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## SAMMC trauma surgeon urges people to buckle up

By Elaine Sanchez  
BAMC Public Affairs

Choosing to buckle up, or not, is a daily life or death decision, a trauma surgeon from San Antonio Military Medical Center said during the May 9 launch of the 11th annual “Click it or Ticket” campaign.

“It is safe to say that seat belt use will reduce your risk of death or critical injury if you are involved in a traffic accident by at least 50 percent,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Timothy Nunez,

SAMMC’s chief of trauma services, during a press conference at the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio.

The doctor joined a host of transportation, law enforcement and legal officials in stressing the importance of seat belt use.

As he spoke, a pickup truck dangled from a strap of seat belt material behind him to serve as a visual reminder of the strength of safety belts.

Each year, the “Click it or Ticket” initiative aims

to increase seat belt use across Texas, with a stepped-up enforcement period between May 21 and June 3.

State law requires that every person in a vehicle be secured by a seat belt whether riding in the front or back seat.

Nunez said he’s seen the lifesaving impact of seat belt use first hand at SAMMC. The hospital is a certified Level 1 trauma center that receives more than 5,700 emergency room visits

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## MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION



Two-year-old Maleah Holley colors in the children’s play area May 11 at the Military Spouse Appreciation at Roadrunner Community Center. Military spouses were treated to free makeup, massages, food and giveaways. Children also enjoyed coloring and having their face painted during the event. For more photos, go to Page 8.

Photo by  
Lori Newman



Photo by Gregory Rippes

Soldiers from the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion review analysis of a mock interrogation during a field training exercise at the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility at Camp Bullis May 8.

## 201st MI Battalion on track in self-evaluation

By Gregory Rippes  
470th MIB Public Affairs

The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion attained another milestone in preparation for an eventual deployment with a battalion-wide field training exercise on Camp Bullis May 6 through 11.

Fifth in a planned series of seven exercises, this was the last exercise in which the battalion would evaluate itself.

The exercise focused on the interrogation and analysis operations of the battalion’s Companies A and B, which will comprise a day shift and a night shift for a theater-level

joint interrogation debriefing center when deployed.

“This is one part of a year-long training plan,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 William Lux, battalion S3 (operations and training) intelligence concept extraction chief.

“We have experienced distinct successes because of the deliberate planning of every exercise. They are all tied together and run as one continuous event.”

In this exercise, in addition to the approximately 130 Soldiers in the battalion, almost 60 linguists played roles as detainees, interpreters and translators.

“Repetition builds confidence, and confidence builds muscle-memory,” said Lt. Col. Joe Barber, battalion commander. “And all that has to be done real world, in language.”

The training took place at the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility operated by its parent unit, the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, on Camp Bullis.

“The IDTF staff has been remarkably flexible,” Lux said. “When we have moved ahead of the curve, they have helped

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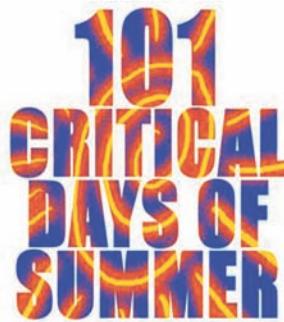
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# 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign aims to increase safety awareness

By Jewell Hicks  
502 Air Base Wing  
Director of Safety



Memorial Day holiday weekend is an opportunity for us to honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

It also marks the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer which continues through the Labor Day weekend.

According to Air Force Safety Center officials at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., these next 15 weeks have historically been a period of increased off-duty activities and risk taking which unfortunately often results in increased injuries and fatalities.

As a result, safety centers across the DOD launch campaigns during the Memorial Day weekend to increase safety awareness and promote risk management during this critical period.

During the 101-day period last year, the Air Force experienced 18 fatalities. Bringing that closer to home, 18 families lost these loved ones and their lives will never be the same!

We sometimes look at these situations and often seem to think that these tragic mishaps only happen to the other guy. The reality check is if you could ask the family who

lost the love one, I'm positive their story would be quite different.

It is unfortunate but in many circumstances surrounding the fatal mishaps, our military members lost their lives as a result of poor decisions.

Even worse, there were several instances where a wingman or battle buddy could have intervened and stopped the impending disaster but they did not step up.

Thirteen of the 18 fatalities the Air Force experienced last year involved automobiles and motorcycles. Rounding out the numbers, there were three sports and recreational fatalities, one miscellaneous and one pedestrian fatality.

Not a surprise, but alcohol, speed, fatigue, lack of proficiency and personal risk management were all contributing factors in most of these mishaps.

Here are some simple but effective reminders that could help keep you from becoming a CDS

statistic:

- Don't talk on the cell phone while driving, unless using a hands-free device.

- Buckle up! It's the law and it's been proven that seatbelts save lives.

- Be aware of surroundings and anticipate the unexpected.

- Don't speed to arrive early. It's better to arrive late than not at all.

- Don't drink and drive. The odds are against you, especially in Texas.

We encourage everyone to go out and have a good time this summer, doing everything possible to ensure that the

good time does not turn into a preventable tragic mishap. Personal safety is the responsibility of each individual and risk management should be a vital part of all activities, both on and off-duty.

Last, but not least, don't forget to involve the family in your activities or travel plans. They can help evaluate potential hazards in your plans and offer some mitigation strategies.

Visit the Air Force Safety Center website at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/> to download a number of tools and activities available for commanders and supervisors to use throughout the 15 weeks of the CDS campaign.

There are topics for each week with recom-

mended discussion points. If you have questions, please contact the safety office at your location for additional assistance.

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will be the location for a CDS kickoff event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 24 in the commissary parking lot. This is an opportunity for people to see various traffic related demonstrations and talk with a number of vendors about things to help keep them safe this summer.

Have a wonderful summer and I challenge each of you to help make this the safest summer on record for the 502nd Air Base Wing, Air Education and Training Command, the Air Force and the DOD.

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of May 16

**CURRENT LEVEL\* = 661.0'**

\*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>.

## News Briefs

### 180 Days of Summer Safety

Army Public Health Nurses present an environmental/occupational health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21 in Building 2841, Willis Hall, Army Medical Department Center and School near the food court. Titled "180 Days of Summer Safety," displays include information on heat stress, sun safety, proper nutrition, weight management, substance abuse, spa services, and many more. For more information, call 221-6245.

### Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Observance

The 32nd Medical Brigade will host the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Observance from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 23 in Blesse Auditorium. Call 466-0398 for more information.

### JBSA Summer Safety Kick-off

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community is invited to the Summer Safety Kick-off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 24 in the Fort Sam Houston Commissary parking lot. Event includes a seatbelt convincer; jaws of life demonstration; best looking sports, cruiser and scooter contest; slowest motorcycle event; vendors and members of the TxDot Traffic Jam Coalition.

### Active Shooter Briefing

The 502nd Security Forces Squadron will conduct an active shooter briefing from 1 to 2 p.m. May 24 at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. This briefing provides the workforce the necessary tools required to identify and mitigate their chances of becoming a victim of an active shooter. Personnel may complete this training online at <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/> for Army personnel and <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil/kc/login/login.asp> for Air Force personnel. By completing one of these trainings, personnel have met their annual active shooter training requirement. Call 221-1721.

### W.W. White Road Closure

W.W. White Road, west of the Garden Avenue intersection, will be closed May 25 to June 25. The closure will help facilitate the installation of communications equipment along with sidewalk and pavement repairs. Anyone requiring access to areas around this location

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# Deputy surgeon generals visit NAMRU-San Antonio

By Joe N. Wiggins  
NAMRU-San Antonio Public Affairs

Seeing the capabilities and facilities of one of the Navy's newest biomedical research facilities and witnessing the joint environment in which they work was the goal behind the visit of some of the military's top medical officers during a visit April 26.

Rear Adm. Michael H. Mittelman, the Navy's deputy surgeon general, toured Navy Medical Research Unit-San Antonio's facilities and talked to the staff at the Battlefield Health and Trauma Research Institute and the Tri-Service Research Laboratory. Air Force deputy surgeon general Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas Travis also accompanied the admiral.

They visited more than 20 labs, work stations and other settings demonstrating the latest NAMRU-SA research projects and capabilities.

"This was very valuable for me, to see firsthand the great



Photo by Joe N. Wiggins

Rear Adm. (Dr.) Michael H. Mittelman (left), Navy deputy surgeon general and Air Force deputy surgeon general Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas Travis (center) observe as Dr. Wayne M. Deutsch of the NAMRU-SA Dental and Biomedical Research Department, explains what the atomic absorption spectrometer does and how it works.

work our men and women are doing in facilities like NAMRU-SA," Mittelman said.

Dr. Rene Alvarez, principal researcher in the Dental and

Biomedical Research Department, demonstrated work underway to identify key proteomic and genomic biomarkers and how they relate

to exposure to viruses and bacteria.

"The utilization of proteomic and genomic biomarkers as a rapid diagnostic for identifying infections in our warfighters is the ultimate goal of our current research," Alvarez said.

"Right now, doctors and surgeons in the field need up to several days to identify the cause of an infection," Alvarez added. "We are hoping to reduce that to hours or even minutes by using point-of-care devices and information learned in our labs."

Two other demonstrations viewed in the Dental and Biomedical Research Department showed the progress and work done in the areas of mercury abatement and mercury filtering research.

Dr. Wayne Deutsch showed the atomic absorption spectrometer to the admiral, which detects seven different elements, including mercury, down to the parts-per-trillion level.

Capt. (Dr.) Michael F. Rocklin demonstrated the latest in mercury abatement filters installed in a typical dental chair application, which gives

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## METC welcomes new command chief

By Lisa Braun  
METC Public Affairs

The Medical Education & Training Campus welcomed Chief Master Sgt. Joel Berry as the new METC command chief master sergeant May 1.

Berry relieved Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Lambing, who will become the chief of the Air Force Medical Enlisted Force in the Office of the Surgeon General.

Berry comes to METC after serving as senior enlisted leader of the Air Force Research Laboratory and 711th Human Performance Wing, and group superintendent of



Official photo

Chief Master Sgt. Joel Berry

the School of Aerospace Medicine at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

As the senior enlisted advisor to three commanders, Berry provided

advice and guidance on matters relating to mentoring, professional growth, development, welfare, training, readiness, utilization, and recognition of enlisted personnel affecting over 10,000 enlisted, officers, civilians and contractors assigned to over 40 operating locations around the world.

He also managed academic and personal concerns affecting over 5,000 students annually, to include counseling, mentorship and career reassignment of personnel.

"I can't tell you how excited I am to be here at METC and become

part of a truly exceptional team," Berry said. "Being a part of 'Training the finest medics, corpsmen, and technicians is simply a mission I want to be a part of, and can't wait to get started.'"

Berry added that "METC provides such a unique and one of a kind educational and training experience, I'm just humbled to be a part of the leadership team."

Berry grew up in Elkton, Va. He entered the Air Force in November 1988. After completing basic military training, he attended the Aero-medical Specialist course at Brooks AFB, Texas.

Following technical training, he served as

an aeromedical specialist at Langley AFB, Va. He later merged into the public health career field in 2002.

As a career enlisted medic, he has served as an emergency medical technician, in-flight aeromedical specialist, in a variety of public health duties, as a technical school instructor, squadron superintendent, and major command superintendent/functional manager.

His past assignments include bases in Virginia, Maryland, Texas, Idaho, Ohio and Germany and has deployed to locations in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.

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are encouraged to use alternate routes.

### AMEDD Museum Closure

The Army Medical Department Museum will be closed May 26-28 in observance of Memorial Day. Call 221-6358.

### Army SG hosts retirement for Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho will host a retirement ceremony honoring Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein on at 9 a.m. June 1 at MacArthur Parade Field. Rubenstein retires following 37 years of military service. Inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

### US Army Veterinary Corps 96th Anniversary Celebration

A celebration honoring the 96th Anniversary of the US Army Veterinary Corps will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 1 at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum, located on the corner of Stanley Road and Harry Wurzbach.

### 264th Medical Battalion Change of Command Ceremony

Lt. Col. Timothy Hudson will relinquish command of 264th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, to Lt. Col. Neil Nelson at 8 a.m. June 6, MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

### 32nd Med. Bde. Change of Responsibility, Retirement Ceremony

Command Sgt. Maj. Harry L. Tharp will relinquish responsibilities of 32nd Medical Brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson at 8:30 a.m. June 22 during a ceremony at the post flagpole on Stanley Road. Tharp retires following 30 years of military service. The inclement weather location is Evans Theater on Gardner Road.

### 32nd Medical Brigade Change of Command Ceremony

Col. William LaChance will relinquish command of the 32nd Medical Brigade to Col. Johnathan Frisostoe at 8 a.m. July 3 at MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

# Gold Star service flags ceremony a reminder that fallen heroes will not be forgotten

By Cheryl Harrison  
Warfighter and Family Readiness,  
Marketing

Twenty-nine names, 29 Families and 29 Gold Star Service Flags were the focus of a ceremony May 12 at the Sam Houston Community Club Fort Sam Houston.

Gold Star Service Flags are presented to mothers or immediate family members of a uniformed service member who died while serving in a combat zone.

The ceremony offered the opportunity for the newest Gold Star Flag recipients to meet other families experiencing many similar emotions and situations. It was also an assurance these families would have support through groups such as the Survivor Outreach Service program.

Hosted by Chapter Four of the Blue Star Mothers of America-San Antonio and the Army

Community Service Survivor Outreach Services Program, families received a gold star banner during the ceremony, along with words of condolences, encouragement and the promise that support is always available to them.

The ceremony's keynote speaker was Command Sergeant Major Donald Freeman of the 502 Mission Support Group. Freeman offered support and encouragement with his firsthand experience of tragic loss. Several songs performed by lo-



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

cal recording artist Penney Neff also provided comfort. The day's event was the larg-

est Gold Star Ceremony held to date on Fort Sam Houston, honoring 29 men and women whose sacrifice will be remembered. Their names were added to the list of 479 from South Texas, all who left behind loved ones who will not allow the memories of sons and daughters, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers to be forgotten.

"We have to be strong for them (pointing to several little boys)," said Sharon Settle from LaVernia. Settle was on hand to honor her son-in-law, Sgt. Kevin Moseby, who was killed in action March 18.

"It is hard, but I do it for my daughter and my son-in-law," said Settle, who explained that Moseby left behind four young sons as well as his active duty wife -- Settle's daughter -- now serving in Afghanistan. Settle now cares for her young grandsons.

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## SAUSHEC holds first Research Day competition

By Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

The San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium held its first Research Day competition at San Antonio Military Medical Center April 26.

The event was comprised of 30 Army and Air Force interns in physician training programs from SAMMC and Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center.

Each presenter showcased their own research in their specialty of study at the event that included: internal medicine, cardiology, dermatology, general surgery, urology, anesthesiology, obstetrics/gynecology and ophthalmology.

The competition included an oral and poster presentation with fellows and residents presenting their original

research along with another group of residents presenting unique clinical vignettes in the hospital's medical mall.

"Scholarship represents the tread and the thrusters that will move the San Antonio Military Health System into new territories of discovery and to new heights of innovation essential to making the SAUSHEC vision a reality," said Dean of SAUSHEC Dr. Woodson Jones.

There are currently nearly 600 Army and Air Force physicians who are training in various fields of medicine in 36 different programs at Brooke Army Medical Center, WHASC, and University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

The first, second and third place winners in each



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andy Bellamy

The research competition included an oral and poster presentation with fellows and residents presenting their original research along with another group of residents presenting unique clinical vignettes in the hospital's medical mall.

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## ARMY SURGEON GENERAL VISITS WILFORD HALL

Air Force Maj. Gen. Byron Hepburn looks on as Army Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho signs a steel beam during her visit to Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland May 4. The beam will be the last one placed on the A wing building, part of phase 1 construction of the new WHASC. Hepburn is the commander of the 59th Medical Wing and director of the San Antonio Military Health System. Horoho is the Army surgeon general and commanding general of the U.S Army Medical Command.



**Photos by Airman 1st Class Courtney Moses**

Air Force Lt. Col. Doug Harper shows Army Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho and Air Force Maj. Gen. Kimberly Sinisalchi the layout of the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center May 4. The new WHASC facility is scheduled for completion in 2015. Harper is the program manager of the Air Force Health Facilities Division. Horoho is the Army surgeon general and commanding general of the Army Medical Command and Sinisalchi is the assistant surgeon general for the medical force development and nursing services.

## 470TH MI BRIGADE SENDS DONATED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HONDURAS



**Photo by Gregory Ripps**

Cecil Burt Jones, Military Intelligence Civilian Excepted Career Program, 470th MI Brigade, packs a donated laboratory microscope for delivery to a medical clinic in San Luis, Honduras. This and other donated equipment and supplies are being sent to the clinic, located in an isolated village in the central mountains of Honduras, through a cooperative effort supported and endorsed by the U.S. Embassy, the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa and Force Protection Detachment-Honduras.

## 32ND MED. BDE. KICKS OFF ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

(From left) Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Rosario Jr., and 32nd Medical Brigade executive officer Lt. Col. Neil Nelson cut the cake at the Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange May 1 to kick off Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month activities. Brig. Gen. Joseph Carvalho, commanding general, Northern Regional Medical Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., will be the keynote speaker at the Fort Sam Houston Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Observance Day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 23 at Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841. The ceremony includes entertainment and food tasting.



**Photo by Esther Garcia**



Photo by Gregory Rippes

A 201st Military Intelligence Battalion Soldier (left) questions a "detainee" during interrogation training at the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility at Camp Bullis May 8.

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us to ratchet up the training, tailoring it to benefit us."

An estimated 30 percent of the Soldiers have previously deployed as part of intelligence battalions.

The battalion commander ran a theater-level joint interrogation and debriefing center during an earlier deployment to Iraq.

However, Lux said

all the experience and training have been coming together and that the exercises have been running so well that the Soldiers have pushed into learning more advanced levels of human intelligence gathering.

Lux noted that training began with developing basic skills at the individual Soldier level and building up to battalion-level operations.

"'Crawl, walk, run' works!" Lux said.

## SAUSHEC from P4

category were recognized and honored in SAMMC auditorium by Jones, deputy commander for clinical service Col. Joseph Chozinski, and vice commander of the 59th Medical Wing Col. Jim McClain.

### Fellows' Research Podium Competition

1st Place: Maj. Michael Hjelkrem, Gastroenterology, "A Protective Effect of Unconjugated Hyperbilirubinemia in NASH." 2nd Place: Maj. Calvin Parker III, Gastroenterology, "A Retrospective Examination of the Effect of Proton Pump Inhibitors on Glycemic Control in

Type II Diabetics." 3rd Place: Capt. Sally DeVecchio, Pulmonary/Critical Care, "Correlation of Asthma with Deployment in Active Duty Military Personnel."

### Residents' Research Podium Competition

1st Place: Capt. Timothy J. Vreeland, General Surgery, "Long-term Clinical Benefit of Adjuvant Breast Cancer Vaccine: 5 Year Efficacy of E75 with Multiple Booster Inoculations." 2nd Place: Capt. Shannon Gaffney, Diagnostic Radiology, "To Biopsy or Not To Biopsy: A Review of 558 Circumscribed Breast Masses Demonstrated by Ultrasound." 3rd Place: Capt. Diane F.

Hale, General Surgery, "An Update of a Phase II Trial of the HER2 Peptide AE37 Vaccine in Breast Cancer Patients to Prevent Recurrence."

### Resident Research Poster Competition

1st Place: Capt. Katherine M. Ivey, General Surgery, "Thoracic Injuries in U.S. Combat Casualties: A Review of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom." 2nd Place: Capt. Justin C. Reis, Internal Medicine, "Evaluation of New-Onset Asthma in the Active Duty Population." 3rd Place: Maj. Timothy S. Baumgartner, Urology, "Characterization of Ureter, Bladder, and

Bowel Tissue Injury after Compression with Robotic Instruments."

### Clinical Vignette Poster Competition

1st Place: Lt. Col. Jason Arnold, Dermatology, "Placental Metastasis of Malignant Melanoma." 2nd Place: Capt. Matthew VanderHoek, Anesthesiology, "Ultrasound-Guided Greater Occipital Nerve Block and Pulsed Radiofrequency Ablation for Treatment of Chronic Occipital Neuralgia."

3rd Place: Capt. William H. Porr, Pulmonary/Critical Care, "Progressive Pulmonary Obstruction and Hypoxia Following Recovery from Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis."

## MILITARY SPOUSES APPRECIATED, PAMPERED



Sandy Goss from Spring into Fitness gives Christie Modlin a certificate for free Zumba classes.



Adriane Vann applies Aveda makeup to Michelle Rodriquez. Consultants offered free makeup tips and massages during the Military Spouse Appreciation event at Roadrunner Community Center May 11.

Photos by Lori Newman



Pampered Chef representative Collen McGee shows Sylvia Morales and her daughter, Heaven, her product line during the Military Spouse Appreciation Day event May 11.

## HARLINGEN JROTC CADETS VISIT AMEDDC&S



**Photo by Esther Garcia**

Keith Rex (right), instructor, Entomology Branch, Department of Preventive Medicine, Army Medical Department Center and School, shows off an African Hissing Cockroach to Junior ROTC cadets from Harlingen High School, Harlingen, Texas May 3. The students received a briefing about the role of preventive medicine in the military.

## BUCKLE-UP from P1

each month. It's also one of only 15 hospitals in the country that holds both Level 1 trauma certification and accreditation from the American Burn Association.

"I have been taking care of patients for 18 years [and] my experience has been, in general, patients who wear their seatbelt have problems I can fix," he said. "Those who weren't die or are severely disabled."

The doctor cited some statistics to illustrate his point.

More than a million people worldwide die in traffic accidents each year, he said, and the vast majority of them weren't wearing seat belts.

People who are ejected only have about a one in four chance of living, he added.



Photo by Elaine Sanchez

Army Lt. Col. Timothy Nunez, chief of trauma services for the San Antonio Military Medical Center, urges drivers and passengers to buckle up during the launch of the 11th annual "Click it or Ticket" campaign at the Institute of Texan Cultures May 9. Behind him dangles a pickup truck from a strap of seat belt material to illustrate the strength of safety belts. Each year, the "Click it or Ticket" initiative aims to increase seat belt use across Texas, with a stepped-up enforcement period between May 21 and June 3.

Data clearly supports the lifesaving potential of seat belts. Still, people choose to ignore this "incredibly sensible law," Nunez said.

"They'd be more likely to buckle up," he noted, if they could see what he's seen.

"I am the one who stands at the bedside with the family members and tells them why their 20-year-old son will never talk to them again, why they will spend the rest of their life in a nursing home, with diapers, being fed through a tube," he said. "Or, just as bad, I am the one who tells them their loved one is dead.

"The misery these families have to endure is ... absolutely unnecessary."

Traffic accidents keep trauma surgeons busy, the doctor said, but he'd rather the opposite be the case.

"You want your trauma surgeons bored," he added. "Wearing your seat belt will help keep us bored."

## 502ND MSG, DELOITTE TEAM UP WITH WILSHIRE ELEMENTARY



Courtesy photo

(From left) 502nd Mission Support group executive officer Serafina De Los Santos, David Purinton from Deloitte Consulting Services, 502nd MSG commander Col. John Lamoureux, Wilshire Elementary School principal Cindi Jacob, Deloitte's Narissa Ellis, Deloitte's Frank Novier and Wilshire assistant principal Sandra LeBaron pose by the sign at the school that identifies it as being adopted by the 502nd MSG and the 106th Signal Brigade. This group and others helped landscape the grounds around the school April 21 in celebration of Arbor Day, as part of the local Adopt-A-School Program.

# MICC hosts small business, industry events June 4, 5

Officials from the Mission and Installation Contracting Command are hosting free small business and industry outreach events to provide information on contracting opportunities with the Army.

The small business event takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. June 4 at Blesse Auditorium, located in Building 2841 at 3630 Stanley Road and begins with an hour-long training session. Sign-in and networking begins at noon.

Following the training, small business representatives will have a matchmaking opportunity to meet individually with contracting officers and members of the MICC Office of Small Business Programs to discuss contracting opportunities in more detail.

An industry outreach event takes place June 5 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sign-in and networking begin at 7:15 a.m.

The event will present forecasted contracting opportunities

from the U.S. Army's Forces Command, Installation Management Command, Reserve Command and Training and Doctrine Command. The forecasts are intended for informational and marketing purposes and not a specific offer or commitment by the Army to fund opportunities.

Both events are open to all industry representatives whose companies can provide products and services to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command.

Industry representatives interested in attending the small business or industry outreach events should register by May 26 at <http://www.army.mil/micc>. Those planning to attend both days should register for each event. Identification will be required during sign-in.

*(Source: Mission and Installation Contracting Command Public Affairs)*

## NAMRU from P3

dental clinics on shore and at sea the ability to remove mercury waste from dental rinse water at a level never before possible.

"We are expecting a new and strict standard to be introduced by the EPA soon that will require dental offices ensure they are not contaminating waste water systems with mercury," Deutsch said.

"Our Mercury Abatement Filters, developed at NAMRU-SA, are being shipped and installed in Navy dental clinics right now," Rocklin said.

"We are helping our fellow sailors ensure they are being environmentally responsible so they can focus on delivering the best dental care available."

Within the combat Casualty Care Department, Dr. Diane Bienek briefed Mittelman and Travis on research on the accuracy of commercial blood

typing kits in real-world deployments.

"The kits may have been designed for the climate control environment of a lab or clinic, but we need to ensure they are also accurate in a 100-plus degree remote location that may be far away from the nearest medical facility," Bienek explained.

While at TSRL, the officers watched a portion of a study on "Exploratory Testing of Hemorrhage and Life Support Strategy," which aims to better control blood loss due to injuries.

The procedure conducted by Dr. Jason Rall and assisted by Jennifer Cox, Candice Biedermann, Bryanna Derderian, Robert Garay, and Michael Garza, provides statistical data on the various ways to stop and control bleeding in potential wounds or injuries.

Dr. Jeremy Beer, principal investigator in the Directed Energy Biomed-

ical Research Department, explained some of the recent data he and a team collected in the field while testing a combined laser and acoustic signal system designed to enhance maritime security and defense.

The data was collected over water using volunteers as test subjects, and measured their ability to receive and understand the signals used in the testing.

"We wanted them to see what we have put in place since moving into these facilities that give us a much wider range of options to conduct biomedical research," said Capt. Vincent DeInnocentiis, commanding officer of Naval Medical Research Unit-San Antonio.

"This allows us to better support warriors on the sea and on land than ever before in our history. His support and understanding of our mission is invaluable to us as we complete the research we've been tasked to perform."

# Airmen, Soldiers conduct medical training exercise in Guatemala during Beyond the Horizon

By 2nd Lt. Harold D. Williams  
Task Force Arriero Public Affairs

Airmen from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base's 59th Medical Wing, along with members of Task Force Arriero's Partnership of the America's Command and Control Element, were in the municipality of Malacatan, San Marcos, Guatemala for the start of a medical readiness training exercise April 30.

The MEDRETE, as part of U.S. Army South's and U.S. Southern Command's Beyond the Horizon, is a five day mini-exercise set to focus on key medical issues in the area to include basic pediatric, optometry, dental, dermatology care, as well as internal medicine support to the people of San Marcos and surrounding areas.

"Our whole team is thrilled to be here further cultivating the already strong relationship shared by the United States and Guatemala," said Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Roberts, commander of the 59th Maternal Child Care Squadron and one of the senior U.S. officers on the ground. "We know these exercises will further solidify our ability to operate together."

The citizens of the area had been expecting this event for quite some time and it showed.

The first day of the event was considered a huge success. An estimated 932 citizens were taken care of, exceeding projected numbers. BTH and the MEDRETE is a joint effort between Air Force, Army and the Guatemalan army.

BTH 2012 is a U.S. Army South planned exercise that deploys military engineers and medical professionals to Guatemala for training, while providing services to rural communities. BTH's are conducted annually in SOUTHCOM area of responsibility and are part of its humanitarian and civic assistance program.

"I'm glad our two countries are working together and I expect this partnership to continue," said Col. Edgar Dario Sandoval of the Guatemalan Army, "I have a great outlook for the future concerning this event."

The first day of the MEDRETE started at 8 a.m., with an opening ceremony, after which the citizens of San Marcos received treatment.

"Ensuring the education of health, preventive diseases, and diagnosing the people of San Marcos is what this is all about," said Capt. Phillip Sanchez, PACCE medical planner.

The exercise is a combination of Airmen and Soldiers experiencing their first BTH as well as those returning for a second and third time.

"I think it's a kind and honorable gesture for the U.S. to show the people of Guatemala that we care," said Capt. Karla Dennard, an obstetrician and gynecologist here on her first BTH mission.

"Being of Hispanic descent, it makes me feel great to be able to assist where I can."

After the MEDRETE in Malacatan was finished, another took place in neighboring Tecun Uman for an additional five days.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Harold Williams  
Air Force Maj. David Wells speaks with children before performing a dental examination for the Beyond the Horizon medical readiness training exercise



Air Force Capt. Carli Murphy prepares supplies while Maj. Darrell Baskin performs an eye examination on a citizen in the area of Malacatan, Guatemala during a medical readiness training exercise.



Air Force Capt. Emily Fusco issues basic medication to a family attending the Beyond the Horizon medical readiness training exercise.



Army Sgt. Tomas Oliverez assists Air Force Capt. Karla Adams as she performs a checkup in the pediatric tent for the Beyond the Horizon medical readiness training exercise. The MEDRETE consists of a joint effort of Army and Air Force service members providing free medical care to the citizens in and around the area of Malacatan, Guatemala.



Citizens line up for the Beyond the Horizon medical readiness training exercise in the municipality of Malacatan, Guatemala.



Air Force Lt. Col. Steven Peine checks the status of a small child as they pass through the dermatology tent at the Beyond the Horizon medical readiness training exercise. The MEDRETE lasted five days in Malacatan, Guatemala, before moving to the neighboring municipality of Tecun Uman for an additional five days.



Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas (center), the commanding general of U.S. Army South, stands with Guatemalan army officials during the opening ceremony for Beyond the Horizon Guatemala 2012. BTH is a U.S. Army South exercise deploying military engineers and medical professionals to Guatemala and Honduras for training, while providing humanitarian and civic assistance to rural communities.

# Talent contests slated for historic theatre

By Deyanira Romo Rossell  
502nd FSS Marketing

The 2012 U.S. Army Festival of the Arts Variety Show, titled "Razzle Dazzle," takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 17 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre on Stanley Road and will offer music, singing and dancing that to a group of performers, selected from auditions.

Twenty-three contestants will sing, dance, and perform comedy bits and specialty acts in this annual show hosted by Better Opportunities for Single Service Members. "Some of our 2011 winners are back and better than ever," said Ben Paniagua, director and producer of the show.

"We have some new

acts this year, and they are really going to make this a tough competition. It's always wonderful to see our service members showing off their talents and having such a great time on the stage

Contestants win awards for outstanding performances, as well as for production in lighting, sound and direction. Some performers are invited to join Family and MWR's premier entertainment events like the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

Michael McAnderson and Sherita Cummings, both senior airmen, won first place in 2011 for outstanding duet.

"The Festival of the Arts is one of my favorite competitions because of how much fun you get to have and the chance



**Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell**  
Staff Sgt. Reginald Sampson won first place for his instrumental solo at the 2011 U.S. Army Festival of the Arts.

to see all the different talents from around the installation," McAnderson said.

"I hope to do my best. If I give a great performance, I feel like I am a winner for delivering entertainment to the

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## Safety Seat Clinic

May 17, 1-3 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Fire Department on Scott Road, to register call 221-0349.

## Couponing

May 17, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, call 221-1612.

## Stress Management

May 18, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

## Sponsorship Training

May 18, 2-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1681.

## Tell Me A Story

May 18, 5:30 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Elementary School cafeteria, Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, will read "How to Bake an American Pie." To reserve

a seat, call 957-3855 or email PtoP.SamHouston@militarychild.org.

## Gaming Day at the Library

May 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Keith A. Campbell Library, this is a STRONG B.A.N.D.S event, call 221-4702.

## Armed Forces Day 5K

May 19, 7 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, the event is free and open to the public. This is an official STRONG B.A.N.D.S. event.

## Bark in the Park

May 19, 10 a.m.-noon, Salado Park, dogs and their owners are invited to enjoy a picnic and play date, call 221-1718.

## You Got Talent Show

May 19, 7-8:30 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Theatre, Air Force-wide family and teen talent competition. Performers will compete in singing, dancing, music, comedy and specialty acts. Call 221-4016.

## Debt Liquidation

May 21, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

## English as a Second Language

May 21, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

## Family Readiness Group Support Assistant Training

May 22 and 23, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, to register call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## HIRED – Money Matters, Teens and Money

May 22, 5-6 p.m. Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

## PowerPoint Level 1

May 23, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## PowerPoint Level 2

May 24, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Memorial Day Party

May 25, 6:30-9 p.m. Sam Houston Community Center, includes

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karaoke, barbecue, hamburgers and hot dogs, beverages and a DJ, call 224-2721.

**JBSA Military Golf Classic**

Round 1, May 26, Lackland Air Force Base Golf Course

Round 2, May 27, Fort Sam Houston Golf Course

Round 3, May 28, Randolph Oaks Golf Course

Shotgun start each day at 8 a.m. Call 222-9386.

**Word Level 3**

May 29, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**Excel Level 3**

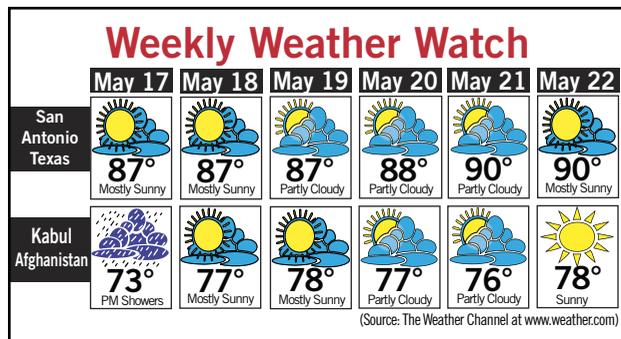
May 30, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**"A Few Good Men"****at Harlequin Dinner Theatre**

Performances are Thursday-Saturday, May 10-June 9. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694 for reservations.

**Swim Lessons**

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons which will run from June 4-Aug. 3. The cost is \$40/child per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Sessions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruc-



tion, certificate, T-shirt and picture.

**Waiting List Policy and Termination of Enrolled Children of Unemployed Spouses**

Sponsor/Patron must complete the DD Form 2606, Request for Child Care, if child care services are not immediately available. Children will be placed according to the current Family Member Program Priority Enrollment Policy. JBSA Fort Sam Houston Child, Youth & School Services will notify families immediately when slots become available. Call 221-4871.

**Priority of Enrollment and Plan for Meeting Additional Child Care Needs**

Sponsor/Patron must complete the DD Form 2606, Request for Child Care, if child care services are not immediately available. Children will be placed according to the current Family Member Program Priority Enrollment Policy in this order, wounded warriors, single active duty or dual military personnel assigned to JBSA, active duty military or DOD civilians assigned to JBSA, Reservists on active duty and then

contractors. JBSA Fort Sam Houston Child, Youth & School Services will notify families immediately when slots become available. Call 221-4871.

**ROTC Green to Gold**

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

**Cloverleaf Communicators Club**

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

**Future Speakers on the Horizon**

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



**For Sale:** Computer desk and chair, \$30; Whirlpool washer, \$150; Compaq laptop, \$50; glass inner table, \$20; glass coffee table, \$40. Call 241-1291.

Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

**Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association**

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. 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.

**Sergeant Audie Murphy Club**

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

**King William District Walk**

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club is hosting a 5k and 10k walk May 18 in conjunction with the Maifest starting at the Beethoven Mannerchor Halle und Garten, 422 Perida. Walks start between 3:30-6 p.m., finish by 9 p.m. Call 658-8324 or visit <http://randolphroadrunners.info/>.

**BOFH Memorial Day Ceremony**

The Brothers of Fallen Heroes will hold a Memorial Day ceremony noon to 5 p.m. May 28 in front of the Alamo. Call 430-6875.

**Beat the Drought Workshop**

San Antonio gardeners are invited to this workshop May 19, 9 a.m. to noon at the High Country Community Garden, 15418 Cypress Park in San Antonio. Cost is \$5 charge and seating is limited, so participants should bring their own chairs. To register or for more information, go to [www.greensatx.org/upcoming-events/register-for-a-workshop](http://www.greensatx.org/upcoming-events/register-for-a-workshop).

**Military River Parade**

Paseo del Rio Association will host the first Military River Parade May 19, Armed Forces Day, to honor service members, past and present. The event starts with live entertainment at the Arneson Theatre followed by the parade at 3 p.m.

**Warrant Officer Association meeting**

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association meets at 5:30 p.m. May 21 at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

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**2012 Federal Recognition Awards**

An awards ceremony will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 13 at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade. Bill Taylor, KENS5 meteorologist, is master of ceremonies. Call 565-1860/1861.

**Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market**

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.



## FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES MAY 21-26

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School **May 21**

Attendance Lunch on Stage

### **May 25**

Attendance Lunch on Stage  
3rd grade Award Ceremony, 8:05 to 8:45 a.m., in classroom

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School **May 21**

Cole Band/Choir Varsity Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m., Mosely Gym

### **May 22**

Spring Book Fair Family Night 10 percent discount, 3:50 to 7:30 p.m., Media Center  
Girls B-ball Summer League, 5 to 9 p.m., Cole gym

### **May 23**

Spring Book Fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
NJHS Induction Ceremony, 4:30 p.m., MS Mall

### **May 24**

Spring Book Fair, 8 a.m. – 4p.m.  
Girls B-ball Summer League, 5 – 9 p.m., Cole gym

### **May 25**

Spring Book Fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Senior Awards Ceremony, 9:30 a.m., Cole Gym

# FSHISD holds public meeting to discuss budget, proposed tax rate

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 10:15 a.m. May 31 in the Professional Development Center located at 1908 Winans Road on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to discuss the school district's 2012-2013 budget.

Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Under discussion will be the following topics:

**Comparison of proposed budget with last year's budget:** The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the

fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories: Maintenance and Operations-5.62 percent increase; Total Expenditures-5.62 percent increase.

**Fund Balances:** The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment: Maintenance and Operation Fund Balance-\$7,500,000; Interest and Sinking Fund Balance-\$0.

## Did you know?

One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. It takes 5 minutes or less to



submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

## COLE HONORS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month, Cole Middle/High School recognizes one student from each grade level for his/her outstanding attitude, citizenship, and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The recipients for April are (top row, from left) Savannah Wessies (12), Steven Lamoureux (8), Emily Porter (9) and (bottom row, from left) Mary Arnold (6), MiDya Kim (10), Aileen Pongnon (7).



Courtesy photo

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Martha Kern traveled from McAllen to receive her "Gold Star" in memory of her son Spc. Kurt Kern, who died Dec. 27, 2011.

"It's hard. I go to the cemetery every day, and right now that is what I need to do," said Kern, who has another son also serving in the Army who recently graduated as an Army medic. "I'm still trying to understand this."

Though the absence of their loved ones was obviously difficult to bear, it was something each

surviving family wanted to talk about.

Betty Martinez received her Gold Star Flag during a Sept. 18, 2010 ceremony for the service of her son Pvt. 1st Class John Andrade, who was killed in August of 2007 while serving in Afghanistan.

"You will always have a place in your heart for those you have lost," said Martinez, as she offered a word of hope to the more than 400 people gathered. "My heart goes out to you. You must never forget our fallen heroes.

"I have to stay strong. We have to be," Martinez said later. "I have two

younger sons and now my husband is in Afghanistan."

The ceremony, which lasted just over two hours, was filled with hope and honor.

"We are incredibly honored to be here and to be a part of the ceremony," said Lt. Gen William B. Caldwell IV, U.S. Army North commanding general and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, in closing the ceremony.

"May God bless you, may God bless your Families and may God continue to give you strength and courage. Thank you."

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audience."

The theatre also hosts the "You Got Talent Show" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 19.

Military youth and families will compete in singing, dancing, music,

comedy and specialty acts in this Air Force-wide family and teen talent competition.

A recording of the top installation-level performers will advance to Air Force-level competition. First through third place winners at the Air Force

level receive a Force Support Squadron gift card ranging from \$25-200 and a chance to perform at the local Tops in Blue show.

Both events are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 221-4016.