210-671-4744 or Angela Craig at 210-671-7050.

### HOLIDAY IN BLUE CONCERTS

Three performance dates are this weekend for the U.S. Air Force Band of the West's annual Holiday in Blue concerts. Performances are Dec. 7, 7 p.m.; Dec. 8, 3 p.m.; and Dec. 9, 3 p.m. All shows are at the Edgewood Theatre of Performing Arts, 607 SW 34th Street.

This year's Holiday in Blue concert features holiday classics, a narrated story with illustrations provided by local third grade classes, and a variety of vocal and jazz favorites.

Required tickets for the free Holiday in Blue performances are available online at the USAF Band of the West's website, <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil>, or for pick up at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph Information, Tickets and Travel offices, the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office, and the San Antonio Fiesta Commission office.

For additional information, visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil> or <http://www.facebook.com/bandofthewest>.

### TREES FOR TROOPS

The Trees for Troops program will have free live Christmas trees at the JBSA-Lackland Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 871, Dec. 11.

Spouses of deployed service members can pick trees up Dec. 11 at 12:30 p.m.; for active duty service members from all branches, pick up begins at 1 p.m.

For details, call 210-925-5532/5533.



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Master Sgt. Dexter Huggins and Master Sgt. Michael Goodrich, from the 323rd TRS, hang bulletin boards in ATC No. 1, preparing for the building's new occupants who will move in Dec. 14.

# Ceremony to open new BMT complex

By Mike Joseph  
Senior Writer

A ribbon-cutting ceremony unveiling the first new trainee housing facilities in 36 years will usher in a new era for Air Force Basic Military Training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The Dec. 7 ceremony announces operation of Airman Training Complex No. 1 and Dining/Classroom Facility No. 1, the first openings in a two-phase, \$900 million construction project begun three years ago.

Phase one construction comprises the east campus – Airman Training Complex No. 1 and Dining/Classroom Facility No. 1, as well as three other ATCs and another DCF.

ATC No. 2 is scheduled to open in early 2013; ATC No. 3 and DCF No. 2 are targeted for completion in 2014. The east campus fronts Military Highway and is located directly behind the 737th Training Group headquarters building.

A new BMT reception center and parking area under construction is adjacent to group headquarters and the east campus.

The second phase, a duplicate west campus located across from the east complex, is scheduled to begin construction in 2014. An overhead troop walk on Carswell Avenue will connect

the two campuses.

The new campuses are part of an overall plan to centralize BMT facilities.

"It is exciting to move into these new facilities as they were specifically designed for our mission," said Col. Mark Camerer, 37th Training Wing commander. "The new Airman Training Complex incorporates both the large and small elements to enhance our training efficiencies.

"In the new ATCs, our trainees have access to everything from dedicated canteen filling ports to covered areas large enough for an entire squadron to accomplish physical training when the weather doesn't cooperate ... a consistent training quality," Camerer added.

"These are great facilities. Our wing, our Air Force and our nation will benefit from their use for decades to come."

The four ATCs and two DCFs (phase one) will replace eight Recruit Housing and Training buildings built in the late 1960s and early 1970s that are scattered around JBSA-Lackland. Each new ATC, which can house up to 1,200 trainees, is a four-story structure with a running track, drill pad, war skills area and each campus has its own utilities infrastructure.

The 323rd Training Squadron will be the first occupants in ATC No. 1.

The building currently occupied by the squadron will be demolished after the first of the year to make way for ATC No. 4, and complete the east campus.

Trainees will move into their new home Dec. 14. It's a move that has the squadron commander enthusiastic.

"I'm especially excited for our TIs (training instructors)," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Greenwood, 323rd TRS commander. "They're going to move out of an RH&T that's on life support with things falling apart left and right.

"They'll be on the ground floor of something great and amazing for our young Airmen," he said. "But this is so much bigger than the 323rd. This is where we take America's youth and turn them into Airmen."

Greenwood said the new accommodations will create efficiencies in BMT training and at the same time present some challenges.

"There are a lot of differences in how we're going to do training," the commander said. "The procedures and standards we have to follow will have to be tweaked and adapted to account for the new building.

"But all of the new improvements are going to speed up how trainees do things. I'm proud my guys are on the ground floor to set that new standard."

# JBSA mobile app goes live

By Marilyn C. Holliday  
Chief, JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs

The need to communicate with 80,000 employees at three geographically separated locations in San Antonio is a challenge, and launching the Joint Base San Antonio mobile application will provide basic information about primary locations at the users' fingertips.

The mobile app, called "JBSA," is available for download today through the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

"Our original intent was to create a mobile app that newcomers would use," said Dan J. Solis, JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs photo imaging chief and team lead for the app project. "By the time we reached completion, the team had created a tool that students, employees and family members can use daily."

The "native" JBSA mobile app, which translates to mean an application created for a certain mobile device not one that is web-based, includes information about services and support facilities at each location with hours of operation and phone numbers and even amenities particular to the locale.

"Regardless of service affiliation, this app should prove valuable for all of JBSA's members," said

Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, JBSA and 502nd Air Base Wing commander. "No matter where you live or work across San Antonio, you'll find information you can use whether you're scheduled to relocate here or if you're a long time resident."

Prominently featured on the new site is a feedback section, which allows visitors to make suggestions, ensuring the app remains relevant, valuable and a highly-used information source.

As part of the vetting process, more than 100 Army, Navy and Air Force members, government service employees and family members across all three primary JBSA locations were given the opportunity to provide feedback.

"We tried to keep 'one stop shopping' in mind with the app," Solis said. "With updates, we expect to be able to increase bells and whistles for the app. For now, our main focus was to consolidate information that realistically is available at the press of a couple of buttons."

The public affairs team most recently consolidated websites from JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph to create the JBSA website at <http://www.jbsa.af.mil>. The majority of the website information is now a part of the mobile app.

Joint Base San Antonio is the largest of the 12 joint bases created under the Base Realignment



and Closure Act of 2005. JBSA includes three primary locations at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph, plus eight other operating locations and more than 200 mission partners.

**BMT HONORS**

Congratulations to the following 51 Airmen who have been selected as honor graduates among the 514 Air Force basic military trainees graduating:

**320th Training Squadron  
Flight 027**

Michael McCrae  
Dominic Morancy  
James Ritter  
Douglas Theriot

**Flight 028**

Perry Greggs  
Michael Maluk Jr.  
John McCulloch II  
Cody Moses

**322nd Training Squadron  
Flight 025**

Glenn Bartle  
Joel Hennings II  
Brent Maddox

Michael Perez  
Kyle Romitti

**Flight 026**

Brianna Wilson

**324th Training Squadron  
Flight 029**

Daniel Bombeck  
Scott Bost  
Mark Bryan  
Kevin Castro  
Mychal Elliott  
Seth Hamilton  
Stephen Leadford  
Richard Marshall  
Timothy Moore  
Andrew Rhodes

**Flight 030**

Jason Braun  
Charles Cannon III  
Benjamin Craven  
Alexander Curran  
Moises Hernandez  
Marcus Lugrand

Adam Marshall  
Aaron Meadows  
Frank Pillar  
Michael Reed  
Michael Thompson

**326th Training Squadron  
Flight 031**

Kyle Cyr  
Fortune Winter  
Eli Young

**Flight 032**

Dakota Braun  
Christopher Bryant  
Sean Karraker  
Derrek McCann  
Daniel Miller  
Joshua Tusler  
Byron White

**331st Training Squadron  
Flight 033**

Tyler Albright  
Nicholas Cervero  
Delante Lawal

Morgan Ryan  
Daniel Weiler

**Flight 034**

Sarah MacKenzie

**Top BMT Airman**

Stephen Leadford,  
324th TRS, Flight 029

**Most Physically Fit**

**Male Airmen**

James Reece,  
331st TRS, Flight 033  
Ty Schaar,  
331st TRS, Flight 033  
Brandon Hughes,  
322nd TRS, Flight 025  
Levi Cuny,  
324th TRS, Flight 029

**Female Airmen**

Allyson Franklin,  
331st TRS, Flight 034  
Andrea MacIntyre,  
322nd TRS, Flight 026  
Justine King,

331st TRS, Flight 034  
Naomi Gomez,  
331st TRS, Flight 034  
**Male Flights**

331st TRS, Flight 033  
324th TRS, Flight 030  
324th TRS, Flight 029  
320th TRS, Flight 027  
326th TRS, Flight 032  
326th TRS, Flight 031  
320th TRS, Flight 028  
322nd TRS, Flight 025

**Female Flights**

331st TRS, Flight 034  
322nd TRS, Flight 026

**Top Academic Flights**

324th TRS, Flight 030  
324th TRS, Flight 029  
320th TRS, Flight 028  
326th TRS, Flight 032  
326th TRS, Flight 031  
322nd TRS, Flight 025  
331st TRS, Flight 033  
320th TRS, Flight 027  
331st TRS, Flight 034  
322nd TRS, Flight 026

## ★ JBSA-LACKLAND 3RD QUARTER AWARD WINNERS ★

**Junior Enlisted Member**

Senior Airman Jamie Richter  
*67th Network Warfare Wing*

**Honor Guard, Airman Category**

Airman 1st Class Nicholas A. Petrelis  
*59th Pharmacy Squadron*

**Honor Guard, NCO**

Staff. Sgt. Taylor W. Hilliard  
*59th Orthopedic  
Rehabilitation Squadron*

**Noncommissioned Officer**

Tech. Sgt. DeVonte Patterson  
*37th Training Wing*

**Senior Enlisted Member**

Senior Master Sgt. Marlon Daniels  
*AF Intelligence, Surveillance  
and Reconnaissance Agency*

**Company Grade Officer**

Capt. Matthew Sullivan  
*543rd Intelligence, Surveillance  
and Reconnaissance Group*

**Civilian Wage Grade**

Alfonso Martinez  
*37th Training Wing*

**Civilian Non-Supervisory Cat I**

Shelly Ryan  
*59th Medical Wing*

**Civilian Non-Supervisory Cat II**

Robert Barton  
*67th Network Warfare Wing*

**Civilian Non-Supervisory Cat III**

Dianna Saenz  
*772nd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron*

**Civilian Supervisory Cat I**

Tracy Wilhelm  
*59th Medical Wing*

**Civilian Supervisory Cat II**

Garland Henderson  
*AF Intelligence, Surveillance  
and Reconnaissance Agency*



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## OSD TOURS FACILITIES



Photo by Doug Meyer

Members of the Office of Secretary of Defense Joint Basing Working Group toured facilities at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Nov. 29. Several of the group got a birds-eye view of current construction on the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center from the roof top of Wilford Hall. Capt. Patrick Ryan holds a diagram and explains the status of the phases of construction for Col. Charles Perham, Jane Goldberg and Army Lt. Col. Vincent Navarre. JBSA is the largest joint base organization in the Department of Defense, comprising three primary locations at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph, and more than 200 mission partners.

**DIAMOND TREE**  
Help a child's holiday season be a little brighter.

**The Diamond Tree's inspiration is to assist military families of the JBSA Lackland Community. Your contributions will provide needed support during this holiday season.**

**IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE:**

- 1) Select a diamond from the tree, where you will find information pertaining to a particular child.
- 2) Purchase the suggested item(s).
- 3) Wrap the gift.
- 4) Return the present(s) to the designated checkout along with the diamond from the tree.
- 5) The first sergeant council will pick-up and deliver the gifts.

The Diamond Tree will be at JBSA-Lackland's main exchange entrance until Dec. 21.

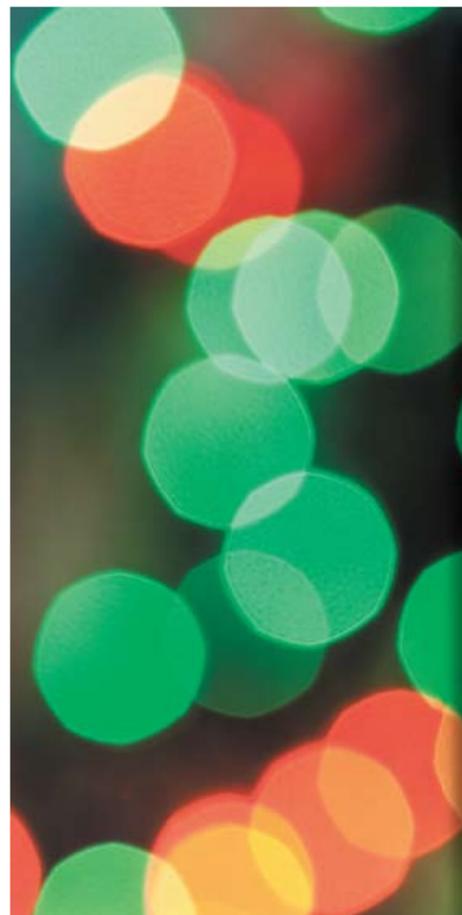
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For more info, please contact SMSgt Joe San Nicolas at 216-7361



**Be Responsible!**

**Seat Belts Save Lives!**

**Buckle Up And Wear Yours!**



# JBSA-Lackland Christmas tree lights add warm glow to the season

Kids got to assist Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter turn on the lights during the annual Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Christmas tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 29. Included in the ceremony at the Gateway Club was holiday music with the Air Force Band of the West, a children's choir from the Freedom Chapel, and a visit with Santa who arrived on a JBSA-Lackland Fire Emergency Services fire engine.

Photos by Robbin Cresswell



▲The Air Force Band of the West's brass section adds Christmas cheer to the tree-lighting celebration.



▲Children crowd around Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter to throw the switch that will turn on the lights adorning JBSA-Lackland's Christmas tree.



▲Santa arrives waving to the children crowding around him at the Gateway Club.



◀Adelaide Holcomb, daughter of Capt. Christina Gustafson, shyly whispers her Christmas wishes to Santa.

◀A children's choir from the Freedom Chapel, sings Christmas songs inside the Gateway Club while Santa hands out treats to the crowd.

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National University  
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## LOCAL BRIEFS

### FEDERAL BENEFITS OPEN SEASON

Federal benefits open season for Air Force civilian employees ends Dec. 10.

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

### JBSA-LACKLAND HOLIDAY COOKIE CAPER

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland holiday cookie caper is Dec. 17 at Freedom Chapel. The cookie caper provides cookies for Airmen who will remain in base dormitories for the Christmas holidays.

Cookie donations can be dropped off Dec. 17 from 6-9 a.m. in the chapel parking lot, and volunteers are also needed to package cookies anytime that morning from 8-11:30 a.m.

For details or to volunteer, email [cookiecaper@lacklandosc.org](mailto:cookiecaper@lacklandosc.org).

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY AT KELLY

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Top III and the Hope Foundation are sponsoring a children's holiday party Dec. 15, noon to 4 p.m., at Kelly Hangar 1610.

All Department of Defense card

holders and their families are invited to attend. Children 12 years of age and younger can meet with Santa Claus to receive a gift.

Reservations with children's ages and gender are due by Dec. 11. To make reservations, contact Tech. Sgt. Latasha America at 210-671-6511, Master Sgt. Jason Resler at 210-671-9414, Jade Phiasiripanyo at 210-671-8348 or Tech. Sgt. Bonnie Cunningham at 210-671-9889.

### AAFES 'GO NUTS' SWEEPSTAKES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Planters/Kraft are teaming up to give away 10 \$1,000 gift cards in the "Go Nuts with Planters" sweepstakes.

Exchanges worldwide will have entry forms available for the "Go Nuts with Planters" sweepstakes through Dec. 31. Winners will be selected on or about Feb. 14, 2013.

### LACKLAND THRIFT SHOP HOURS

- The Lackland Thrift Shop's monthly INside and OUTside bag sale is Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The thrift shop will have extra shopping hours Dec. 17, 4-7 p.m.
- The thrift shop will be closed from Dec. 25 through Jan. 8,

and reopen Jan. 8.

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 details, call 210-671-3608 or visit <http://www.lacklandosc.org>.

### OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB MEETING

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club December luncheon is Dec. 18, 11 a.m., at the Gateway Club.

For event details and reservation information, visit <http://www.lacklandosc.org>.

### AMERICAN LEGION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A Pearl Harbor remembrance pancake breakfast by American Legion Post No. 336 is Dec. 9, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Seneca Plaza ballroom, 655 Bandera Road.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

For details, call 210-823-1415.

### 59TH MDW EDUCATION FAIR

The 59th Medical Wing will host an education fair Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center atrium.

School coordinators from more

than 40 colleges and universities will be at the event.

For more details, contact Master Sgt. Alan Weary, 59th MDW career assistance advisor, at 210-292-4308.

### TOPS IN BLUE AUDITIONS

Air Force Tops in Blue is conducting its annual world-wide talent search for the 2013 cast. The online application and video submission deadline is Dec. 14.

Tops in Blue needs performers in various categories. They include vocalists, instrumentalists, dance and non-musical variety (comedians, magicians and dramatists). Audio, video, lighting and stage technicians, and driver spots are also available.

For additional information, call Percy Lewis at 210-671-2619 or visit <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

### COMMUNITY THEATER AUDITIONS

The Lackland Performing Arts Group will hold auditions Dec. 7, 5-7 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center for its March musical, "Back to the '80s."

For additional information, call 210-671-2619.

### HOPE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Christmas concert featuring John Angotti is Dec. 13, 7 p.m., at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland's Hope Chapel.

The concert, "Preparing the Way: A Christmas Concert," will also be held at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston's Gift Chapel Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

For details, call Brian Merry at 210-221-5006.

### AAHC FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland African American Heritage Committee's annual fish fry is Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center.

The \$8 plate includes fresh fried catfish, potato salad, baked beans and slaw.

Proceeds from the fish fry go to the African American Heritage scholarship fund.

### INDOOR-OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Family Housing holiday indoor-outdoor flea market is Dec. 8, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, 2254 Brian McElroy St.

For details, 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.

## JBSA-LACKLAND

### 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	<a href="http://www.lacklandesc.org">http://www.lacklandesc.org</a>
Force Support Squadron	<a href="http://www.lacklandfss.com">http://www.lacklandfss.com</a>
Lackland ISD	<a href="http://www.lacklandisd.net">http://www.lacklandisd.net</a>
Officers' Spouses' Club	<a href="http://www.lacklandosc.org">http://www.lacklandosc.org</a>
JBSA Public website	<a href="http://www.jbsa.af.mil">http://www.jbsa.af.mil</a>
My Air Force Life	<a href="http://www.MyAirForceLife.com">http://www.MyAirForceLife.com</a>

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

# What's Happening

## Family Support Events

### DEC. 7

#### BMT FAMILY SEMINAR

The Air Force Basic Military Training Family Seminar begins 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 details, call 210-671-3722.

#### COUPON SAVERS MEETING

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Scissor Savers coupon group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For additional information, email [LAFBscissorsavers@gmail.com](mailto:LAFBscissorsavers@gmail.com).

### DEC. 10

#### FAMILY READINESS BRIEFING

A mandatory family readiness briefing for personnel who are deploying is from 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 details, call 210-671-3722.

#### RETURN, REUNION SEMINAR

A return and reunion seminar is from 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.

### DEC. 11

#### AMVET REPRESENTATIVE

An American Veterans national service officer is available by appointment only to help with disability claims from 8 a.m. to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

## 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](http://www.lacklandesc.org).

#### OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club meets monthly. For dates and times, or more information, visit [www.lacklandosc.org](http://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](http://www.lacklandfss.com)

For details or to schedule an appointment, call 210-699-5087.

#### PRE-SEPARATION RETIREES' CLASS

A mandatory counseling class for retiring personnel is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Participants will be briefed on

benefits, services and complete Department of Defense Form 2648, a prerequisite for attending the three-day Transition Assistance Program seminar.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

#### DISABILITY TAP SEMINAR

A disability transition assistance

program seminar is from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

### DEC. 12

#### KEY SPOUSE MEETING

A key spouse meeting is at 8 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

#### RIGHT START ORIENTATION

Right Start Orientation, a class designed for Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland newcomers, is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Gateway Club. Preregistration is required.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

#### INTERVIEW WITH CONFIDENCE

An "Interview with Confidence" workshop is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The workshop covers how to interview for a job, types of interviews,

what questions to expect, how to answer common and difficult questions, and how to dress for success.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

#### 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 details, contact Freedom Chapel at 210-671-4208.

### DEC. 13

#### PRE-SEPARATION CLASS

A mandatory counseling class for personnel voluntarily separating is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Attendees will be briefed on benefits, services and complete Department of Defense Form 2648, a prerequisite for attending the three-day Transition Assistance Program seminar.

For details, call 210-671-3722.



# Wrestling with excellence

By Jose T. Garza III  
Sports editor

When AJ Summers and Ryan Oshun walk on stage to the sound of rock band Avenue F's "Suffer Unto Me" in matching red tights, they are not shy to let River City Wrestling's 300 or so fans know what they think of them.

They are more than happy to tell the fans how excellent they are, and how men want to be like them and women want to be with them.

The antagonizing doesn't end when the bell rings to compete.

When Summers is in the ring, Oshun, as is common in a tag team match, stands outside the ring on the apron and continues to espouse the greatness of the tag team, and vice versa.

If the fans rebel against the team with verbal abuse of their own, the two antagonists tell them to shut up.

From bell to bell, the villainous tag team named Team Excellence can't stop talking about themselves.

The 5-foot-1-inch Summers and the 6-foot-4-inch Oshun will continue to get under fans' skins during RCW's Texas Explosion VII show Dec 8 at the Good Shepherd Activity Center. The shows

run once a month.

Their occupations as cocky and arrogant professional wrestlers is a far cry from their duties as noncommissioned officers, trained to protect their country and groom tomorrow's Airmen.

But once a month during RCW shows, Summers and Oshun enjoy being bad guys who resort to underhanded tactics to win.

"I love being able to look at a person and tell them they're ugly, fat, or they wish they could be me or date me," Summers said, whose real name is Anthony Valentin, a cyber operations controller with the 624th Operations Center. He is from Brooklyn, N.Y. "I'm able to tell the fans that and have fun. The joy I get out of it is the person I'm entertaining is getting their money's worth and more."

Oshun, whose real name is Gregory Gauntt, a 324th Training Squadron military training instructor from Riverside, N.J., shares his partner's sentiments on being a villain.

"I get to tell a little kid to shut up and sit down," he said. "I'm sure everyone has seen a 5-year-old kid that's bad and you just want to tell them to shut up and go to the corner. You don't want to do that because you don't want to be

rude (outside of the ring). I'm allowed to come through the curtain and be rude. If someone is talking trash to me, I can talk trash back. If they are sitting there and eating nachos, I can make fun of the fact that I'm in shape and they are not."

The two wrestlers took different paths in their wrestling careers before forming their tag team.

Summers has been wrestling professionally for six years. He started training in Georgia but credits Steve Islas, a local independent wrestler from Arizona for retraining him. After competing in Georgia and Arizona, he wrestled in North Carolina before moving here in 2010. He started wrestling for RCW in 2011.

Oshun started training to be a professional wrestler in June at the RCW Gym Wrestling School, owned by Brandon Oliver. He trained with Shawn Hernandez, the school's head trainer.

It was at an RCW appearance at Texas Comicon, a comic book convention, here, also in June, where Summers and Oshun met.

When both found out they were in the Air Force, Team Excellence was born.

"It's fun to be able to go to (the RCW arena) and wrestle with your close friend," Summers said. "It is a lot of

fun because we are always in a friendly competition and always pushing each other."

"We always hung out so we posted pictures of ourselves on Facebook hanging out," Oshun said. "It only made sense for us to be together because we were promoting ourselves so much online and our chemistry just clicked."

What made both want to be professional wrestlers was watching wrestling's biggest superstars on television.

Summers remembers, as a 5-year-old, watching his father turning on the TV and seeing people cheer former World Wrestling Entertainment Superstar the Ultimate Warrior as he ran to the ring in his colorful facepaint, ring trunks, and tassels attached to his biceps.

"He was this bright, colorful, muscled dude who looked like he was having a blast out there," Summers said. "I said that's what I want to do and that's how I want to look."

"When I was five years old, I started collecting the action figures, which I still do, and I just enjoyed watching wrestling. In the back of my mind, I said one day I'm going to wrestle and here I am

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## UPCOMING

### ALAMO BOWL TICKETS

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Information, Tickets & Travel Office has Alamo Bowl tickets for sale. Only \$22 each for seats in the 300 section are available.

For additional information, call 210-671-3133 or stop by the Arnold Hall office.

### JOE HALL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 37th annual Joe Hall Memorial Basketball Tournament takes place Saturday and Sunday starting at 8 a.m.

Games will be simultaneously played at the Warhawk and Chaparral Fitness Centers.

For additional information, call 210-671-2401/2016.

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today.”

Oshun remembers watching Hulk Hogan and Hacksaw Jim Duggan on TV and instantly being hooked. As he grew older, he said he enjoyed watching Hogan, Scott Hall, and Kevin Nash run rabid over World Championship Wrestling as a group called the New World Order. He still watches wrestling to this day.

“I remember my mother used to make me go to bed when I was a kid, and I would shut my door, turn wrestling on, and turn the volume down,” Oshun said. “She wouldn’t know I was watching television, and I would have it low enough to where I knew when she was coming up the steps so I could get in bed real quick.”

Summers and Oshun said their fellow Airmen support them in

the pursuit of their goals.

Oshun said he works either morning or night shifts, so he can have time to do the things needed to be a professional wrestler, including training at the gym, dieting, and tanning. But with the support comes a dose of good-natured ribbing.

“The other MTT’s will joke about me running around in underwear,” he said. “But they support what I’m doing so it balances itself out. Some of them even come to the shows.”

Summers said he kept his wrestling career under wraps for a while, but some of his fellow Airmen found out about him through Youtube.

“It is really cool because now they are aware of local wrestling. It gives them an opportunity to be a wrestling fan because they know someone on the inside who is part of it.”

He has the support of 624th Operations Commander, Col. Alan Berry.

“Staff Sgt. Valentin is an outstanding young Airman and a role model for the community,” Berry said. “Wrestling takes training, determination, and guts. Wrestlers will lose matches, but they learn to get back up, work harder, and be better. Doesn’t that sound like qualities we want in an Airman?”

Summers and Oshun hope to one day showcase their skills on wrestling’s biggest stages.

Oliver likes their potential to be big stars in the wrestling world.

“With his athleticism and natural abilities, I think the potential is very high for (Oshun),” Oliver said. “I think (Summers) will do well internationally. If he is able to travel abroad and wrestle, he would do well.”

“My unrealistic goal would be to be signed by a national promotion,” Gauntt. “My contract with the Air Force runs out in December of next year so it would be awesome if I can sign with those two by next year, but I know that is not realistic.

“It’s possible but not probable. My realistic goal is to be a well rounded wrestler and be respected by everyone I work with.”

Valentin got a taste of the big stage when he competed on a Lucha Libre USA show at the Alamodome in May. He is currently in talks with the promotion about being signed and doing some tours in the upcoming year.

“Nothing is set in stone,” he said. “When that time comes, we will go to the drawing board and work out something that benefits the both of us. Hopefully, I will be an international wrestling star soon.”

“Cowboys Nation, are you feeling what I’m feeling? If you’re feeling our Dallas Cowboys making a run to the playoffs then we are all in sync.”

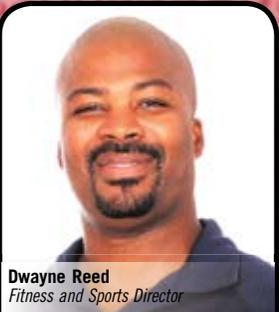
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### NFL - WEEK 14

	9-6	8-7	8-7	8-7	GRIDlocks GUEST
Chicago at Minnesota, Sun	Chicago	Chicago	Minnesota	Chicago	Minnesota
St. Louis at Buffalo	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	Buffalo	St. Louis
Tennessee at Indianapolis, Sun	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, Sun	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Cleveland, Sun	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland
San Diego at Pittsburgh, Sun	San Diego	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Miami at San Francisco, Sun	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Arizona at Seattle, Sun	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Arizona
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, Sun	N.Y. Jets	Jacksonville	N.Y. Jets	Jacksonville	N.Y. Jets
Dallas at Cincinnati, Sun	Dallas	Cincinnati	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Atlanta at Carolina, Sun	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, Sun	New Orleans	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	New Orleans
Baltimore at Washington, Sun	Washington	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
Detroit at Green Bay, Sun	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Houston at New England, Mon	Houston	New England	New England	Houston	Houston
	<b>OVERALL: 114-62-1 (.644)</b>	<b>OVERALL: 110-66-1 (.621)</b>	<b>OVERALL: 104-72-1 (.588)</b>	<b>OVERALL: 108-68-1 (.610)</b>	

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