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**NEW YEAR'S EVE 5K**  
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**Midnight Jimmy Brought Fitness Center**

# Santa makes special visit to homebound kids

By Lori Newman  
 JBSA-FSH News Leader

Santa made a special trip to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Dec. 15 to visit some children with special needs.

With the help of the JBSA-FSH Fire Department, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in a big, shiny fire truck to present the children gifts and allow them some time on Santa's lap.

The Borgkvist family fosters three children

ranging in age from 7 months to 5 years old.

The children are all dealing with severe medical conditions. One of the children has a heart defect, another has a brain tumor and the third is suffering from the effects of malnutrition.

The family also has three biological children, Travis, 14, Lane, 12, and Aedan, 6. Travis has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair.

Meridan Borgkvist said they decided to become foster parents because

of their son, Travis. She worries about who would care for her son if something happened to her or her husband.

"I stay with him and take him to medical appointments," she explained. "I wanted to be productive and give back to my community."

1st Lt. Bradley Brogkvist is a nurse at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, while Meridan is a stay-at-home mom caring for all

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## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



Photo by Ed Dixon

Shopkeepers make unleavened bread at the bakery on the grounds of the Main Post Chapel, which was transformed into a crowded Bethlehem Village Dec. 14 and 15. The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston chapel community offered participants a hands-on experience of what things might have been like during the time of Jesus' birth. The event included crafts, skits, music, snacks and scripture.

## WORLD-FAMOUS CLYDESDALES VISIT JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON

The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales paid a five-day visit to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Dec. 11 through 15, spending most of their time at the Equestrian Center at Building 3550, on Trooper Road. In this photo, the eight-horse hitch was at the Warrior and Family Support Center to visit wounded warriors and their families. The "Gentle Giants," as they are often referred to, have been visiting military bases throughout the United States to thank troops for serving our country.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

## JBSA-Fort Sam Houston has top fitness, sports program in AETC

By Deyanira Romo Rossell  
 502nd FSS Marketing

Retired Army 1st Sgt. Al Rodriguez clutches a weight and does crunches in the circuit training taught by Jorge Chavez, a personal trainer at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education and Training Campus.

A few stations down, Auralee Ramos, a military wife tackles push-ups. They both count on one of three fitness centers on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to meet their fitness goals.

"I have lost 30 pounds since I started this program seven months ago," Rodriguez said. "It alleviates some of the pain from the ailments I have like arthritis and knee injuries. It helps me stay strong."

It is classes like Chavez' circuit training that have earned the fitness program on Fort Sam Houston top honors, recently selected as AETC Fitness and Sports Program of the Year for the 2012 A1 Awards Program. The program

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## Air Force leaders: Celebrate the many blessings we have

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy send the following holiday message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force:

The holiday season is a perfect time to celebrate the many blessings that we enjoy in our country and spend time with the people who are most important in our lives.

As we gather around those we love, we encourage you to strengthen the relationships that enrich your life and sincerely thank those who steadfastly support your service to our Nation's Air Force.

To those who will spend this special time of year far from family and loved ones, our thoughts are with you. The sacrifices you make earn the deep

and abiding respect of your fellow Airmen and Americans.

For those Airmen and members of our sister services engaged in combat operations around the globe, we look forward to your safe return.

To those of us with the opportunity to celebrate the holidays at home, remember our deployed Airmen and extend heartfelt thanks to the family members and loved ones who miss them.

We ask that you reach out to the families and friends of our deployed Airmen, and in the spirit of giving and support that defines our Air Force family, welcome them into your holiday celebrations.

In the many joyous ways we celebrate this holiday season, we wish you and yours the very best during this special time and throughout the New Year.



## Caldwell: Have a safe, joyful and festive season

By Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV  
Commanding General,  
U.S. Army North and  
Senior Commander,  
Fort Sam Houston and  
Camp Bullis



The holiday season is a period for rejoicing and enjoying time with family and friends. It is only fitting that we culminate the year with best wishes for everyone.

As you prepare to celebrate this season, please take the time to reflect on all of the accomplishments that you have achieved over this past year.

To the entire Fort Sam Houston team, our sincere thanks for your service and commitment to the American people!

As we celebrate, we also need to remain vigilant in our efforts to stay safe.

Many of you will host or participate in parties involving alcohol. If you do drink, please do so responsibly.

For those taking to the roads, please ensure your

travel plans include adequate rest and your vehicle is safe and serviceable. Be sure to check the weather prior to departure, and be prepared for weather delays and changing road conditions during your travels.

For many, the holidays are an enjoyable season.

However, some service members and our civilians may find themselves alone. Please take the time to check on your battle buddies, and invite those by themselves into your homes for a home-cooked holiday meal. None of us want anyone to spend this joyous season alone.

Enjoy the well deserved time off with your family and friends.

On behalf of the entire Army Team at Fort Sam Houston, we wish you and your family a safe, joyful and festive season, and we'll see everyone again in 2013!

## ARNORTH CG PRESENTS PURPLE HEARTS TO WOUNDED WARRIORS

Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes (left), along with Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley and Col. Ronny Fryar, honor the service and sacrifices of Spc. Clayton Stockton (3rd from left) and Pfc. Donnell Lewis (2nd from right) during a Purple Heart ceremony Dec. 11 at the Warrior and Family Support Center in which Stockton and Lewis each were presented the Purple Heart. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander for Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Rhodes is the command sergeant major of U.S. Army North and senior enlisted leader for Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Tilley was the 12th Sergeant Major of the Army and Fryar is the deputy commander for Allied Health, Brooke Army Medical Center.



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

## News Briefs

### Holiday Closures

The following Joint Base San Antonio locations will be closed during the holidays:

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Claims Division – Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH Warfighter and Family Readiness – Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH Golf Course – Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH Bowling Center – Dec. 23 through 26, Dec. 30 through Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH Equipment Center – Dec. 22 through 26, Dec. 30 through Jan. 2  
 JBSA-FSH Auto Shop – Dec. 22 through 25, Dec. 30 through Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH Equestrian Center – Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH Hacienda – Dec. 22 through Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH Java Cafe – Dec. 22 through Jan. 1  
 JBSA-FSH RV Park – Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
 JBSA-Camp Bullis Sportsman Range – Dec. 24 through 27 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 3  
 JBSA-FSH Residential Communities Initiative Office – Dec. 22 through 25  
 Fort Sam Houston Independent School District – Winter Break is Dec. 24 through Jan. 4. Regular schedules resume Jan. 7.

### JBSA-FSH Tech Expo

The semi-annual Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Technology Exposition is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395. Hosted by the Army Signal Network Enterprise Center, all military, civilian and contractor personnel are invited to attend for free. More than 30 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in cybersecurity, IT training, interactive videoconferencing and much more. To pre-register, go to <http://www.FederalEvents.com>, click on the "JBSA-Fort Sam Houston" link, and select the "Pre-Register" button. For more information, call (443) 561-2458.

### Spouses' Club scholarships

Applications for the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area College Scholarship are being accepted. The club will award scholarship funds for the 2013-2014 academic year to select students with military affiliation to assist them with college expenses. Graduating high school students, dependent

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# IMCOM assisting Soldiers, families in making smooth transition into civilian life

By Amanda Rodriguez  
 IMCOM public Affairs

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command is committed to assisting Soldiers and families transition smoothly into civilian employment and America's communities.

In response to the President's and U.S. Army's emphasis on a career-ready military, IMCOM is highlighting job fairs, expanding its transition services, and is keenly focused on identifying employment opportunities within the command as well as business and industry.

"Our Soldiers deserve the best we can offer them, including the best

opportunities for the future," said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commanding general, U.S. Army Installation Management Command. "We're making sure Soldiers can't slip through the cracks.

"We will do everything we can to help prepare them for civilian life as thoroughly as we equip them for battle," he said. "We owe that to our veterans in exchange for their life of service and sacrifice to this Nation."

All transitioning Soldiers, from those retiring to first-term enlistees, have a wealth of opportunity at their fingertips thanks in large part to the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act, which Congress approved in



October 2011. The VOW Act is the driving force behind the completely revamped transition program, according to Kenric Echols, chief of military personnel, IMCOM G1.

"Changes went into effect Nov. 21," Echols said. "But we're already getting lots of phone calls and inquiries about the new transition program. The intent is to better

Transition Unit Soldier Maj. Lonnie Britton listens to instructions on how to fill out the Individual Transition Plan that is part of the new Transition Assistance Program, or TAP, July 23 at Fort Sill, Okla. Soldiers participated in the six-day long pilot program that launched the newly revised TAP program, which covers finances, job searches, resume preparation and more. Soldiers are now required to begin their pre-separation counseling at least 12 months prior to the end of their military terms of service.

Photo by Ben Sherman

prepare transitioning Soldiers and their families and get them in touch with potential employers—hopefully resulting in job

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## Sergeant tells personal account of hurt caused by drunk driver

By Tech. Sgt. Crystal Lee  
 Armed Forces Network-Incirluk

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 at the tender age of 11.

I volunteered to share a part of my life normally reserved for those close to me – to share a time that will never leave me, in hopes others don't have to experience the pain it brought.

People who know me, know I keep family matters private. This account, however, may help sway someone's decision and prevent an

alcohol-related incident.

It was Friday, date night for my parents.

I was 11 and my little sister, Jen, was 9. We were at the age many parents start letting their kids stay home alone. Mom and dad were invited to a party, which was about an hour away.

Awesome! Jen and I had the whole house to ourselves.

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 got 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 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, 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 decisions could have prevented the entire event.

When someone abuses alcohol it affects more than just that individual. It has a ripple effect to everyone who cares about that person, those they hurt, and the peo-

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# USAMITC initiates kiosks to improve communication, security, efficiency

By **Kenneth Blair Hogue**  
USAMITC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center has initiated "Provider Kiosks," a standard enterprise desktop configuration for the Windows 7 operating system.

This will enhance communication between healthcare providers and patients within Army Medicine at the military treatment facility level.

This initiative involves Army Medicine around the world, allowing doctors to access patient records and provide medical direction both before and after appointments.

"This operating system allows doctors access to patient information quickly, saving valuable time that can now be spent providing patient care," said Russell Nagle, USAMITC lead for the engineering, integration and technology branch in the command's core technology division.

Making this kiosk system available enterprise-wide is top priority. The base standard for the provider kiosk is finished, and has already been piloted.

"The provider kiosk is being piloted at Fort Hood, Fort Stewart, Fort Bragg and Fort Carson and will soon be available at Landstuhl, Ger-

many," Nagle said.

"One of the main challenges was to make the kiosk secure enough to pass information assurance's strict guidelines and yet be flexible enough to be functional, which do not always go hand in hand," Nagle added. "We are assisting the pilot sites to make the necessary adjustments required to customize the system to fit some of their specialized needs."

Saving time is another benefit to the provider kiosks.

"Providers only have a certain amount of time where they can see patients. Having to log into a system takes

time away from patient care," Nagle said. "We wanted to find a way to minimize log in time and maximize attention to care. We want doctors to be able to walk into an exam room, click the mouse and have everything they need immediately accessible.

"They still may need to type in a username and password, but waiting for the system to boot up each and every time is eliminated," he added. "This way, doctors are taking less time to get into the system, and more time is available to input data and see patients."

"This is what the provider kiosk was born from – ensuring the information and clinical systems can be accessed quickly so providers can provide quality care to those we serve."

## KOREAN WAR DOUBLE ACE PARR MAKES FINAL SORTIE



Photo by **Melissa Peterson**

A hearse transports the remains of retired Col. Ralph Parr from a funeral ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Dec. 17 to the graveside service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Parr, 88, died Dec. 7 in New Braunfels, Texas, and was the only American pilot to have earned the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Force Cross. Parr was a Korean War double ace and was the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing commander from 1970-71. More than 300 military, family and community members attended the service at JBSA-Randolph.

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undergraduate students continuing their education and spouses who are current members of the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area as of Dec. 1 are eligible to apply. Applications need to be postmarked no later than Feb. 28, 2013. For information on eligibility guidelines and the application process, go to the "Scholarship" area on the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area website at <http://www.scfsh.com>.

### TSP Withdrawals Due to Hurricane Sandy

On Nov. 21, the Thrift Savings Plan made temporary changes to the financial hardship withdrawal rules for participants affected by Hurricane Sandy. Requests to TSP must be received by Jan. 25, 2013. For more info regarding the TSP withdrawal process, please contact TSP at (877) 968-3778 or visit the TSP website at <https://www.tsp.gov/representative/announcements/announcements.shtml>.

### Defend Your Heart Research Study

Research participants with high blood cholesterol levels are needed for a U.S. Military-Baylor University Masters Program in Nutrition research study on the effectiveness of a Web-based nutrition education program in reducing coronary artery disease risk factors among military beneficiaries. This study is looking at different approaches to educate our military community to reduce the risk of heart disease. Study open to active duty and retired military, and family members over 18 years of age, females cannot be pregnant or lactating. People must also have elevated total blood cholesterol (above 200mg/dL) and/or elevated LDL cholesterol or bad cholesterol (above 100mg/dL). Participants will receive at no cost a Lipid profile, hemoglobin A1c, C-reactive protein, blood pressure and body composition measurement. You will also receive heart healthy nutrition and lifestyle education. For more information or to volunteer, call 916-3375.

### Military Nurses and Ethical Issues during Wartime Deployments Research Study

If you are an active duty or reserve component Nurse Corps officer who has been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, you are invited to participate in a

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# Strategic approach drives MICC realignment

By Daniel P. Elkins  
MICC Public Affairs



Mission and Installation Contracting Command officials realigned six field directorate offices into four Dec. 4 in a strategic effort to bring consistency to its operations and improve contract administration and oversight.

The four field directorate offices will be located at Fort Bragg, N.C.; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.; Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Knox, Ky.

Of the two other field directorates, MICC-Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington was realigned under Fort Bragg and MICC-Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston is serving as the headquarters' activity responsible for acquisitions not normally provided by other MICC elements as well as specialized contracting assignments for the MICC leadership.

The command's remaining 34 subordinate contracting offices located throughout the country and Puerto Rico will be administratively and operationally

realigned under the four directorates.

"The MICC continues to mature its oversight and responsive capabilities to meet the growing demands of our Soldiers and the acquisition community," said Brig. Gen. Kirk Vollmecke, MICC commanding general.

"The realignment of contracting offices under field directorate offices restores a command-wide focus that supports our core mission of providing responsive contracting solutions and oversight for our customers."

Analysis for the organizational realignment began in mid-2012 and included an assessment of the command's operational efficiency to determine a structure that would improve contract compliance and

oversight of operations, provide strategic support to customers and effectively utilize existing resources.

Sarah Corley, a senior contracting professional in the MICC who helped lead the realignment integrated process team, said the selection of locations for field directorate offices came after thorough mission analysis and was based on their link with the command's major customer groups.

"The realignment provides a more strategic alignment with the customer base, in order to provide optimum opportunity for standardization of processes and products," Corley said.

"The realignment strikes a core balance between horizontal and vertical spans of control, leverages the strengths of pre-existing organizational components, enhances the ability to streamline and standardize MICC's processes, achieves consistency of operations, enhances support to core customers, and provides a mechanism to measure results."

MICC officials met

with field directors and their deputies here in October to conduct roundtable discussions on realignment that included procurement authorities and roles and responsibilities for the four field directorate offices to support their customers.

The MICC's major customers include the U.S. Army Forces Command and Reserve Command supported by MICC FDO-Fort Bragg; U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command supported by MICC FDO-Joint Base Langley-Eustis; U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command supported by MICC FDO-Fort Hood; and Department of the Army-level customers in the Military District of Washington supported by MICC FDO-Fort Knox.

At the same time, the MICC is transferring Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Fort Dix, N.J., and Miami to other areas of the U.S. Army Contracting Command. California's MICC-Moffett Field will assume oversight of contracting support actions at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

For the most part,

the realignment should be transparent at the installation contracting officer and customer levels, according to Albert Jacob, the chief of MICC Contract Operations.

He added that in the transition, some MICC offices reporting to a different field directorate office should coordinate with the staff at MICC Contract Operations to ensure proper visibility and compliance with acquisition and contracting procedures.

The MICC is responsible for providing contracting support for the warfighter across Army commands, installations and activities located throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

In fiscal 2012, the command executed more than 58,000 contract actions worth more than \$6.3 billion across the Army, including more than \$2.6 billion to small businesses.

The command also managed more than 1.2 million Government Purchase Card Program transactions valued at an additional \$1.3 billion.

## Conference of American Armies holds commanders' meeting in Mexico City

By Lt. Col. Antwan C. Williams  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

The Conference of American Armies closed the first year of its 30th cycle with the gathering of chiefs of armies from the Caribbean, Central, North and South American countries in a military ceremony hosted

by the Mexican army at the Campo Militar #1 in Mexico City Dec. 13.

The CAA, comprised of 20 member armies, five observer armies and two international military organizations from the Caribbean, Central, North and South American countries conducted four

plenary sessions, dozens of bilateral meetings and approved the recommendations from several specialized conferences and exercises that took place in the last 12 months.

"The army chiefs discussed findings and approved recommendations from the commu-

nications exercise, legal, science and technology, emerging threats and risk situations and disaster relief operations specialized conferences and peacekeeping operations exercise that took place in different countries over the last several months," said Col. James K. Rose, U.S.

Army South's security cooperation division chief.

The CAA is a forum for chiefs of armies to come together and discuss issues of mutual interest in order to contribute to hemispheric security, protect against threats and enhance interpersonal relationships.

The army chiefs normally meet every two years, but in its

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Photo by Lori Newman

Meridan Borgkvist holds one of her three foster children as she and her daughter, Lane, await Santa's arrival Dec. 15 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

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the children.

Because of the children's extensive medical needs, there are three nurses who come to the home on a daily basis.

Jan Brown is a volunteer with Child Advocates of San Antonio who visits the Borgkvist home regularly.

On one of Brown's recent visits, Meridan expressed her wish for the children to have a normal Christmas. However, tak-

ing the children to go see Santa would be nearly impossible, Brown said.

"Three of the children have feeding tubes and can't be exposed to a lot of germs," she said.

So, if the children couldn't go see Santa, Brown did the next best thing. She arranged for Santa to come to them.

"We are one big family," Brown said. "The Borgkvists are amazing in the way they work with these kids."

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ple 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 irresponsible 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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offers.”

That's good news for Soldiers, the Army and the nation, according to Ferriter.

What does the new program look like? Soldiers transitioning this fiscal year will receive mandatory pre-separation counseling that includes in depth discussion of veterans benefits, financial planning, civilian employment readiness training, and a heavy emphasis on individualized transition plans over a longer time period.

Transitioning Soldiers can also expect more individual attention and counseling on resume writing and practice interviews. And depending on a Soldier's preference, the program will include a detailed workshop focusing on one of three areas: education, technical skills or small busi-

ness ownership.

Spouses are highly encouraged to participate in the five-day transition program as well, according to Echols.

“We highly encourage spouses to attend the entire session alongside their Soldier,” Echols said. “They can attend all sessions or some and we have resources to help them in their search for employment as well.”

IMCOM has already found that engaged and educated spouses are a key enabler to a successful transition from military service.

Job fairs are a critical part of the process. Echols emphasized that they provide a meeting place for military members and employers to connect, provide valuable networking opportunities, and give Soldiers better insight into the pay available within the private and public sectors.

Garrisons around the globe are now required to host a minimum of two employment events, such as community job fairs, each fiscal year.

Many garrisons are exceeding that goal by partnering with other agencies such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce which has a proven track record for connecting business to our talented Soldiers.

“We are also expanding the use of job fairs, allowing Soldiers to engage potential employers remotely, even from overseas,” he said.

Soldiers can sign up for a virtual career fair program at <https://www.acap.army.mil/>. A listing and details on all the IMCOM job fairs is available at <http://www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/G1Personnel/ACAP/JobFairMap.aspx>.

Federal employment is another great avenue available to Soldiers. It's

estimated that as much as 60 percent of the federal civilian workforce will be retiring in the next decade. This opens a wide variety of federal jobs, and few people will be more qualified to fill those positions than today's Soldiers.

Those who have served in combat, have been decorated for valor, or have combat related injuries or disabilities, may find entry into federal service easier due to veterans' preferences and streamlined hiring practices.

The Army relies heavily on Army civilians every day. Army civilians write contracts, deliver goods, manage networks, and provide support functions that would otherwise present distractions to training and wartime operations.

Civilians man the training ranges, run the finance offices, and in some cases cook the meals and

manage the personnel actions.

From the sound of reveille to when a Soldier turns out the lights in the barracks at the end of the day, Soldiers are supported by their civilian counterparts.

“There's not much difference in how you feel about your job and how you conduct business in and out of uniform,” said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Wilson, who runs the Army's World Class Athlete Program for the Installation Management Command. “In most Army civilian positions, you're still taking care of Soldiers and their families. I'm glad that's still part of my job description.”

The skills sets and training Soldiers receive during active duty, whether they serve for four years or 20, directly translate to the Army civilian workforce.

Making the switch

from uniformed to civilian service is easier than ever before and IMCOM's Transition Services Programs are working to ensure Soldiers and their families are educated on how to cross-walk the Military Occupational Specialties to requirements of civilian positions.

IMCOM is keenly focused on providing Soldiers and families relevant training, programs and services for seamless transition.

“I'm certain that in the coming decades our Soldiers will give this country as much as they have in the past 10 years of war,” Ferriter said.

“While it's important to do all we can to support them no matter what path they choose after separating or retiring, we're also positioning the Army of 2020 to retain their knowledge, skills, enthusiasm, patriotism and willingness to serve.”



Archive photo

# U.S. Army All-American Bowl kicks

By J.P. Escobar and Amy Sorrells  
U.S. Army All-American Bowl Public Relations

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is the nation's premier high school football game, featuring the best 90 players in a classic East vs. West match-up every January in San Antonio's Alamodome and broadcast live on NBC at noon Jan. 5, 2013.

Last year's U.S. Army All-American Bowl marked the 12th anniversary of the game and drew a record crowd of 39,011.

Building upon the extraordinary players and incredible moments featured during each of the previous U.S. Army All-American Bowls, the next bowl promises to provide the thousands in attendance, and millions more watching on NBC, an unforgettable look at the future of college and professional football.

The history and tradition of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl is unparalleled, highlighted by Heisman Trophy winners and more than 200 NFL players counted among its alumni.

Throughout the years, the game has featured the nation's most elite football players, providing a launching pad for college and NFL stars such as Andrew Luck, Ndamukong

Suh, Tim Tebow, Reggie Bush, Jamaal Charles, Percy Harvin, and Patrick Peterson.

San Antonio is represented by Corey Robinson of San Antonio Christian High School, who also happens to be the son of former San Antonio Spurs superstar and NBA Hall-of-Famer David Robinson. Robinson is a 6-foot-5-inch, 195-pound wide receiver, who has committed to attend the University of Notre Dame.

According to his bio on the USAAB website, Robinson burst onto the scene in January with a dominant performance at the U.S. Army National Combine.

Robinson has good speed for his size and is technically proficient, getting in and out of his breaks quickly and running very precise routes.

Showing a bit of his father's game, Robinson does a great job of winning battles on deep balls against defensive backs.

"Corey is a talented athlete whose leadership and teamwork qualities have made him a standout at San Antonio Christian High School," said John Myers, director of marketing, Army Marketing and Research Group.

"Only the strongest wear the Army colors, and Corey possesses mental,

emotional and physical strengths similar to the Army Strong Soldier, that have afforded him that honor."

The selection committee added, "Robinson has a thick build and is a big target in the passing game. He poses a physical mismatch for defensive backs and transitions well between the inside and outside receiver positions."

As a result of Robinson being selected to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, his head coach Bryan Marmion is invited to attend the U.S. Army Coaches Academy, an elite three-day learning experience, featuring NFL coaches, as well as participate in bowl-week activities.

The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band will perform live during halftime at the Alamodome.

A limited number of free tickets for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl are available at the MWR Ticket Office, located in the Sam Houston Community Center at Building 1395 on Chaffee Road. Call 808-1378 for more information.

Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (<http://www.ticketmaster.com>) and at the Alamodome ticket office at 100 Montana St. Call 207-3663 for more information.



Soldiers yell out a big "Hoo-Ah" at the 2012 U.S. Army All-American Bowl.



Archive photo

Sgt. 1st Class Steve Kimsey of the 95th Civil Affairs Battalion during the start of the 12th annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl.



# Joint Base San Antonio FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

## Monthly Events

## January

### Service Member and Family Readiness

#### Classes focus on computer skills

Patrons can take advantage of Microsoft Office Classes including: Word level 1, Jan. 3; Excel level 1, Jan. 8; Excel level 2, Jan. 15; Word level 2, Jan. 17; Word level 3, Jan. 24; Excel level 3, Jan. 29; PowerPoint level 1, Jan. 30; and PowerPoint level 2, Jan. 31. Classes are held at the Roadrunner Community Center, building 2797, 8 a.m.-noon. Registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2518/2705.

#### Forum assists new U.S. citizens and immigrants

The monthly U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Forum is hosted by Relocation Readiness Jan. 8, noon-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. The forum is an opportunity for service members and their families to ask important questions and speak directly to representatives from USCIS. For more information, call 221-2418.

#### Members learn new resume techniques

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center teaches new job-searching techniques during a Resume Writing Workshop Jan 9, 9-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 652-5321.

#### Class prepares families for an overseas assignment

The Overseas Orientation Jan. 9, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, building 2797, is the ideal setting to gather information and prepare for an assignment abroad. For more information, call 221-2418.

#### Newcomers get off on the right foot

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness host a Right Start newcomer's orientation at the Gateway Club Jan. 9 and 23, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Attendees may choose either date for the mandatory briefing. To sign up, contact the base intro monitor. For more information, call 671-3722.

#### Spouses invited to Heart Link

All spouses new to the military or Randolph are invited to attend Heart Link, Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., at the Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. To register, call 652-5321.

#### Parents learn to navigate EFMP system

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness hosts the Navigat-

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For more information please call 210-671-5509

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ing the EMFP Process class Jan. 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Parents with dependents in the Exceptional Family Member Program will be taken through the process from diagnosis to the assignment phase. For more information, call 671-3722.

#### Class teaches spouses re-integration skills

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts Open Arms, a workshop for spouses of returning military members Jan. 16, 1-2 p.m. The class offers solutions to the various challenges specific to reuniting couples and families and provides resiliency skills and resources. To register, call 652-5321.

#### New officers learn financial readiness

First term officers at their new duty stations must take the First Duty Station Personal Financial Readiness class within the first 90 days of arrival at Lackland. The class covers goal setting, budgeting, saving, Thrift Savings Plan, understanding pay and entitlements, banking and allotments, credit/debt

management, security clearance issues, credit reports and scores. The next session is Jan. 23, 9 -11 a.m., at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness. For details, call 671-3722.

#### Newcomers welcome at extravaganza

Service members and their families new to Fort Sam Houston are welcome to the monthly Newcomers Extravaganza Jan. 29, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395, Chaffee Rd. Representatives from local businesses and activities on Fort Sam Houston provide giveaways and information to help with relocation to the Alamo City. There are prizes and a complimentary brunch. For more information, call 221-2418.

#### Couples learn keys to financial bliss

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts Matrimony Class, Jan. 31, 3-4 p.m. This class addresses the financial issues common between spouses, as well as tips on how to successfully communicate with their partner about money. For more information, call 652-5321.

#### Playgroup offers interactive fun for mother and child

Helping Us Grow Securely playgroup for parents and children up to age 5, meets each Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., at the Middle School Teen Center, Funston Rd., building 2515, on Fort Sam Houston for interactive and fun play. The next gatherings are Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29. Registration is not required. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

## Arts and Crafts

#### Italian class combines language, food and fun

The Lackland Arts & Crafts Center offers Italian 101 for beginners. The course teaches vocabulary, grammar and basic conversation. A sampling of different Italian foods and beverages are included in each class. The class fee is \$108, which includes the textbook, all materials, food and beverage. Call 671-2515 for dates available in January.

## Bowling Center

#### Patrons take the stage at open microphone night

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts an open microphone night Jan. 12, 8-11 p.m., in Primo's Lounge. All singers, musicians and poets are invited to take the stage and perform. For more information, call 671-1234.

#### Bowling Center celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.

The Randolph Bowling Center celebrates MLK Jr. Jan. 19-21, with a special bowling rate of \$2.50 (excluding

Thunder Alley) per game, per person with \$2.25 shoe rental for the entire weekend. For more information, call 652-6271.

#### Bowlers go cosmic

Cosmic bowling with glow-in-the-dark balls and pins, laser lights and music takes place every Friday, 9 p.m.-midnight, and Saturday, 7 p.m.-midnight, at Lackland Skylark Bowling Center. A DJ appears the third Saturday of the month. For more information, call 671-1234.

#### Bowling Center offers weekly specials

Patrons can hold off their afternoon hunger at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center, building 2521, Schofield Rd., with some weekly lunch specials. Every Tuesday, the Philly cheese steak combo with fries and a soft drink is \$6.50. On Wednesdays the special is a six-inch meatball sub combo including fries and a soft drink for \$5.50. The Friday lunch special is two pieces of fried Pollock with fries, Texas toast and a soft drink for \$6.50. For more information, call 221-4740.

### Clubs

#### Football Frenzy counts down the playoffs

It's Football Frenzy playoff time at the Randolph Kendrick Club. Patrons can enjoy reduced Budweiser beverages and \$1 off the football menu Jan. 5, 6, 12 and 13. On Jan. 20 the deals get sweeter with \$8 beer buckets, and a steak burrito meal special. For more information, call 652-3056.

NFL Sunday Ticket is showing every week at the Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395, Chaffee Rd. on a choice of several 70-inch flat screen TVs. Game-time beverages, snacks and food are available in the community center at the Java Café. For more information, call 224-2721.

#### Prime rib buffet a hit with diners

Lackland Gateway Club features a prime rib buffet Jan. 11, 5-8 p.m. Entrees of prime rib, stuffed pork chops and baked tilapia with white sauce are on the menu along with side dishes, soup and salad bar and bread pudding with bourbon sauce for dessert. Member price is \$17.95 per person and nonmember price is \$19.95. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Club members honored with special dinner

Lackland Gateway Club hosts a members' appreciation dinner Jan. 15, 5-8 p.m. Patrons will dine on a buffet dinner of beef, chicken and fish entrees. Big band sounds and a ballroom dance contest are also featured. Members' dinner price is \$10.50. Nonmembers pay \$12.50 each. For more information, call 645-7034.

#### Chef prepares special meal

Lackland Gateway Club presents a special chef's dinner Jan. 18, 5-8 p.m. Featured is chicken Wellington with white wine sauce, rice pilaf, broccoli spears, salad and freshly-baked rolls. The member price is \$16.95 and the nonmember price is \$18.95. For more information, call 645-7034.

### Community Programs

#### BOSS hosts Texas Hold'Em, Halo tournament

Fort Sam Houston Better Opportunities for Single Service Members hosts a Texas Hold'Em and Halo Tournament Jan. 4, at the Benner Barracks, building 272. Registration is free. For details, call 295-6867.

#### Arnold Hall calls all gamers

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center hosts a free XBOX 360 tournament Jan. 25, 6-9 p.m. A practice session begins at 6 p.m. The event is open to gamers ages 16 and older. Food and prizes will be provided. For more information, call 671-2619.

#### BOSS schedules regular meetings

Better Opportunities for Single Service Members meets Jan. 9 and 23, noon, at the Fort Sam Houston BOSS room in the Benner Barracks. The group offers service members recreational activities and volunteer opportunities. For more information, call 295-6867 or 221-3949.

#### Talent workshop hones performance skills

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center offers a talent workshop every Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. The class covers vocal training, song selection, stage presence, showmanship, microphone techniques, wardrobe selection and the basics of the entertainment business. The class fee is \$15 per session. For more information, call 671-2619.

#### Piano lessons available for all ages

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center holds private piano lessons Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Spots are available 4-7 p.m. The fee is \$20 per half-hour lesson. For more information, call 671-2619.

#### Community center opens barber shop

Shapin' Headz is now open at the Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395, Chaffee Rd., giving folks a one-stop shop for food, tickets and a haircut. For more information, call 808-1374 or 808-1376.

### Fitness and Sports

#### Runners ring in new year

Runners hoping to get a great start in 2013 are invited to the New Year's Eve 5K Dec. 31, midnight, at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Wilson Way, building 320, on Fort Sam Houston. Runners can toast to a new year with complimentary and healthy beverages and snacks. For more information, call 221-1234.

#### Fitness Center hosts year-long health program

On Jan. 1 the Randolph Rambler Fitness Center kicks off a year-long program, New Year, New You 2013. The goal of this self-monitored program is to run/walk 70 miles, attend 24 group fitness classes and bike 36 miles. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Patrons start new year with fitness

The Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts their annual Resolution 5K Run, Jan. 1, 8 a.m. at Eberle Park. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Group exercise featured in aerobathon

The Rambler Aerobathon on Jan. 5, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., is a great way to try out different group exercise classes offered at Randolph's Rambler Fitness Center. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Patrons learn proper weight lifting

Randolph's Rambler Fitness Center teaches patrons proper lifting techniques and how to improve their workouts during the free weight lifting class Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m. in exercise room 128. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Teams welcome at the Ranger Jam XV

Players, ages 18 and older, are invited to get their teams together for the Fort Sam Houston Ranger Jam XV Varsity Basketball Tournament Jan. 26-27, at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus, Williams Rd., building 1369. The cost per team is \$350. For more information, call 808-5710.

#### Varsity softball teams forming

Lackland Fitness and Sports will hold tryouts at the Warhawk softball diamond for the men's and women's varsity softball teams. Men's tryouts are Jan. 22, 24, 28-29, 31 and Feb. 4-5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Women's tryouts are Jan. 21-22, 28 and 30, 5-7 p.m. and Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-noon. For more information, call 671-0854 or 671-2632.

#### Runners are invited to the Frosty 5K

Runners can celebrate winter at the Fort Sam Houston Frosty 5K Fun Run Jan. 26, noon, at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus, Williams Rd., building 1369. For more information, call 808-5709.

#### Varsity softball calls for coaches

DOD cardholders ready to coach varsity softball should drop off a resume by Jan. 28 at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus, Williams Rd., building 1369, or mail it to Earl Young, 2380 Stanley Rd., building 124, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-5020. For more information, call 808-5710.

#### Registration underway for Polar Bear Aquathon

Athletes are invited to take on the challenge of the Polar Bear Aquathon, Feb. 23, 2 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Aquatic Center, building 3300, Williams Rd. Registration forms are available at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Wilson Way, building 320. For more information, call 221-4887.

#### Patrons can sign up to Run/Bike/Run

The Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts their annual Run/Bike/Run Feb. 2, 7 a.m., at Eberle Park. During this event patrons run a 5K, bike 10 miles, then run a mile and a half. For more information, call 652-7263.

#### Learn to spar with boxing classes

Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center holds boxing training classes Mondays and Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. Classes focus on boxing mechanics, conditioning, footwork, proper movement and defensive techniques in controlled sparring sessions.

The course is open to ages 14 and older. The fee is \$50 per month. To sign up or for more information, call 671-2401.

#### Get fit to a Latin beat

Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center holds Zumba® classes Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. There is a lunchtime class Wednesdays at noon. The fee is \$2 per session. For more information, call 671-2401.

### Golf

#### Golf tournament scheduled

The monthly Wounded Warrior Four-Person Golf Tournament Jan. 4, 12:30 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd., offers 18 holes and camaraderie for service members, their families and guests. The tournament costs \$35 for nonmembers or \$25 for members. The fee includes dinner and an entry to win prizes in the pro shop. The golf club is open daily 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. The illuminated driving range is open daily 6 a.m.-8 p.m. The pro shop is open daily 6:45 a.m.-8 p.m. Mulligan's Snack Bar is open daily 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m. For details, call 222-9386.

#### Randolph Oaks hosts MLK Jr. tournament

Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts an MLK Jr. Golf Tournament Jan. 21. The tournament is scored by individual best

ball gross score and tee times are 7-9 a.m. Entry fee is \$10, plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4570.

### Information, Tickets and Travel

#### Kids sail free on Disney cruises

Lackland ITT is taking reservations for select Disney cruises during January and February 2013 featuring free fares for children. For more information, call 671-7111 to speak to a travel representative.

#### Casino trip

Randolph ITT hosts several trips to Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder, Louisiana through the year, with the next trip scheduled for March 19-20. A trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, a voucher for \$23 from the Casino and friendly service from the bus driver and tour guide. No reservations, cancellations or changes will be made within two weeks of the trip. The bus departs at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m. the next day.

#### ITT offers back-to-school Caribbean cruise

Lackland ITT offers customers a Carnival five-day western Caribbean cruise Aug. 12-17. The ship departs Galveston to Progreso and Cozumel, Mexico. Rates start at \$606.86 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabins and \$676.86 for ocean view cabins. A \$225 per person deposit and a \$10 service fee is due by April 12. Final payment must be made by June 10. For details, call 671-7111.

#### Ticket office sells discount tickets

The MWR Ticket Office in the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395, Chaffee Rd. is selling discount tickets for the San Antonio Spurs and Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 808-1378.

### Library

#### Library provides virtual and traditional entertainment

Patrons are welcome to enjoy virtual fun at Gaming Day Jan. 6, 2:30-5:30 p.m., at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, building 122, Harney Path on Fort Sam Houston. The library offers XBOX 360, PS3 and Wii, along with a host of old-fashioned board games. For more information, call 221-4702.

#### Library hosts scholarship fair

Lackland library conducts a scholarship fair Jan. 13, 3-5 p.m. Patrons who are interested in funding or scholarships for colleges and universities are invited to attend. For details, call 671-3610.

#### Story time available at all JBSA locations

Story time is available for preschool children every Thursday, 10 a.m., at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, building 122, Harney Path on Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call 221-4702.

Parents and preschool children are invited to story time every Friday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Lackland Library. The



## JANUARY

### JBSA RECREATION PARK @ CANYON LAKE PARK CABANA SPECIAL



You can rent one of the Park Cabanas for half price, \$22.50 per night, Monday through Thursday during January. Enjoy the great outdoors without all the hassle associated with camping out. The Cabana's have one bedroom, queen bed, sleeper sofa and two-bunk beds, a bathroom shower, toilet and sink. A small kitchenette includes a refrigerator, stove, microwave and basic cooking utensils. Linens for beds are also provided.

For more info please call 1-830-226-5357/5065

hour is filled with a craft, songs, dance and stories read aloud. For more information, call 671-3610.

Randolph Library story time introduces preschoolers to the wonders of reading with specially selected books, rhymes, music and other fun activities. Young readers gather at the library every Wednesday, 10 a.m., for a new reading adventure. For more information, call 652-2617.

#### Center offers free testing

The Wayland Baptist National Test Center in the 502 Education and Training Office on Fort Sam Houston offers CLEP and DSST examinations for college credit. Service members can take any subject exam once for free and are charged a fee for any retake exams in the same subject. Along with the cost of the test, all others will incur an additional \$20 administrative fee. A valid credit card is required to take a CLEP or DSST. The test center also proctors exams from other universities for a fee. Cost is \$20 per exam. All exams must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Seating is limited, so early scheduling is recommended. The center offers testing on Mondays and Fridays at 8 a.m. and noon, respectively. To schedule an exam, visit [www.sa.wbu.edu/ExamSched/examsched.htm](http://www.sa.wbu.edu/ExamSched/examsched.htm). For more information, call 221-2135.

#### Library rolls out e-magazine

Zinio for Libraries is now available to patrons who visit Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, building 122, Harney Path on Fort Sam Houston. Zinio for Libraries provides a quick and easy way to read digital copies of popular magazines page-for-page, including full-color pictures. Simply by using the code provided by the library, patrons will be able to read, interact with and explore the largest selection of magazines anywhere. For details, call 221-4702.

## Outdoor Recreation

#### Bargain warehouse offers great deals

The next Randolph Bargain Warehouse is Jan. 16 in building 1139, 8-9 a.m., for ranks E1-E6 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for all other DOD ID cardholders. Only checks and cash are accepted as payment. A limited number of people will be allowed in the building at one time, so patrons come prepared to stand in line. For more information, call 652-5142 and select option two.

#### Exotic hunts set to begin at Camp Bullis

Exotic hunts start Jan. 19, 4-8 p.m. on Camp Bullis and will continue every Friday through Sunday evening until Feb. 17. Permit-holding hunters need to call Thursday morning no earlier than 8 a.m. for a reserve stand. Hunters seeking a second or third day, may call beginning at noon for any stands which are left over or that have not been selected. Walk-in hunters are not permitted and all reservations must be made by phone. For more information, call 295-7577.

#### Sportsman range open for target practice

The Camp Bullis Sportsman range is open Saturday-

Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in January. The range offers DOD cardholders a place to shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly due to weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. For more information, call 295-7577.

#### Archery deer hunting season continues at Camp Bullis

Archery hunting season for deer is open Friday-Sunday, 5:30 a.m.-dark at Camp Bullis through Jan. 6. Hunters must have a preselected permit to hunt deer. Scouting of preselected hunting areas continues. Hunting will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan.2 for the holiday break. For more information, call 295-7577.

#### Bungalow special runs during January

Joint Base San Antonio Recreation Park at Canyon Lake offers a discount on one-bedroom bungalows during January. Patrons can rent a bungalow and stay three nights for the price of two. Each private bungalow is equipped with a microwave, refrigerator and sink, a full size bed, bunk beds (sleeps fours, but customers need to bring their own linen), air conditioning, heating and a bathroom with a hot shower. For more information, call 830-226-5056.

#### Cabana rentals marked down to half price

During the month of January at JBSA Recreation Park at Canyon Lake patrons can rent one of the RV cabanas for half price, \$22.50 per night, Monday through Thursday. The cabana's have one bedroom, a queen bed, a sleeper sofa, two bunk beds, a bathroom shower, a toilet and a sink. The small kitchenette includes a refrigerator, stove, microwave and basic cooking utensils. Linens for beds are provided. For more information, call 830-226-5056.

#### Boat rentals discounted through February

Lackland Outdoor Recreation holds a winter boat rental sale through February. Customers receive 50 percent off the price of boats, excluding jet skis and Jon boats. For more information, call 925-5532.

#### Team building with paintball

Patrons may reserve the entire Lackland paintball field for their group's exclusive use. Group rates are also available. For more information or reservations, call 925-5532.

## Youth Programs

#### Soccer registration underway

Lackland Youth Programs conducts spring soccer registration Jan. 2-18 for children ages 5-14. The fee is \$45 per child. Parents may sign up 6 a.m.-6 p.m., weekdays, during the registration period. For more information, call 671-2388.

#### Fall basketball league signs up players

Fort Sam Houston Youth Sports is hosting the annual fall basketball league for youth ages 5-15. The registration deadline is Jan. 11 at Parent Central, building 2797 on Fort Sam Houston. The cost is \$65. Children participating in youth sports must have a current physical on file with Child, Youth & School Services at the time of registration. Practices begin Jan. 2 and the season begins Jan. 12. For more information, call 221-5519 or 221-5513.

#### Families get fit for the new year

Randolph Youth Programs holds a free Fit Family fun run/walk Jan. 5, 8:30 a.m., at Eberle Park. For more information, call 652-3298.

#### Parents get a night off

Lackland Youth Programs and the Gateway Child Development Center holds Give Parents a Break/Parents' Night Out Jan. 25, 7-11 p.m. Care is provided for children ages six weeks to 12 years old. Participants will enjoy an evening of supervised fun, games and a snack. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$15 per child and may be waived with a Give Parents a Break referral. To sign up, call the Lackland Youth Center at 671-2388 or the Gateway CDC at 671-1052.

#### "Batter Up!" baseball registration starts

Registration for youth baseball takes place Jan. 29-Feb. 15 at the Lackland Youth Center. Baseball is open to children ages 5-14. The fee is \$45. Parents may sign up their child weekdays, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., during the registration period. For more information, call 671-2388.

#### Youth Center hosts tumbling class

Lackland Youth Center holds tumbling classes every Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The class is open to ages five and older. The participation fee is \$45 per month. To sign up, call 671-2388.



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# off Jan. 5



Photo courtesy USAAAB

Quarterback Andrew Luck was a starter for the 2008 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. He went on to a stellar career with the Stanford University Cardinal and was the No. 1 pick in the 2012 NFL draft for the Indianapolis Colts.



**Corey Robinson**

San Antonio Christian High School



Photo by Steve Elliott

The Army Strong Zone is located in the Sunset Station parking lot and is open to the public.



**Dec. 31**

**U.S. Army All-American Bowl practice**

East Location: Heroes Stadium, 4799 Thousand Oaks Drive  
West Location: Blossom Athletic Center, 12002 Jones Maltsberger Road

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: Open to the public and media

**Jan. 1, 2013**

**U.S. Army All-American Bowl practice**

East Location: Heroes Stadium  
West Location: Blossom Athletic Center

Time: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Note: Open to the public and media

**Jan. 3, 2013**

**U.S. Army All-American Bowl practice**

East Location: Heroes Stadium  
West Location: Blossom Athletic Center

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: Open to the public and media

**FBU International Bowl semi-final games**

Location: Heroes Stadium  
Time: 5 to 9:30 p.m.

Note: Free, no ticket required

**U.S. Army All-American Bowl kick-off party**

Location: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Texas Ballroom, 600 East Market St.

Time: 9 to 10:30 p.m.

Note: Open to the public

**Jan. 4, 2013**

**U.S. Army National Combine**

Location: Alamodome, 100 Montana St.

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Note: Open to the public and media

**Army Strong Zone**

Location: Sunset Station parking

lots, 1174 East Commerce St.

Time: 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Note: Free to general public

**FBU National Championship semi-final games**

Location: Heroes Stadium

Time: 1:30 to 11 p.m.

Note: Free, no ticket required

**GAME DAY — Jan. 5, 2013**

**U.S. Army Strong Zone**

Location: Sunset Station Parking

Lots

Time: 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Tickets: Free to general public

**U.S. Army Pre-Game Pageantry**

Location: Alamodome

Time: 11 a.m. to noon

Note: Bowl ticket required

**U.S. Army All-American Bowl Game, live on NBC**

Location: Alamodome

Time: Noon

Note: Ticket required

**U.S. Army All-American Marching Band Performance**

Location: Alamodome

Time: Halftime

Note: Bowl ticket required

Autograph Zone

Location: Alamodome

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Note: Free, no ticket required

**USA vs. Canada Youth Game**

Location: Alamodome

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Note: Free, no ticket required

**FBU International Bowl Game Championship**

Location: Alamodome

Time: 8 p.m.

Note: Free, no ticket required

**Jan. 6, 2013**

**Eastbay Youth All-American Bowl Games**

Location: Alamodome

Time: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: Free to general public, no ticket required



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Scott D. Turner

Brigade (Airborne) performs the coin toss before the game in San Antonio Jan. 7, 2012.



## FITNESS from P1

now moves to the Air Force-level competition.

Among the facilities available for service members, their families, retirees and civilian employees are the Fitness Center at the METC, the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center with an indoor pool, the Central Post Gym and the Aquatic Center. The Fitness Center at the METC has an indoor elevated track and like the Jimmy Brought, has multiple basketball courts.

Personal attention, whether in a circuit class or on a weight machine, is the hallmark of the fitness program.

At the Jimmy Brought, lead recreation assistant Shane Sheffield works with Melissa Cadena, who pushes herself to keep working out and even

comes with a buddy. A civilian contractor, Cadena works at the Fort Sam Houston Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline Resource Center.

"It's nice to have freedom to work out here," Cadena said. "The hours are great and the facility is nice. It really works with my schedule. It is a great way to start my day."

Some of the most popular events are the upcoming New Year's Eve 5K at midnight Dec. 31 at the Jimmy Brought, as well as the Doggie Dip and the World's Largest Swim Lesson at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center and the NFL Pick at the Fitness Center at the METC, which is in full swing.

"I would say I'm most proud of the staff for the front desk customer service they bring every



Photo by Deyanira Romo Russell

Melissa Cadena takes advice from Shane Sheffield, lead recreation assistant, at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

day," said Ken Hack, director at the Fitness Center at the METC.

The intramural, varsity sports and adaptives programs provide opportunities from badminton and bowling to soccer and flag football.

The Fitness Center at the METC hosted the first-ever Air Force Boxing Championship on

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, while the Jimmy Brought celebrated the anniversary of the Air Force with an inaugural birthday 2-miler at MacArthur Parade Field.

A smattering of family-friendly programs like the mini-Olympics at the Fitness Center at the METC gave children at Fort Sam Houston's Child Develop-

ment Centers an opportunity to compete for their own gold medals.

The Turkey Trot at the Jimmy Brought starts the holiday eating season with a healthy run for competitive athletes and trotters alike.

The triathlons from June to September assure there is no lull in the opportunities for fitness on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

The Jimmy Brought also supports several paralympics events throughout the year.

"We have been undergoing construction to continue to meet the growing needs of our community and through it all we have maintained impeccable customer service, with an energetic and motivated staff," said Doug Price, director, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. "They wear dual

hats both as lifeguards and certified personal trainers.

"We provide top-of-the-line programs that directly impact more than 3,000 customers a day. Our central location makes us a convenient facility to service the majority of the population on base," Price added.

The new year will bring Get Lean in 2013, a weight loss challenge at the Jimmy Brought, the Polar Bear Aquathon at the Aquatic Center and the Frosty 5K Jan. 26 at the Fitness Center on the METC.

In 2013, the newly renovated Central Post Gym will reopen and the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center will complete a weight room expansion with a mezzanine, adding 3,600 square feet in work out space.

## DOD clarifies post-secondary education expectations

By Amaani Lyle  
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has issued new policy guidelines intended to provide better protection for members of the military and veterans who seek tuition assistance for post-secondary degrees.

The department's revised voluntary education partnership policy specifies the expectations and agreements that colleges, universities and technical schools must adhere to in order to receive DOD underwriting, said Carolyn Baker, chief of voluntary education for DOD's military community family and policy office.

The guidelines, part of a new memorandum of understanding, "ensure certain protections for military members [so] that

they have a quality education," she added.

Tuition assistance is a benefit available to Guardsmen, reservists, active duty members and veterans allowing a degree from a Department of Education-accredited college or university.

To receive it, participating institutions must sign the MOU, and provide the student with clear information about financial procedures, course information and graduation rates.

"[The MOU] protects service members in providing them with information so a service member can make a wise choice as to the institution [they attend]," Baker said.

"We ask that all institutions provide service members with an education plan that states [course requirements] and evaluates

credits earned at other schools [so] the service member can move forward and actually obtain their degree."

The new guidelines clarify oversight, enforcement, and accountability for educational institutions receiving military tuition assistance, Baker said.

Currently about 2,000 institutions participate in the tuition assistance program and Baker said she encourages more to do the same.

The overall initiative supports the executive order establishing the President's "Principles of Excellence," Baker said.

Those were issued in response to reports of aggressive and deceptive targeting of service members, veterans, and their families by some educational institutions after the Post-9/11 GI Bill became law.

The guidelines pertain only to institutions accepting Title 4 funding, Baker said.

## RISING STAR WINNER



Photo by Tim Hippi

Georgia Army National Guard Spc. Constance Mack (center), representing the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., receives her ticket to a recording studio experience from Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, and IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice after winning the 2012 Operation Rising Star military singing contest Dec. 15 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, home of Army Entertainment. Staff Sgt. Darren McGraw of the U.S. Army Garrison at Grafenwoehr, Germany, finished runner-up to Mack.

## ARSOUTH from P6

last meeting, in October 2011 in Lima Peru, the members decided to hold an Extraordinary Commanders' Meeting this year here Dec. 10-13.

The Mexican army led and hosted the army chiefs, commanders, and representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Suriname, Uruguay, and the Inter-American Defense Board.

The Mexican army will also host the regular Commanders Conference here in 2013.

ARSOUTH commanding general Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim attended the gathering for the first time as a commander.

He also led the U.S. delegation at the Ex-

traordinary Commanders' Meeting on behalf of Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno.

"This meeting of regional senior army leaders was extremely beneficial," said Rudesheim.

The general previously served on the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff as the division chief for Central, South America and the Caribbean and also as the deputy director for Political Military Affairs (Western Hemisphere) J5, before assuming command of U.S. Army South in September.

Rudesheim knows the region well; he was born and raised in Panama by American parents and speaks Spanish fluently, and he's dealt with many of the regional issues in his previous positions on the Joint Staff.

"One of the most beneficial aspects of this Extraordinary Commanders'

Meeting was having the opportunity to sit down and have one-on-one discussions with army chiefs and senior leaders," Rudesheim said.

Rudesheim, along with Tatiana C. Gfoeller, the CSA's senior political advisor and a former U.S. Ambassador, met with senior army leaders and chiefs from Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru and Trinidad and Tobago.

Rudesheim invited Ambassador Gfoeller to attend to observe and assist as a foreign policy advisor.

"The Mexican army, as the host nation, did an absolutely phenomenal job in planning, leading and executing this historic commanders' meeting," Rudesheim said.

"I was impressed with their leadership, planning and execution of the entire week of events."

## 106TH SIGNAL BRIGADE COLLECTS TOYS



Photo by Spc. Ebony Brown

(From left) 106th Signal Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Schehl, 106th Sig. Bde. Commander Col. Jay Chapman, Wilshire Elementary School Principal Elizabeth Fischer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander Capt. Manuel Sample, School Counselor Elizabeth Delarosa and 106th Sig. Bde. 1st Sgt. Terry Lanier recently participated in a toy drive for their Adopt-a-School partners at Wilshire Elementary School Dec. 11. Gifts were presented during the brigade's annual Christmas potluck held at the Lincoln Military Housing community center. The toy drive was developed to assist low-income families supplement some of their Christmas needs and enough gifts were collected to assist more than 15 families. Members of the brigade also helped gift wrap their gifts, along with gifts given from other sources.

# INSIDE THE GATE

## Apprenticeships Available for Teens

Registration is open for youth, ages 15-18, who want to work as apprentices in the 2013 HIRED! winter term which runs from Jan. 14-April 6. Registration forms are available at the Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, and Parent Central, Building 2797. Application deadline is Dec. 21. Call 221-3386.

## Holiday Musical at the Harlequin

In the Mood ... for Christmas runs through Dec. 22. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m., curtain opens at 8 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. Call 222-9694.

## Barber Shop Opens

Shapin' Headz is open at the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road. Call 808-1374/1376/1378.

## New Year's Eve 5K

Dec. 31, midnight, Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on JBSA-

Fort Sam Houston. Runners can toast to a new year with healthy beverages and snacks. For more information, call 221-1234.

## Word Level 1

Jan. 3, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Excel Level 1

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

## Immigration and Naturalization Services

Jan. 8, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1628.

## Overseas Orientation

Jan. 9, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1628.

## Youth Basketball Registration Deadline Extended

Youth Sports is hosting the annual fall basketball league for youth ages 5 to 15. The registration deadline is Jan. 11 at Parent Central, Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. The cost is \$65. Children participating in youth sports must have a current physical on file with Child, Youth & School Services at the time of

registration. Call 221-5519 or 221-5513.

## Armed Forces Team Building Level 1

Jan. 23-24, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1628.

## Air Force Arts & Crafts Gallery

The 2013 Air Force Arts & Crafts Gallery Program requests submissions from artists, craftsmen and photographers in the armed forces and their family members around the world. Adults, teens ages 13-17 and youth ages 6-12 may submit 2- and 3-D art, photography and digital art. Three entries are permitted per person per category. Entries must be dropped off at the Lackland Arts & Crafts Center, 1441 Patrick St., Building 7041. For more information, call 671-5508 or visit <https://www.usafservices.com/ArtsCraftsGallery.aspx>.

## Basketball Coaches Needed

Volunteer coaching opportunities are available for the youth fall basketball season at the Middle School Teen Center. Youth Sports is taking applications from DOD cardholders to coach youth ages 5-15. Background checks are required. Call 221-5519 or 221-

5513 for information.

## JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office Fall Hours

Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The ticket office will reopen Saturdays in 2013. Call 808-1378.

## Discount Tickets for Winter Ballets

The Sam Houston Community Center ticket office, Building 1395, is selling discount tickets for the Moscow Ballet, 7 p.m. Dec. 28, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 29. Discount tickets are also available for the Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22, and 2 p.m. Dec. 23. The ticket office also has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 808-1378.

## Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. Call 295-7577.

## Theater Arts Program

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

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. for

## 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.  
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday  
**Main Post (Gift) Chapel**  
Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way

*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>.*

11:30 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

### BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services,  
Sunday, AMEDD

registration and 12:30-1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Parent Central is located in Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4871.

## Before and After School Care Registration

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

## School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. 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 at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

## Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open to all DOD cardholders and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. The shop will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 8. For more information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

## Pet Consult Services Available at JBSA-Lackland

See INSIDE, P20

## ARMY NORTH SOLDIER EARNS ORDER OF SAINT MAURICE

U.S. Army North Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes presents the Order of Saint Maurice medallion to Sgt. 1st Class Darin Igle during a Dec. 14 ceremony at the Command Operations Information Center. Igle, who serves as an operations noncommissioned officer, was presented with the Legionnaire level of the Order of Saint Maurice "for outstanding or conspicuous contributions to the infantry." He was nominated for the award by his supervisors for his contributions and distinct service to the infantry community while serving as an infantry Soldier in combat. Earlier in the ceremony, Igle was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service with Army North. His next duty assignment is at Fort Hood, Texas.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## A Wonderland Christmas at Morgan's Wonderland

A Wonderland Christmas will be open 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 21 and 22. In addition to the park's regular rides and attractions, Morgan's Wonderland will recreate the North Pole at the Butterfly Garden playground as the focal point for strolling entertainers, such as carolers, choirs and magicians. Visit <http://www.morganswonderland.com> for information.

## Stonewall Memorial Walk

The Texas Volkssport Association volksmarch club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk Dec. 31 starting at Nebgen School, 1718 North Grape Creek Road in Stonewall. Walks start between 9 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 496-1402.

## Trinity University Walk

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk Jan. 5 starting at William H. Bell Athletic Center on Trinity University, One Trinity Place. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 723-8574 or print a walk brochure at <http://randolphroadrunners.info/>.

## Fredericksburg Midnight Year's Walk

The Texas Volkssport Association volksmarch club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk Jan. 1 starting at St. Joseph's Halle, 212 W. San Antonio St. Walks start between midnight and 12:30 a.m., finish by 3:30 a.m. Call 496-1402.

## 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 encouraged 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. Call 207-3255 or visit <http://www.sabot.org> for more information.

## INSIDE from P19

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing. For details, call 671-3631/2245.

## Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency testing. PME

Testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests are scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military 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://power-talkinternational.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.

## Lost Property

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

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Dec. 19

**CURRENT LEVEL\* = 651.0'**

\*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>.



## Weekly Weather Watch

	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26
San Antonio Texas	61° Mostly Sunny	66° Partly Cloudy	72° Mostly Cloudy	73° Cloudy	62° Sunny	60° Mostly Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	48° Sunny	53° Mostly Sunny	54° Partly Cloudy	54° Sunny	53° Mostly Sunny	51° Sunny

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



**FOR SALE:** Solid wood entertainment cabinet, has closing doors, three drawers and several component spaces, 69.5 inches high, 41.5 inches wide, 21 inches deep, TV space is 31.5 inches high, 39 inches wide, \$175. Call 666-0502 anytime.

**FOR SALE:** 8 foot Boessling pro model pool table, \$800 you move or \$1,100 I'll move. Call 656-6466.

## Did you know?



Over the past two fiscal years, the use of the Interactive Customer Evaluation or ICE has grown greatly.

FY 10, there were 2,920 ICE submissions to Fort Sam Houston organizations and in FY 11, 4,356 ICE submissions.

It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

## NEWS BRIEFS from P6

research study about the types of ethical issues you encountered in your practice and how these issues were managed in theater. You will be asked to take part in a 1 to 1 1/2 hour interview at a convenient location or by telephone. You may also be asked to take part in a final presentation at the end of the study. To participate, call 202-319-5719.

## U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations Tip Line

Report crime or suspicious activity to the anonymous tip line by text message, online or download the Smart Phone app. Text AFOSI and your tip to 274637 (CRIMES) or visit <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtips.aspx?agencyID=1111> or <http://www.osi.af.mil>.

## Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

The Army chief of staff and the acting secretary of the Army established the Wounded Soldier

and Family Hotline to give Soldiers and their families a place to share their concerns on the quality of care they received. This organization also provides Army senior leadership with a valuable tool to determine if appropriate resources are devoted to solving medical-related issues in timely and comprehensive fashion. The hotline is available 24/7, call 1-800-984-8523, DSN: 421-3700 or email [wfsupport@amedd.army.mil](mailto:wfsupport@amedd.army.mil).

## Customer Care Center at Civilian Personnel

Individuals looking for job

information can visit the new customer care center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 144, 2438 Stanley Road. Army civilian employees can also receive assistance with resetting passwords for the Electronic Benefits Information System or completing employee beneficiary forms. For more information, call 221-1425.

## Army Benefits Center- Civilian's Newest Benefits Tool: eRetirement

Retirement is an important

milestone in an employee's life. The Army Benefits Center-Civilian offers the new eRetirement web application, located in the Employee Benefits Information System, which allows an employee to easily fill out a retirement application. Army-serviced employees, within one year of retirement, can fill out an application on the ABC-C secure website at <https://www.abc.army.mil> with a Common Access Card and then selecting the EBIS icon or web link. Next, employees enter their Social Security Number and

Personal Identification Number. Click on the eRetirement button and complete all the forms listed. Once finished, print each form individually, review closely and sign any applicable forms. Finally, send the application to the ABC-C at 301 Marshall Avenue, Fort Riley, KS, 66442. ABC-C reviews the application closely and sends a letter stating the application has been received. For more information on eRetirement, contact a benefits counselor at 1-877-276-9287 between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.