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HERE'S TO OUR HEROES



(Left) Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, waves to spectators May 19 as Grand Marshal of the "Here's to our Heroes" Military River Parade. The inaugural parade opened at the Arneson Theater and featured 25 floats, representing all branches of the military, veterans, military support groups and more, in honor of Armed Forces Day. For story and more photos, go to Page 4.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
Tomas Jimenez from VFW Post 9603, waves to the military members on the floats going by during the military river parade. Jimenez was awarded the Silver Star during World War II.

Leaders break ground on 310-room hotel

By Lori Newman
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Dignitaries and military leaders planted their shovels in the dirt May 18 to break ground on the new 310-room Candlewood Suites being built at the corner of Scott and Allen Roads on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The hotel development is part of the Privatization of Army Lodging program, a U.S. Army-led program established as a means to revitalize on-post lodging facilities for service members, their families and all government travelers.

"Breaking ground on the first Candlewood Suites hotel is

a major milestone for the PAL program," said Charlie Smith, senior vice president, general manager portfolio operations - lodging for Lend Lease (US) Public Partnerships.

"We are proud to offer military and government travelers at Joint Base San Antonio an improved hotel experience and look forward to the future," Smith said.

The Candlewood Suites, an extended-stay hotel model, will feature a variety of amenities including spacious studios and one-bedroom suites, fully equipped kitchens and large work areas in each guest room.

The hotel will also feature a swimming pool, 24-hour Candle-

wood Cupboard for food and beverages, business and fitness centers, guest laundry facilities, complimentary hot breakfast served daily and courtesy on-post shuttle service.

Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, Army North commanding general and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, expressed his excitement about the new hotel being built on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

"It will provide a world-class facility, better than anything we have seen before here on Fort Sam Houston," Caldwell said.

"On behalf of the entire military community here at Fort

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Photo by Lori Newman

(From left) Marc Sierra, managing director, Lend Lease Public Partnerships; Rhonda Hayes, chief Capital Ventures Directorate, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army; Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, Army North commanding general and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis; Charles R. Smith, general manager portfolio operations Lodging, Lend Lease Public Partnerships; Col. John P. Lamoureux, commander, 502nd Mission Support Group and Arthur Hoist, vice president of operations, InterContinental Hotels Group break ground for the new Candlewood Suites

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Memorial Day: Celebrate a uniquely American holiday

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



This Memorial Day, I want to encourage everyone to thank all our current and former Soldiers and their families for their dedication to our country and to our Army.

Memorial Day was first known as Decoration Day, and it was officially observed for the first time

on May 30, 1868.

It was not a day to commemorate war, but a day to celebrate, to deco-

rate, and remember the lives sacrificed in service to this nation.

Respect for military service is common throughout the world,

and honoring sacrifice is not unique to America; however, Memorial Day is a holiday that is uniquely American.

Other countries celebrate Remembrance Day, marking the end of World War I, but in America, we honor those who have given the "last full measure" their lives.

It was the simple act of honoring service and adorning Soldiers' graves with the flowers of May

that gave birth to Memorial Day.

This holiday is much more than a day to remember our service members.

Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer – a season filled with life and warmth. Though it was set aside to remember those who died for our country, it is truly a day that honors and celebrates life and service.

Every single man and

woman serving in our Army today volunteered to serve, and these Soldiers and their families truly deserve the gratitude and respect of our Nation.

On this uniquely American holiday, remember the price paid for our freedom, and celebrate the life, liberty and happiness our forefathers so gallantly fought and died for.

Thank you for all you do every day for Fort Sam Houston and our great Nation, and have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Memorial Day 2012: a time to pause, reflect and remember

By Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter
 Commander, Joint Base San Antonio



When you hear the words Memorial Day weekend, what comes to mind? The official start of summer? Time at the pool or beach with friends and family? The smell of burgers and steaks on the grill?

Or a quiet time to stop, pause and reflect on the thousands of American service men and women who, whether they volunteered or were drafted, swore an oath to support and defend our nation.

A time to remember, as President Lincoln observed at Gettysburg, "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

Sadly, the true meaning of Memorial Day seems to get lost amidst the hustle and bustle of life today.

We are overloaded by information in our high tech society. We're so busy texting, tweeting and posting pictures

from our weekend escape to Facebook – while trying to drive or engage in conversation with

our family – that we often forget there are times when we need to unplug and disconnect from these distractions.

We need time to focus on what's truly important. We need time to pause, reflect and remember.

Did you know that in December 2000, Congress passed the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution which asks on Memorial Day for all Americans at 3 p.m. local time "to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of Remembrance and Respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps"?

In the course of a 72- or 96-hour weekend, setting aside a few minutes to remember and honor the fallen is the least we can do to honor and respect these American sons and daughters.

In the past 13 months, Joint Base San Antonio supported dignified transfer ceremonies for nine fallen warriors from the south Texas area, including Army 1st Lt Clovis Ray, Marine Lance Cpl. Benjamin Schmidt, Navy Seabee Trevor Stanley

and Air Force Maj. Jeff Aushorn.

I encourage all of us to spend time this weekend ... even if it is only that moment of reflection on Monday at 3 p.m. ... remembering our family members, wingmen and battle buddies, and all of

the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who've made that ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation.

Take the time to pause, reflect and remember the families of the fallen.

And finally, take the time in that moment of silence and reflection to thank them for their selfless service and sacrifice.

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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.

Legal Office Closures

The 502nd Mission Support Group Legal Office, located at 2271 Reynolds Road on Fort Sam Houston, will be closed May 25 for the for the Air and Education Training Command family day and May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday. Normal operating hours resume May 29. For emergencies, call the command post at 671-4225.

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 are encouraged to use alternate routes.

237th Army Birthday Ball

The 237th Army Birthday Ball takes place at 5:30 p.m. June 15 at the JW Marriott Hill Country, 23808 Resort Parkway. Cost is \$67 per person and parking is free. Dining, dancing and music on tap, with a professional photographer available. Call 221-0118

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Soldiers honored at Bronze Star, Purple Hearts ceremonies

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Five Soldiers were honored for their service and sacrifice during a Bronze Star and Purple Hearts ceremony at the Warrior and Family Support Center May 10.

Maj. Gen. Raymond Palumbo, commanding general of U. S. Army Alaska and deputy commander of U.S. Alaskan Command, presented the medals and certificates. Col. Noel Cardenas, deputy commander for administration of Brooke Army Medical Center opened the ceremony.

Palumbo welcomed the Purple Heart recipients with words of praise for their cour-

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Photo by Maria Gallegos

(From left) Maj. Gen. Raymond Palumbo, commanding general of U. S. Army Alaska and deputy commander of U.S. South Alaskan Command, Staff Sgt. Darius Johnson, Staff Sgt. Shaun Elizondo, Spc. Seth Pardue, Spc. Zachary Thissell, Pfc. Bryan Ward, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Pumphrey of BAMC Troop Command participate in a Purple Heart ceremony at the Warrior and Family Support Center May 10.

SOLDIERS HONORED WITH BRONZE STARS, PURPLE HEARTS



Photo by Sgt. Tamika Exom

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, (center) Army South commanding general, presented two Soldiers with Purple Hearts and two Soldiers with Bronze Stars during a ceremony held at the Warrior and Family Support Center May 16. Sgt. Justin W. Cox and Pfc. John R. Hill received Purple Hearts for combat injuries received when their vehicles struck improvised explosive devices while conducting separate mounted patrols in Afghanistan. 1st Lt. Brandon L. Curtis and Sgt. Joseph D. Gonzalez received Bronze Stars "for exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan from June 15, 2011 to March 7, 2012." "Your personal courage and commitment to mission accomplishment in a combat zone, under the most extreme circumstances, greatly contributed to the success of Operation Enduring Freedom," Trombitas said. "Your performance reflects great credit upon you, Task Force Thunderbird, Combined Joint Task Force-1, and the United States Central Command."

COMMENTARY

JBSA command chief shares secrets to success

By Chief Master Sgt.
Jose LugoSantiago
JBSA and 502nd ABW command chief master sergeant



Joint Base San Antonio, I am most thankful for the professionalism, expertise and abundance of positive attitude I have seen while visiting the installation. Thank you for your service.

Regardless of our career field or our military or civilian status, all of us contribute greatly to sustaining the war-fighting capability of our nation. What a solemn responsibility that is! Our nation

has picked the right-ful warriors for that duty – you and I.

I look forward to teaming with you and working together to achieve a most beautiful and exciting future. Certainly, crafting that future will not just happen by itself. This vision

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for more information.

AMEDD Museum Closure

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

Memorial Day Ceremony

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery will hold a Memorial Day ceremony beginning at 9 a.m. May 28 at the cemetery.

Army SG hosts retirement ceremony 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.

Army Military Clothing Sales to close on Mondays

Due to cuts in the Department of Defense budget, the Army needs to close all Army Military Clothing stores on Mondays, beginning June 4. This only affect Army funded military clothing facilities, so it will not impact Lackland or Randolph Air Force Bases. Other hours of operation will remain the same: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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.

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San Antonio community, military join together for first-ever Armed Forces Day river parade

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Thousands turned out May 19 to celebrate Armed Forces Day with an inaugural military river parade and concert in downtown San Antonio.

The “Here’s to our Heroes” military river parade kicked off at the Arneson River Theater with a performance by “Tops in Blue,” the U.S. Air Force’s premier entertainment showcase, and the singing of the national anthem by Angie Johnson, a contestant from the television show “The Voice,” and former member of Tops in Blue.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, served as the Grand Marshal for the parade, put on by the Paseo del Rio Association and the City of San Antonio.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Military ambassadors representing the U.S. Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard wave to spectators May 19 during the inaugural “Here’s to our Heroes” Military River Parade.



Angie Johnson, a contestant on the television show “The Voice,” sings the national anthem May 19 along with the U.S. Air Force “Tops in Blue,” to begin the inaugural “Here’s to our Heroes” Military River Parade.



San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro (center), along with Nancy Hunt (right), executive director of the Paseo del Rio Association, introduce the Grand Marshal for the inaugural “Here’s to our Heroes” Military River Parade, Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. The inaugural parade opened at the Arneson Theater May 19 and featured 25 floats, representing all branches of the military, veterans, military support groups and more, in honor of Armed Forces Day.

BAMC Clinical Pastoral Education program graduates 14 new chaplains

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Fourteen Army Chaplain residents graduated from the Brooke Army Medical Center Clinical Pastoral Education program in a ceremony at the San Antonio Military Medical Center May 9.

The CPE program focuses on patient-centered high quality healthcare, teaching and learning personal and pastoral identity, theological and behavioral science knowledge, and pastoral skills.

It also focuses on competencies required in combat situation where chaplains offer religious support to the wounded and the medical staff who cares for them.

BAMC has offered the program for nearly 40 years and is accredited by the Association for

Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.

“CPE is an action-reflection model of education, grounded in a process that begins with the student’s actual practice of ministry,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bruce Messinger, U.S. Army 7R trainer and APCE supervisor for the CPE program.

“The process includes supervised practice of ministry to persons along with detailed reporting and evaluation of that ministry.”

The 49-week curriculum evaluates student’s ministry, pastoral tools for hospital ministry, and prophetic perspectives in functions such as: preaching, teaching, leadership, management, pastoral care, and counseling.

“At SAMMC, students actively visit or minister to patients, their families and friends, and staff,”



Photo by Capt. Robert Olson

Recent Army Chaplain graduates of Brooke Army Medical Center Clinical Pastoral Education Department with Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bruce Messinger, U.S. Army 7R Trainer and APCE supervisor (first row, second From right).

Messinger said.

“Then, in a supervised small group or individual supervision, students are given the opportunity to reflect and receive feedback on their ministry – its effects on others as well as on themselves.”

After graduation, the CPE graduates receive

the 7R skill identifier and are assigned to hospitals to include combat support hospitals, combat operational stress control teams, Warrior Transition Battalions, as well as other military hospitals.

“CPE has been an excellent opportunity for me,” said Capt. Robert

Olson, a recent graduate of the program. “I have learned more about myself and my role as a Chaplain in the Army as well as a clinical chaplain in a hospital.

“I have also learned how to reflect on specific ministry scenarios as I have engaged in pasto-

ral care on my various wards,” Olson added. “Using this reflection, I have been challenged to focus on journeying with patients through whatever challenges they may be facing.”

Messinger said he’s been involved with CPE for 14 years and has found it to be one of the richest educational processes professional chaplains can participate in.

“The central element and focus of our program is learning how to offer better and more effective spiritual care to the soldiers, family members, and staff that we serve,” he said.

CPE programs are offered at four different locations including SAMMC, David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Madigan Army Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

AF announces master sergeant selections



More than 5,400 technical sergeants were informed May 17 that they have been selected for promotion to master sergeant, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

Officials selected 5,464 of 19,809 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant for a 27.58 percent selection rate. Click on <http://www.afpc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120517-002.pdf> to see the entire Air Force-wide list.

Those selected for master sergeant will be promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in August. Selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, no later than 10 days after the promotion release date.

Congratulations to the following 30 NCOs from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis who were selected for promotion.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Pearl Alvarezswartz	Gerardo Jaime
Shane Armstrong	Valicia Jones
Melvin Bradley	Imee Kiser
Benjamin Brown	Frankie Lizcano
Phillip Carter	Vangie Moore
Delores Codrington	Megan Moseley
Jessie Contreras	Joseph Nichols
Monti Cutlip Jr.	Berdella Nunez
Michele Edmond	Patrick Obermuller
Travis Edwards	Renee Quenneville
Heather Ellis	Robert Thurman
Monique Hudson	Shaneik Washington
David Huertas	Gloria Winings

JBSA-Camp Bullis

Adam Lloyd	Rudy Moreno
Troy May	Michael Nix

Army Medical Information Technology Center upgrades its video network center

By Kenneth Blair Hogue
USAMITC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center is currently upgrading and expanding its Video Network Center to meet growing requirements.

The center supports and provides the infrastructure for video teleconferencing throughout the U.S. Army Medical Command enterprise network and facilitates the medical needs of patients and warfighters around the globe.

This includes video teleconferencing among U.S. Army Office of the Surgeon General staff members, between military treatment facilities (staff members and other health care professionals) and patients, medical consults between patients and providers, etc.

"This upgrade for the VNC is all part of a U.S. Army Medical Command-

approved refresh plan," said Bruce Andrew, VNC operations manager.

First, the audio bridge capacity was doubled and eliminated denial of service to audio participants. Next, a high-definition video wall was installed to increase the VNC's ability to monitor more simultaneous conferences.

Next generation multi-conference units were also successfully deployed that increased video conference capacity, increased the quality of videoconferencing services and supported the expansion of multi-site internet protocol desktop video conferencing.

Part of the modernization was to create and implement a new, more robust video dial plan.

"The old dial plan was limited and based on old technology," Andrew said.

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Photo by Kenneth Blair Hogue

USAMITC's recently upgraded and expanded video bridge within the Video Network Center. The VNC is a branch within USAMITC's Customer Service Division.

JROTC CADETS TOUR METC



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Homer Hanna High School JROTC cadets from Brownsville, Texas toured the Medical Education and Training Campus May 11, where Master Sgt Faouzi R. Mannai, a METC biomedical equipment technician Army service lead explains how the advanced course makes sure medical equipment like the computerized tomography scanner is safe and functioning properly. The cadets continued their tour at the Army Medical Department Museum and lunched with service members at the Rocco Dining Facility at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

180 DAYS OF SUMMER SAFETY



Photo by Phillip Reidinger

Army Public Health nurses presented a "180 Days of Summer Safety" information fair May 21 at Willis Hall, Army Medical Department Center and School. Exhibits included information on heat stress, sun safety, proper nutrition, weight management, substance abuse, spa services and yard safety. Here, 1st Lt. Metacaum Evans, a student attending the Principles of Military Preventive Medicine course, explains the dangers from snakes and insects like mosquitoes, ticks and fire ants.

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age, dedication and their sacrifices.

“These awards are not a benefit; it is an entitlement,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Darius Johnson, an infantryman, received his Bronze Star for his exceptional and meritorious service during Operation Enduring Freedom. His dedication to duty during combat operations in Afghanistan contributed to the success of the com-

mand’s mission, according to the medal citation.

Johnson was assigned to Company A, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division when he and his team were ambushed and struck by an improvised explosive device July 17, 2011.

He lost his left arm and suffered burns throughout his body. His first sergeant was killed in action during the ambush.

“It is an honor to get

this award. Not everyone wants this (award), but I lived through it and I am honored,” Johnson said.

The Bronze Star medal is a U.S. armed forces individual military decoration awarded for bravery, acts of merit or meritorious service.

Staff Sgt. Shaun Elizondo, Spc. Seth Pardue and Spc. Zachary Thissell were assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team,

25th Infantry Division, serving as infantrymen in Afghanistan when their vehicle was struck by an IED while conducting a mounted patrol, resulting in their combat injuries April 3.

As the squad leader of the unit, Elizondo requested to present the Purple Heart medals to Pardue and Thissell.

“It feels good to receive this award and to be with my Soldiers,” he said after the cer-

emony. “There are a lot of guys still out there (in Afghanistan), please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.”

Pfc. Bryan Ward received both his promotion and his Purple Heart medal during the ceremony.

Serving as a cavalry scout, Ward was conducting a mounted patrol when his vehicle stuck an IED resulting in his combat injuries on Feb. 7. He was assigned to Head-

quarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 1st Cavalry, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action.

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of a beautiful future must come through deliberate action.

Vince Lombardi, former National Football League coach, best summarized the kind of deliberate action that reaches success in one of my favorite quotes: “Unless you put everything you have into your pursuits, what is life worth? The quality

of life is in direct proportion to our commitment to excellence.”

When people ask how one can attain success, I offer them what I call “success wisdom.”

Decide what you want. Work on three or four fundamental goals that will help you achieve balance such as spiritual, family, professional/personal, fitness, unit, and patriotic. This will give

you focus and purpose every day.

Organize and set timelines. Evaluate every facet of your life. What is weak? What is strong? Even if you feel accomplished, do not become complacent. Remember, achievers always move forward. Buy a calendar and jot, with clear timelines, the goals you decided. Do this for the entire year, and check

your progress at least quarterly.

Forget “Rambo.” In our world, the superhero effect hurts us in achieving wholeness as people and organizations. Do not try to achieve success alone. Rally the support of your entire team. Think about who is going to help you. Share your goals and aspirations with mentors; have them inquire about

your progress at regular intervals.

Commit to excellence. The quote mentioned above is an excellent way to understand the power of effort. The quote is also a realization that we can control our destinies and the conditions of our future. We have the power to dedicate, commit ourselves and, consequently, achieve.

I hope these steps help

you achieve success as you climb the cliffs and mountains you will face along life’s journey.

Use every opportunity to discover what you have been gifted to do. Carry your motivation to every corner.

Never forget or underestimate the power of your contribution. Continue climbing the road to success. I join you in our team journey!

Mexican, American militaries cooperate for hurricane response exercise



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Mexican military liaison officers from the National Defense Secretariat (SEDENA) 4th Military Region, which encompasses the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and San Luis Potosi, brief members of U.S. Army North's Main Command Post May 6 on the progress of Mexican hurricane response efforts during Ardent Sentry 12, a defense support to civil authority exercise directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and executed by Army North and SEDENA's 4th Military Region.

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

For the first time, American and Mexican militaries simultaneously conducted a coordinated disaster response exercise from May 2 to 9 in south Texas and in the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and San Luis Potosi.

U.S. Army North, the Joint Force Land Component Command of U.S. Northern Command, led the U.S. military disaster response from its main command post at Fort Sam Houston and deployed Task Force 51, its mobile all-hazards task force, to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas, to respond to a simulated Category 4 hurricane strike near Brownsville, Texas. Meanwhile, Mexico's National Defense

Secretariat (SEDENA), IV Military Region, operated an exercise cell in Monterrey, with its 8th Military Zone operating in Reynosa, to respond to the hurricane on the other side of the border in Matamoros, applying their disaster relief plan for the civilian population, DN-III-E.

Army North exchanged liaisons with the Mexican military to exercise operational-level and tactical-level communication and information-sharing to respond to a simulated Category 4 hurricane, as part of Northern Command's Ardent Sentry 2012, an exercise directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and executed by Army North.

During the exercise, Army North also had three liaison officers sent to SEDENA, IV Military Region, in Mon-



Photo by Luis Deya

A Mexican military liaison officer listens to a briefing May 6 along with Maj. Gen. Charles Gables Jr. (center, top) and James Gillis (right), on the progress of Mexican hurricane response efforts during Ardent Sentry 12, a defense support to civil authority exercise directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and executed by Army North and SEDENA's 4th Military Region.

terrey, Mexico as well as three with SEDENA 8th Military Zone in Reynosa, Mexico.

"Natural disasters don't recognize borders; therefore, our inter-operability is essential to minimize the suffering of our peoples," said Col. Richard Francey, chief of staff, Army North.

Army North personnel and their Mexican counterparts initiated plans and orders for medical evacuation missions, search and rescue, getting relief supplies to survivors, setting up shelters, establishing communications, clearing routes and many other emergency support functions.

This exercise is the first coordinated effort with operational and tactical information sharing at multiple echelons and with scenarios designed to encourage coopera-

tive efforts.

"This exercise represents another significant step forward with our Mexican army partners," Francey said. "I have been very impressed with their professionalism."

More than 600 personnel from Army North; Task Force 51, Army North; Joint Task Force-Civil Support, based out of Fort Monroe, Va.; and Army North's Region VI and Region X defense coordinating elements participated in the exercise.

The simulated hurricane, along with tornados, a plane crash, a nuclear weapons accident, and a security event, are all part of Northern Command's Ardent Sentry 2012, an exercise directed by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and executed by Army North.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

U.S. Army North's Main Command Post conducts a shift change brief in the Combined Operations and Intelligence Center at Army North's headquarters in the historic Quadrangle May 4 during Ardent Sentry 2012, a U.S. Northern Command directed command post exercise testing defense support to civil authorities during a series of major disasters.

"The exercise is primarily a command post exercise, but there will be field training events within the exercise," said Col. Mathew Brady, chief, Army North current operations.

"Those events take place in North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, Alaska, Connecticut and Nova Scotia, and it involves U.S., Mexican and Canadian military units," Brady added. "At Army North, we are focusing our efforts towards the venues in Oregon and a hurricane that 'strikes' near the Texas/Mexican border."

The exercise scenarios run through a gamut of unique roles, such as Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and operations; Arctic command and control relationships, roles and responsibilities; support to a maritime environmental

event; information exchange sharing with the Mexican military; Canadian and U.S. Civil Air Patrol operations; nuclear weapon accident/incident response operations; search and rescue operations; and exercise of the dual-status command concept.

"Some of our challenges center around not having designated or assigned forces," Brady said. "This forces Army North to request the forces we need from the services. Ardent Sentry 12 will validate existing plans, policies and procedures, including the Federal Inter-agency Response Plan as well as state and regional plans."

In U.S. Army North's 24-hour main command post, representatives from every staff section helped to track,

manage, plan, coordinate and execute a wide range of operations around the continental U.S.

Sgt. 1st Class Darin Ingle, Common Operational Picture manager, Army North, explained the maps and graphics on the three monitors attached to his computer. "I collect information from subordinate units and higher headquarters and package it for everyone to see one clear picture of operations and to maintain situational awareness," Ingle said.

Ingle's satellite imagery maps track the status and locations of personnel, equipment, facilities and ongoing operations as well as storm tracks and other vital information. His graphics included storm surge projections and other critical information.

It is important to conduct exercises like Ardent Sentry, said Michael Provost, a contractor that serves as a criminal intelligence analyst at Army North's Provost Marshal Office.

"Every exercise is different," Provost said. "It's a learning experience. We look to the last exercise to see where improvements can be made, and we look to the future."

High-pressure exercises like Ardent Sentry serve as a crucible, he continued. "You have to know how your staff is going to react in a crisis," he said, "and you have to be able to count on the coordination it will take in a real-world disaster."

"It's better to make mistakes here than in a real-life hurricane."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Mexican military liaison officers from the National Defense Secretariat (SEDENA) 4th Military Region, which encompasses the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and San Luis Potosi, brief members of U.S. Army North's Main Command Post May 6 on the progress of Mexican hurricane response efforts during Ardent Sentry 12, a defense support to civil authority exercise directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and executed by Army North and SEDENA's 4th Military Region.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Sgt. 1st Class Darin Ingle, common operational picture manager, U.S. Army North, points out the latest information May 5 to Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Ross, Combined Operations and Intelligence Center noncommissioned officer, Army North. Ingle, a native of Montgomery, Ala., and Ross, a native of Tulsa, Okla., maintain the COP for Army North's Main Command Post.

Military families get free passes to national parks

From Alcatraz Island to Zion National Park, service members and their families can visit more than 2,000 national parks, wildlife refuges, national forests, and other public lands around the nation this year, without paying entry fees.

Active-duty and activated Guard and Reserve service members can now pick up the new military version of the "America the Beautiful National Parks and

Federal Recreation Lands Annual Pass."

The pass will be accepted at National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer recreation sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees. With the pass, those entry fees will be waived.

In Texas alone, there are 13 National Parks, 20

National Natural Landmarks and 46 National Historic Landmarks.

Military members and their dependents can pick up their own pass at any national park or wildlife refuge that charges an entrance fee or other selected sites. They must show a valid military identification card (Common Access Card or DD Form 1173) to obtain their pass.

The pass is also available to dependent family

members of active-duty personnel. There is not a pass specifically for veterans; however, many veterans qualify for one of the other discount passes offered as part of the National Park System pass program.

For people 62 or older, they can qualify for a Senior Pass, a \$10 lifetime pass. These passes can be bought in person from a participating federal recreation site or office or by mail. People with

a permanent disability may qualify for an Access Pass, a free lifetime pass that can also be obtained in person from a participating Federal recreation site or office or by mail.

Where there are entrance fees, the pass covers the owner and accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle at recreation sites that charge per vehicle.

At sites where person entrance fees are

charged, it covers the pass owner and three accompanying adults age 16 and older. There is no entry fee for children 15 and under.

The pass does not cover or provide a discount on expanded amenity fees such as camping, boat launch or interpretive fees.

For more information on the pass, visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/>.

(From Army News Service and the White House "Joining Forces" websites)

USAMITC from P8

"The new dial plan provides for existing customers and allows for future expansion."

The VNC refresh plan included a tremendous expansion of the audio bridge.

"Requests for audio bridging often exceeded capacity," Andrew said. "Before the upgrade, nearly 900 requests for audio bridging were denied due to lack of resources.

"Since the upgrade, not a single request for audio bridging has been denied. Everyone in the MEDCOM, worldwide, can currently access USAMITC's audio bridging services."

Video teleconferencing, or telepresence as it's also called, provides an enormous savings in cost and time, and can help improve health care.

"VTC allows leadership to cut down travel and lodging costs in general for meetings and training, and can specifically pro-

vide cost and time savings for 'tele-health' consults and evaluations," Andrew said.

"Previously, a patient or provider would need to travel to conduct those sessions, which may take weeks or months to occur. Desktop IP video capability allows patient/provider encounters to get scheduled within days of the request.

"While we provide the audio and video means for senior leadership and MEDCOM personnel to

conduct command and mission control, collaboration, training and mission coordination; at the end of the day, the most important thing we do in the VNC is to keep telehealth doctors and their patients connected.

"From the DOD perspective, USAMITC is leading in the video conferencing field," Andrew said. "For our size, we're the first to get to this point or to reach this benchmark technologically."

HOTEL from P1

Sam Houston, our sincere appreciation for this effort, and to all of you who were involved in making this day reality – thank you very, very much."

Rhonda Hayes, chief Capital Ventures Directorate, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, shared her firsthand prospective regarding staying in military lodging.

"It's high time that some of the things we have come to expect in our local communities come to Army installations," she said, highlighting some the many amenities the new hotel will offer such as the Priority Club system and pet policy.

The new hotel will cost approximately \$26.5 million to construct and is expected to be completed in 2014.

NEWS from P4

Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy Commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher A. Walls is hosting a wreath ceremony at the graveside of Sgt. Major of the Army Leon L. Van Autreuve at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

32nd Medical Brigade 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 Fristoe at 8 a.m. July 3 at MacArthur Parade Field. The inclement weather location is Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

Holiday Artwork Contest

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is seeking San Antonio area resident artists and graphic designers of any age to design cover artwork for the 2012 Holiday

in Blue concert program. A design in JPG format must be received by July 1. Chosen artwork will be featured on all Holiday in Blue promotional materials, and the artist will be recognized as a featured guest at all performances this December. For more information, visit <http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil>

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.

MILITARY BAND SCHEDULES

323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own"

May 28

Ceremonial Band at Memorial Day ceremony, Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 9 a.m.

Quintuple Bypass at Memorial Day ceremony, Houston National Cemetery, 9:30 a.m.

May 30

Quad 5 at Army Residence Community Memorial Day ceremony, 10 a.m.

June 1

Groove Therapy at San Antonio Art and Jazz Festival, Crockett Park, 5 p.m.

June 12

Brass Ensemble at Army Residence Community, 4 p.m.

June 13

Quad 5 at 2012 Federal Recognition Awards ceremony, Omni Hotel, 11 a.m.

June 14

Texas Flood at Operation Float A Soldier, Canyon Lake, 11 a.m.

U.S. Air Force Band of the West

May 26 and 27

Concert Band Memorial Day concert at Seaworld San Antonio, 10500 Sea World Drive, 7 p.m.

July 3

Concert Band at Byron Steele High School, 1300 FM 1103, Cibolo, Texas, 7 p.m.

July 4

Concert Band at City of San Antonio July 4th Celebration, Woodlawn Lake, 7:45 p.m.

July 5

Concert Band at San Marcos Plaza, San Marcos, Texas, 7:30 p.m.

July 21

Concert Band at Texas Bandmaster's Association Convention, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Lila Cockrell Theatre, 8 p.m.

Aug. 3

Warhawk at the Balcones Heights Jazz Festival, Wonderland of the Americas, 4522 Frederickburg Road, 7 p.m.

Aug. 12

Warkhawk at Louise Hays Park, Kerrville, Texas, 7:30 p.m.

PARADE from P4

“This Military River Parade will salute and celebrate the men and women who serve, or have served, in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces,” said Marty Williams, president of the Paseo del Rio Board of directors.

Event organizers dyed the river blue for the parade, and the parade featured 25 river floats representing the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, military support organizations and many others, including a float honoring wounded warriors.

Spc. Norma Torres, a supply specialist at U.S. Army North, was one of three Soldiers at the parade in vintage U.S. Army uniforms from different time periods.

The San Antonio native said the parade was special for her because it honored veterans like her grandfather, Leopoldo Ramirez, a Marine Corps lance corporal who was a prisoner of war for three years during the Vietnam War. Torres wore a uniform representing the



Photos by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Parade-goers were entertained by a variety of musical acts, including this trio of singers from the USO sporting World War II-vintage uniforms.

Vietnam era.

“It means a lot to be honored for my service, but it was special to me because of the veterans that were there that I spoke to, and the recognition for their service,” Torres said.

The celebration culminated with a free concert hosted by Operation Homefront in Hemisfair Park that featured country music star Tracy Lawrence.



(From left) Sgt. Shanelle McNair, Army Institute of Surgical Research; Spc. Norma Torres, Army North; and Sgt. 1st Class Sonny Figueroa, Army Medical Department Center and School; were on hand in authentic historical Army uniforms at the inaugural “Here’s to our Heroes” Military River Parade May 19 for photos with community members.

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FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES MAY 28–JUNE 2

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

May 28

District Holiday

June 1

Last Day of School
 Report Cards sent home
 College T-Shirt Day

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

May 28

District Holiday

May 29

Girls B-ball Summer League, Cole

Gym, 5-9 p.m.
 Senior Class Service project
 @ Fort Sam Houston National
 Cemetery

May 30

Senior Class Trip to Mo Ranch,
 Houston

May 31

Student Early Release, 11:40 a.m.
 Girls B-ball Summer League, Cole
 Gym, 5-9 p.m.

June 1

Last Day of School
 Student Early Release, 11:40 a.m.
 Cole Graduation, 6 p.m.

TELL ME A STORY



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, reads to children at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School May 18 during the annual "Tell Me A Story" event, hosted by the Military Child Education Coalition Parent to Parent Program.



As We Grow

May 24, 12:30-2 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

Time Management

May 24, 1:30-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2962.

Memorial Day Party

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

Word Level 3

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

FRG Leadership Academy

May 29 and 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

HUGS playgroup

May 29, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Newcomer's Extravaganza

May 29, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, learn about Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio area as well as meet representatives from many different organizations, programs and businesses. Call 221-1681 or 221-2418.

Credit Reports

May 29, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Excel Level 3

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

2518 or 221-2705.

USO Caregivers Conference

May 30, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sam Houston Community Center, learn how to care for yourself while caring for your wounded, ill or injured loved one, free event, register at www.uso.org/caregivers.

Women Encouraging Women

May 30, 11 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, learn about massage from a licensed massage therapist, call 221-0349.

Self Paced Initial First Term Financial Readiness

May 30, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

End-of-School-Year Field Day

May 31, 4 p.m. in the field by the Youth Center Building 1630, for Middle School Teens. This is a STRONG B.A.N.D.S event.

Word Level 1

June 5, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Excel Level 1

June 7, 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.

Triathlon

June 10, 6:30 a.m. beginning at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, Building 3300, Williams Road. Cost is \$20. The triathlon consists of a 400-meter swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 2-mile run. Registration deadline is June 3, Packet pick-up is at 5:30 a.m. on race day. Call 221-1234.

Vacation Bible Study

June 10-14 at Dodd Field Chapel, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-5006.

June 16-20 at Freedom Chapel, JBSA-Lackland, call 671-4208.

June 18-22 at Randolph Elementary, JBSA-Randolph, call 652-7237.

Lemon Lot

The Lemon Lot on Fort Sam Houston is in the process of moving. The new lot is expected to open in late May.

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 instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson T-shirt and class picture.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for information.

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.

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://power-talkinternational.com/>.

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OUTSIDE THE GATE

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.

Morgan's Wonderland Hours Changing

Morgan's Wonderland will open earlier on most days during the 2012 summer season. The theme park will open at 9 a.m. Saturdays from June 2 to Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, June 5 to Aug 17; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, June 3 to Aug. 26. The park is closed Mondays during June, July and August. Visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.

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://quarry-farmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.

Veterans Roll Call

The 20th District of the American Legion in San Antonio will read aloud the names of all veterans interred at Fort Sam Houston Nation Cemetery. The reading will begin May 26 at 8 a.m. at Shelter No. 3 until all names have been read. The reading is open to the public and anyone who would like to read the name of a loved one or friend who is interred there may do so.

Joshua Springs Park Walk

The Hill Country Volkssportverein volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk June 2 starting at the Joshua Springs Park and Preserve, 716 FM 289 in Comfort, Texas. Walks start between 7-11 a.m., finish by 2 p.m. Call 830-995-2421 or visit <http://web.me.com/bxtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html>.

Edwards Aquifer Level

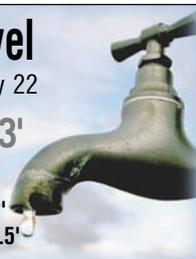
in feet above sea level as of May 22

CURRENT LEVEL* = 661.3'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660' Stage III - 642'
Stage I - 660' Stage IV - 640.5'
Stage II - 650' Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



INSIDE from P17

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.

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.

Weekly Weather Watch

	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29
San Antonio Texas	 96° AM Clouds PM Sun	 94° AM Clouds PM Sun	 90° AM Clouds PM Sun	 92° AM Clouds PM Sun	 91° Partly Cloudy	 92° Isolated T Storms
Kabul Afghanistan	 81° Mostly Sunny	 74° PM Showers	 77° Partly Cloudy	 82° Sunny	 86° Sunny	 85° Sunny

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



FOR SALE: 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix, rolling chassis no motor but still has automatic transmission and complete interior, body is straight, \$1,500; 1967 Mustang Coupe hard top, not running, 289 V8 automatic, needs restoring, body is straight, \$1,800. Call 488-0826.

FOR SALE: Solid oak roll top desk, \$1,000 obo; computer table, 30 inches by 72 inches, \$75 obo. Call 860-3781.

FOR SALE: REM Martinique king-size bed with wave adjustable base, each side has a remote control that elevates both head and/or foot and activates massage, in excellent condition, \$6,800 retail, asking \$2,999. For details visit <http://www.remsleepsolutions.com/Martinique.asp>. Call 659-6741.

YARD SALE: June 2 beginning at 7 a.m., 11104 Forest Night in Live Oak, Auburn Hills subdivision.