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## SEXUAL ASSAULT: Generals tell JBSA leaders: ‘We can, must fix this’

By Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Members of the Fort Sam Houston community gathered -at the Roadrunner Community Services building April 4 to participate in the kickoff of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and to witness the signing of a proclamation.

The event highlighted a commitment to raising awareness of, and pro-

moting the prevention of, sexual violence and that everyone has a role in stopping sexual assault.

Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, provided the welcoming remarks Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe, commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, served as the event's

guest speaker.

The theme for the observance month is "Hurts one ... Affects all."

Caldwell said directly confronting the issue of sexual assault is vitally important for the military and is a leadership challenge. As such, he said he was pleased to see the large number of leaders at the event.

"The issue that we

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Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Camps on Fort Sam Houston are great adventures for military children, like trips to Wonder World Park in San Marcos where the wildlife is very friendly. For more information about entertainment options close to home, turn to page 11.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

On the second day of U.S. Army North's interagency hurricane response drill, military and civilian emergency response leaders went step-by-step through response scenarios in a war-gaming process meant to weed-out ineffective and inefficient processes.

## ARNORTH hosts hurricane planning drill with major response partners

By Sgt. 1st Class  
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As hurricane season approaches, agencies at all levels of government recently acted to continue collaborating and coordinating their plans on handling such emergencies for the regions of North America; among these partners were members from U.S. Army North and U.S. Northern Command.

In the exercise scenar-

io, two hurricanes struck in separate locations on the Florida coast and the southernmost tip of Texas. The potential impending damage to homes and businesses, and loss of life and injury, loomed high on the list of projected consequences these storms can bring.

However, since these major weather threats are confined to a scenario generated for the 2012 Army North/Joint Force Land Component Com-

mand Interagency Hurricane rehearsal, everything that could happen is simulated ... this time.

The drill, conducted at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston April 3-5, allowed leaders from the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Northern Command, U.S. Army North, the National Guard Bureau and many others

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# Army partners with DEA for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

By Gerald Mather  
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The culprit behind America's second leading cause of death isn't the result of too many cigarettes or driving recklessly.

It's sitting in your bathroom cabinet, kitchen or bedside table, and you might use it every day.

Abuse of prescription drugs – whether codeine from your last root canal or vicodin for persistent back pain – stands as the second leading cause of accidental death in America. It ranks second

behind marijuana as the nation's most prevalent illegal drug problem.

More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Military installations across the United States are once again partnering with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and state and local law enforcement agencies April 28 in support of the fourth National Prescription Drug Take-

Back Day.

There are two locations on Fort Sam Houston for all active duty, family members, civilian employees and retirees to anonymously turn in medications or prescription drugs.

The first is the Fort Sam Houston Community Pharmacy on the corner of Scott and Allen, near the main Post Exchange and the other is San Antonio Military Medical Center Main Pharmacy in the SAMMC Medical Mall.

There will be certified law enforcement personnel (Military Police



or Department of the Army Civilian Police) physically present at the drop-off locations for the duration of National Prescription Take-Back Day activities, per DEA protocols.

According to coordinators, this event is a prime opportunity to raise community awareness and educate military communities on the dangers of prescription drug abuse, and help make military installations a safer place to live and work.

Throughout the United States approximately 4,000 state and local law enforcement agen-

cies also participated in the previous two National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days. The American public has turned in more than 489.5 tons of pills and medication during the previous three combined events.

For more information about the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, or to find a drop-off location off post, visit the DEA website at [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html) or contact your local Army Substance Abuse Program representative.

## Leadership conference features world-renowned speakers

Senior leaders, managers and supervisors can access the knowledge and experience of world-renowned leaders by attending Leadercast (no federal endorsement intended) at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Lackland Gateway Club and Randolph Parr Club from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 4.

The Leadercast event is broadcast live from Atlanta to hundreds of sites throughout the nation. Last year, 85,000 leaders from 17 countries attended Leadercast.

Speakers for this year's event include Soledad O'Brien, anchor and correspondent for CNN; Tim Tebow, NFL quarterback, Heisman Trophy winner and author; Patrick Lencioni, author and president of The Table Group; John Maxwell, leadership expert author of "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership;" Angela

Ahrendts, CEO, Burberry; Roland Fryer, professor of economics at Harvard University and CEO of the Education Innovation Laboratory; Urban Meyer, ESPN analyst and former head football coach for the University of Florida; Andy Stanley, leadership author and communicator; and Sheena Iyengar, author of "The Art of Choosing."

This year's program will focus on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-claimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners will share insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work, at home and in the community through his or her choices.

Registration with credit card prepayment (MasterCard or Visa only) is required. There will be no sales at the door. Registration closes April 27.

To register for atten-

dance at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, click on <https://invitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=103119&k=036141087A5E>.

The \$25 registration fee includes materials, breakfast, lunch and snacks and each attendee must register separately. Conference check-in time at all three

locations is between 6:30 and 7:45 a.m.

The dress code is uniform of the day for military and business casual for civilians.

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### Army Environmental Command Earth Day Fair/Open House

The U.S. Army Environmental Command hosts an Earth Day Fair and Open House from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Building 2264 April 19. The event will feature more than 30 different interactive exhibits, including sustainable practices and food recipes, military vehicles, how robotics remove unexploded ordnances, recycling, renewable energy resources, endangered species, natural resources, water conservation, and other relevant environmental topics on conserving, protecting and restoring the environment. For more information, call 466-1903.

### 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.

### Nominations open for AUSA Volunteer Family of Year

The Association of the U.S. Army's Volunteer Family of the Year award recognizes an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community and is open to families from active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retirees and Army civilians. Nominations for the award must be submitted only through AUSA chapters. Deadline is May 1. For more information, call the Alamo Chapter of the AUSA at (818) 516-3442.

### FSH Vet Facility Testing Clinic Management System

The Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility is a test site for a new web-based clinic management system that will improve patient recordkeeping. Over the next several weeks, appointments will take a little longer as we learn to enter valuable information in the new system. Unfortunately, fewer appointments will be available during this time. For more information, call 808-6101/6104.

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# Soldiers bring 'Army Strong' to the stage

By Tim Hips  
IMCOM Public Affairs

Active-duty Soldiers bring the emotional, mental, physical, spiritual and family pillars of military life to the stage in "Army Strong," the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

The show will open with 7 p.m. performances April 19, 20 and 21 at the newly renovated historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre, the new home of Army Entertainment Division.

The troops then will embark on a five-month tour to perform at least 60 shows in at least 31 venues, including a Pacific journey to Hawaii and Japan.

The 90-minute song-and-dance production is designed to accentuate the strengths and resiliency of Soldiers and military families through modern songs, current hits, vibrant costuming, exciting choreography and spectacular visuals.

"That is in line with the chief of staff's motto for this year, which is, 'The strength of our nation is our Army, the strength of our Army is our Soldiers, the strength of our Soldiers is our Families, and that's what makes us Army Strong,'" said production manager and producer Tim Higdon.

"The show is designed to follow that theme, and to highlight the strength aspect all the way through."

Soldiers will attempt to sing and dance their way into the audiences' heart, mind and soul. "Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier," is the working motto of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, which is designed to deliver a positive message to the troops.

"It's all about 'Army Strong - Hooah!' So we're moving out and doing that," Higdon added.

The 2012 edition unveils a state-of-the-art, high-resolution LED video wall - 13 feet tall by 28 feet wide - featuring photographs of Army life on a virtual backdrop revolving from scene to scene and song to song.

"It's going to be a very vi-



Spc. Julio Petersen III of Fort Meade, Md., leads U.S. Army Soldier Show performers in a high-kicking rendition of "Footloose" during rehearsals at Fort Sam Houston Theatre in San Antonio. Petersen, a native of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, is making his second tour with the Soldier Show.

Photo by  
Tim Hips

sual show - very current, very modern," Higdon said. "We're excited about that new aspect of the show. The incorporation of that LED technology is going to make the show move forward with a very modern and relevant presentation."

Army Reserve Sgt. Melissa Neal, winner of the 2011 Operation Rising Star military singing contest, will make a taped appearance.

The Soldier Show cast will join Neal's video backdrop to sing "Hallelujah," which she performed during Operation Rising Star finals week in San Antonio and later recorded at EMI Music's Capitol Records Studios in Hollywood.

"It's kind of magical," said Soldier Show artistic director Victor Hurtado, who worked all three projects with Neal.

As always, sections of the show are dedicated to legends of the entertainment industry, such as Etta James.

Another blast into the past features a segment accentuating musical eras of the 1920s, '40s, '50s and '60s, capped with the Rolling Stones' classic "Satisfaction."

"The motivation for that was 'Moves like Jagger,'" Hurtado

said. "We love that song." That tune is by Maroon 5, featuring Christina Aguilera.

The theme of this season's Soldier Show evolved from the meeting of many minds at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, commander of IMCOM, stressed the importance of expressing the warrior ethos, which proclaims that no challenge is too large to conquer.

"Everything in the show really speaks to resiliency, being able to adapt and overcome," Higdon said.

"Resiliency really is that mental part, being able to put things in a perspective which allows you to continue to continue to move forward - that you never come up against a challenge that you can't overcome."

"Putting the show together has gone from hard to simply difficult," said Hurtado, a 26-year Soldier Show veteran and 12-time director.

"The show came from many, many briefings, and all of these things are always in the back of my mind," Hurtado added.

"But the end result is Soldiers' lives are illustrated within

the show in a really cool way."

For example, strength is personified by Des'ree's "You Gotta Be." Lady Gaga's "Edge of Glory" is dedicated to the Soldier-athletes in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program training for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, along with Soldiers who participate in All-Army Sports, post intramurals and daily physical fitness drills.

Whitney Houston's "One Moment in Time" honors the late songstress and significant events in U.S. Army history.

Hurtado did not reveal too much prior to the opening. He would rather have entertainment aficionados see and hear the U.S. Army Soldier Show, the marquee event of Army Entertainment, than read about it.

"I have to say the talent is exceptional," Hurtado said. "They really pick up and they really deliver."

One goal of the U.S. Army Soldier Show is to promote resiliency by giving fellow troops an opportunity to unwind, relax and re-evaluate the world in which they live, along with the way of life that they defend.

And how they do it: Army Strong.

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### Change with Processing DFAS PCS Travel Order Vouchers

Are you a civilian employee relocating? The DFAS-Columbus office no longer processes civilian PCS vouchers. This function is done by DFAS-Rome. For additional details, visit the Fort Sam Houston CPAC website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/> or the DFAS website at <http://www.dfas.mil/pcstravel/civlatestnews.html>.

### Start a career with CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command needs qualified active duty Soldiers to become Special Agents. Contact the Fort Sam Houston CID Office at 221-1764 to set up an interview to determine if you meet the minimum requirements, or stop by 2164 Wilson Way, Building 268 during duty hours. The CID agents will provide assistance in guiding the applicant through the application process. Information could also be found at the Army CID website at <http://www.cid.army.mil>.

### Military Tax Assistance Centers Open

Active duty military members, military retirees, and their families can take advantage of free tax services at the Military Tax Assistance Centers. The 502nd Mission Support Group's legal office opens offers the main site at 2271 Reynolds Road, at the corner of Wilson and Reynolds Roads, as well as a San Antonio Military Medical Center satellite office at the L44-6 conference room. All tax returns are completed on an appointment-only basis. Customers need to bring their W-2s, 1099-Rs and all other tax-related documents to their appointment. The main site phone number is 295-1040 and the SAMMC satellite phone number is 916-1040.

### Civilian Record Brief snapshot of personnel data

The Civilian Record Brief is a one-page snapshot of an employees' official personnel data. To access your CRB, click on the Army Civilian Personnel On-Line Portal page at <http://acpol.army.mil/>. For more information and to view a sample CRB along with the CRB Quick Guide, visit the Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/>.

# Army South celebrates women in the Army

By Sgt. Tamika A. Exom  
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U.S. Army South celebrated the many accomplishments and advancements that women have made through the years by hosting an event that featured retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Toreaser A. Steele as the guest speaker March 29.

Steele served as vice commander for the Army and Air Force Exchange Services in Dallas from July 2002 until April 2005, and took over AAFES commander until her retirement in September 2005.

This year's theme, "Women's Education - Women's Empowerment" focuses on women's struggles fought over the years and across cultural lines.

"This year's theme allows us the special opportunity to celebrate women just like you," said Steele. "It brings to the forefront the contribution each of you has made and continues to make in protecting, shaping, nurturing, legislating and positioning this nation to compete globally."

The Army often honors women who have contributed to lowering the glass ceiling for others serving in uniform.

In a ceremony held Nov. 14, 2008 at the Pentagon, Gen. Ann Elizabeth Dunwoody became the first woman in U.S. history to wear the rank of a four-star general. Dunwoody, the com-



Photo by Sgt. Tamika A. Exom

mander of U.S. Army Materiel Command, was also the first woman to command a battalion in the 82nd Airborne Division and serve as the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

The Army Chief of Staff announced March 9 that Brig. Gen. Laura J. Richardson will become the Army's first female to serve as a deputy commanding general of a division. Richardson will assume the position of deputy commanding general for support in the 1st Cavalry

Division at Fort Hood later this year.

Richardson is currently serving as the commanding general of the Operational Test Command at Fort Hood.

Richardson's historical assignment comes not long after the Department of Defense's announcement Feb. 9, that six military occupational specialties and some battalion-level positions in combat units will soon be opened to women.

In addition, the U.S. Army

has women serving in more than two dozen senior positions as commanders or deputy commanders of major organizations such as the Army Medical Command and the Army Human Resources Command.

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho is serving in the dual role as the Army Surgeon General and commanding general of the Army Medical Command. Maj. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee assumed command of AHRC in October 2010 and she oversees personnel assignments, promotions and awards for Army Soldiers.

Today there are only 29 women among the Army's 390 general officers.

In 1978, the celebration of women's contribution to history, culture, and society as a whole began in the school district of Sonoma, Calif., and a few years later in 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first proclamation declaring the week of March 8, as National Women's History Week. Seven years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

"Learning about women's accomplishments has a positive effect on everyone," said Master Sgt. James Cork, equal opportunity representative for Headquarters and Headquarters

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## IRS Free File still available for last-minute filers

The tax deadline is fast approaching and even though the April 17 deadline offers a couple of extra days this year, the IRS wants to remind taxpayers who haven't filed yet that IRS Free File is still available.

For people who find taxes a little too taxing, IRS Free File offers free software to prepare and e-file your taxes for free. Get started at [IRS.gov/freefile](http://IRS.gov/freefile). Here are four tips about IRS Free File:

Free File does the hard

work for you: Free File is a partnership between the IRS and leading tax software providers who make their brand-name products available for free. You don't need to be a tax expert; the software will help find tax breaks for you, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit. The software asks the questions; you supply the answers. It will find the right tax forms and do the math.

Access to Free File products: You must access the Free File products through [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

to avoid any charges for preparing or e-filing your federal tax return. Once you choose a Free File software product, you'll be directed away from the IRS website to the partner's site to prepare, print and e-file your federal return - all for free.

Free options for all: There is a free option for everyone. People who make \$57,000 or less, which includes most Americans, can use the Free File software. People who make more can use Free File

Fillable Forms, an electronic version of IRS paper forms.

Free Extensions: Taxpayers who can't make the April 17 deadline can request an extension. Making the request is easy and free through IRS Free File. Just look for "free extensions" in the company offers. Remember, this is an extension of time to file your return, not to pay. If you think you owe, make a payment with your extension request.

Get all the information you need about IRS Free File at [IRS.gov/freefile](http://IRS.gov/freefile).

(Source: IRS.gov)

## SOLEMN SACRIFICE



**Photo by Alan Boedeker**

The remains of Army 1st Lt. Clovis T. Ray arrive at the Kelly Field flightline March 30. Ray was killed in action March 15 while deployed to Kunar Province, Afghanistan. The Soldier was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Born in San Antonio, Ray's wife, son and parents were present at the arrival.

## USAMITC PASSES ARMY IG INSPECTION

The U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center's Information Assurance team celebrates passing the Department of the Army's Inspector General Inspection. The DAIG inspection focused on IA and covered 15 areas, auditing the cyber security of the enterprise system for the U.S. Army Medical Command, or MEDCOM. This

inspection has had a 26 percent passing rate through fiscal year 2011, and involved personnel and components from every division within USAMITC. Their contributions allowed the organization to be recognized by the inspection team, who adopted four processes as "Best Business Practices" for the Department of the Army. "We're all committed to doing the best we can do," said Willie Arrington, USAMITC's IA division chief. "Every USAMITC member exhibited the best in their personal endeavors, commitment and diligence resulting in the successful outcome of this mission."



**Photo by Kenneth Blair Hogue**

# Social work program welcomes trailblazers of the field

By Phil Reidinger  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Faculty and students from the Army-Fayetteville State University master of social work program welcomed Army social work trailblazers to the Social Work Month celebration at the Army Medical Department Center and School March 29.

Military social work is now recognized by the National Association of Social Workers as one of the areas of social work practice with specific guidelines and standards supporting this area of practice.

According to the National Association of Social Workers website, the White House officially recognized March as National Professional Social Work Month in 1984, and the associa-



Photo by Phil Reidinger

(From left) Retired Lt. Col. (Dr.) Paul Furukawa and retired Col. (Dr.) Jesse Harris share experiences with Army-Fayetteville State University Masters of Social Work Program student Ensign Yomaira Gonzalez during the social work recognition program at the Army Medical Department Center and School.

tion selects a social issue to promote every year.

Topics included the health care crisis, hate crimes, violence prevention, racial and ethnic harmony, HIV/AIDS, children in poverty, aging

parents, value of work, homelessness and more. The theme for 2012 is "Social Work Matters."

The guest speaker for the master's degree program event was retired Lt. Col. (Dr.) Paul

Furukawa, who spoke on the theme of "Military Social Work: Linking our Past with the Future."

Furukawa noted the theme's relevancy as he recognized the social work trailblazers in the audience.

Furukawa served as an Army social work officer for more than 20 years and his efforts heading the Department of the Army Cohort Study is one of his most notable contributions.

This study helped the Army recognize that military units that train together, rotate together and return intact performed better, experienced fewer stress casualties and provided more support to families.

These principles are now an accepted part of military planning.



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Community Partners







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are all faced with in the Army is sexual assault,” Caldwell said. “It is a growing issue in our Army. I am pleased to see so many leaders are here. This is an issue that we, as leaders, must fix. Leaders can fix anything.”

Volpe, who recently assumed command of AMEDDC&S, told those gathered that this is an issue that must be met head-on by leaders at all levels.

“This is very important,” Volpe said. “This is huge. You, as leaders, need to be at the tip of the spear attacking this. We are here to recognize that this is a problem and a cancer in our formation.”

Volpe said that there have been more than 3,000 confirmed sexual assaults in DOD – on an annual basis – over the past three years, and it is believed to represent less



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

(From left) U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Jeff Hanson, Joint Electronic Warfare Center, Lackland Air Force Base; joins Rear Adm. William Kiser, commandant, Medical Education and Training Campus, Fort Sam Houston; Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis; and Air Force Col. Scott Peel, commander, 902nd Mission Support Group, Randolph AFB, prepare to sign a sexual assault awareness month proclamation at the Roadrunner Community Services building on Fort Sam Houston April 4. The leaders represented the four services during the kickoff of the Joint Base San Antonio sexual assault awareness month event. Peel represented Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB.

than half the actual cases due to reluctance on the part of some victims to report the attacks.

“If that doesn’t disturb you, then I don’t know what would,” he said. “It is devastating to an indi-

vidual, and it affects them for the rest of their lives. Even one is too many – we must eliminate it from our ranks.”

To accomplish, he said it will take the combined effort of leaders, down

to every level, down to the first-line supervisor, because it is that important of a challenge the military faces.

“We are the only ones who can fix this,” declared Volpe.

## WOMEN from P4

Battalion and U.S. Army South.

The White House issued a 50-year progress report last year on the status of women in the

United States.

It found that younger women are now more likely than their male counterparts to hold a college degree and that the number of men and women in the

labor force has nearly equalized.

“Education is definitely the key that unlocks the door to many opportunities,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Yolondria Dixon-Carter, Headquar-

ters and Headquarters Battalion human resources technician.

“We must continue to empower ourselves and not be defined or limited by race, gender, religion or occupation.”

## HURRICANE from P1

to unite and evolve their plans and practices to prepare for the upcoming 2012 hurricane season.

“Thank you for attending and for your efforts and determination to make this a successful and productive event for everyone involved,” said Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, to the exercise participants.

On the final day of the drill, after all the participating agencies and their representatives had completed their actions for the scenario, a panel of senior interagency civilian leaders and military officers provided critical feedback and praise for all those who had a part in coming together for this event.

Several of the officials talked about how the groups’ approach during this exercise – thinking big, going fast, going big and going smart – certainly reflect some of the things they discussed here. Several participants said the mission responsibilities and expectations for all players in this integrated response were clearly defined.

“I appreciate the opportunity for Health and Human Services to be here to work with our partners,” said Dr. Tom Sizemore III, principal deputy director, Preparedness and Emergency Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. “We’ve looked at how we can narrow down our response, so we that can modularize our assets, allowing us to get there quickly and relatively light, but still have capability on the ground to see patients.”

Another aspect discussed was the maturity and progress made in integrating federal agencies with those at the state and local levels and how much more focused and smooth it has become than in past events.

“We have gone from ‘it’s not me, it’s not me,’ to the Department of Defense being an active participant and key partner in these responses,” said Richard Chavez, director of operations coordination and planning, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; who has 30 years experience working the same issues and plans for the Depart-



Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (left), commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, speaks with Canadian Lt. Gen. Walter Semianiw, commander, Canada Command, on the third and final day of U.S. Army North’s interagency hurricane response drill here April 5.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

ment of Defense. “We have more plans to go out there and do those types of things.”

“This was a great effort. I appreciate everyone that worked hard to put this together,” said Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command.

“I go to strategic seminars with the chairman and all the COCOMs, and we stand out on a map about this size of the world and fight the away game – and this is very much fighting the home game – and fighting the home game with our al-

lies; it’s got to be done.”

One of the primary focal points for the gathered partners centered on the potential stresses involved with limited resources for both homeland and overseas operations.

An analogy by Jacoby is that whatever the importance of the “away” game, the expectation of our citizens is that they are going to win the “home” game.

“I will tell you is we are going to continue working on (balancing resources), but what we are not going to do is fail in doing our mission together,” he said. “I appreciate all of our

partners who are here today.”

The group consisted of other top officials and leaders, such as Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, chief, National Guard Bureau, Navy Adm. John Harvey Jr., commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Lt. Gen. William Ingram Jr., director, Army National Guard, to name just a few.

Among the partner agencies and collaborating nations were: Laurence Broun, director for Emergency Management Office of Law Enforcement & Security, U.S. Department of the Interior; Michael Lowder, director, Office of Intelligence,

Security and Emergency Response, U.S. Department of Transportation; Todd Rosenblum, principal deputy assistant secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense & Americas’ Security Affairs.

Other participants included Canadian Lt. Gen. Walter Semianiw, commander, Canada Command; Commander Mark Byrd, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV regional emergency coordinator, U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and many more.

# Services strive to extend expertise across health care

By Lisa Daniel  
American Forces Press Service

Troops deployed to Afghanistan are receiving the best trauma care in the world, and the services are determined to continue that level of expertise as service members return home, the military's top health professionals told a Senate panel March 28.

The surgeons general of the Army, Navy and Air Force testified about the status of military health care before the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee.

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, the Army's surgeon general and former chief of its nurse corps, said Army health professionals have a proud history of standing side by side with troops on

the battlefield since the nation's beginning.

Those skills have been well-honed in the past decade of war, Horoho and her Navy and Air Force counterparts said.

"It cannot be overstated that the best trauma care in the world resides in Kandahar," Horoho said, noting that the NATO hospital complex in Afghanistan's southern region houses the best military trauma professionals from the 50-nation coalition.

The services strive to continue that top level of care as troops leave the war theater, from hospitals and rehabilitation centers, to when they return home, the surgeons general said.

As the United States draws down from Afghanistan, they said, the services need not only to

retain those battlefield skills, but also to transition more toward wellness and promotion of overall health.

"Our mission is larger than wartime medicine," Horoho said.

Vice Adm. (Dr.) Matthew L. Nathan, the Navy's surgeon general, agreed. "They need to heal in mind, body and spirit," he said of warfighters.

To that end, the Navy has seen success with its program to help redeployed Marines deal with post-traumatic stress, binge drinking, sleep disorders and other problems, Nathan said.

Each of the surgeons general said the proposed fiscal 2013 budget would meet their service's health system needs, and agreed with Nathan that they must strive to

innovate, operate more jointly, engage with private sector providers, and partner with civilian health departments and agencies, such as the Veterans Affairs Department.

"Interoperability creates systemwide synergies," Nathan said, and allows for better care at lower cost.

The surgeons general defended the Defense Department's budget proposal to increase TRICARE enrollment fees on a tiered basis for military retirees as being necessary to bringing down rapidly rising health care costs.

The department's health care costs rose from \$19 billion in 2001 to an expected \$51 billion this year, Nathan said. And while the costs have grown, retirees still are

paying the same \$400 to \$500 annual fee they've paid for TRICARE since the health plan's inception in the mid-1990s, while new programs like TRICARE for Life have driven up costs, he said.

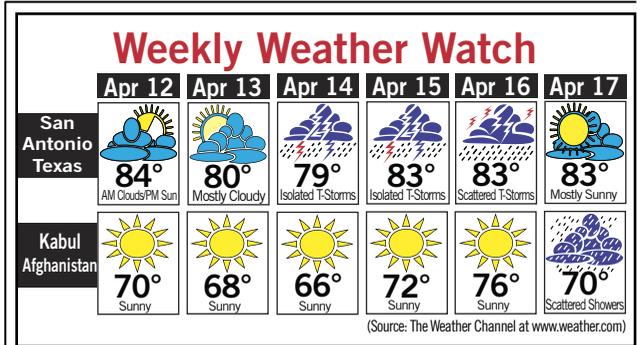
"This is an effort to try to find a fair increase in the participation of beneficiaries, in an effort to make it commensurate to the benefits they've received in the last few years," he said.

Air Force Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles B. Green ac-

knowledged that military retiree groups have been vocal about opposing the increase. But he added that he will be retiring soon and he supports the higher fees.

"There is a mismatch now with inflation," he said. "We've been giving cost-of-living increases to retirement, but not increasing any of the out-of-pocket costs."

Horoho, Nathan and Green said they also are looking for redundancies and other cost savings in programs to affect future budgets.



# Wounded warriors compete in archery and field events as part of their rehabilitation

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Battalion hurled javelins, threw the shot put and discus and competed in archery at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center April 3.

The WTB works closely with the U.S. Paralympic Military Program and the 502nd Force Support Squadron to develop adaptive sports and fitness programs for injured service members to participate in throughout the year.

"We do two different adaptive sports each month," said Jennifer Cooper, U.S. Paralympic Military Program coordinator.

The Soldiers practice for three weeks, with a competition at the end of each month, Cooper explained.

"These sporting events challenge the wound warriors mentally and emotionally as well as physically," she added.

Three areas were set up, with one area for the shot put, another for the javelin and discus, with the third for archery for the recurve and compound bows.

The warriors were encouraged to compete in all the events or just the ones they were interested in doing.

"We want to get these Soldiers to see what they can do, not worry about their disabilities and what they can't do," said Earl Ryburn, certified occupational therapist for the WTB.

"These types of events help with strengthening, mental focus, eye-hand coordination and trunk stability, Ryburn said. "But, the most important thing is that they come out and have a good time."

"Archery is a very rewarding sport. It's a sport where you can compete against yourself or against others. You can do it for recreation or to take out frustrations," said Gary Gassman, owner of Gassman's Archery & Air Rifle Headquarters. He and his wife, Lucy, volunteered to help with the archery event.

Gassman expressed a heartfelt thank you to the warriors for their service.

"Because of you we have our freedom and the ability to do what we want, when we want, in this fantastic country."



Staff Sgt. Michael Lage uses his teeth to shoot the bow during to competition.

## Archery Recurve Bow

- 1st Sgt. Damion Davis
- 2nd Spc. Steven Bracken
- 3rd Spc. Brandon Mc Namara

## Archery Compound Bow

- 1st Sgt. Bryan Ball
- 2nd Staff Sgt. Roger Benton
- 3rd Staff Sgt. Angel Aleman

## Discus

- 1st Sgt. Tyler Sirovy, 113.3 meters
- 2nd Staff Sgt. Stephen Sampson, 93.8 meters
- 3rd Spc. Steven Bracken, 89.4 meters

## Javelin

- 1st Staff Sgt. Augusto Cortazar, 133.3 meters
- 2nd Spc. Bradley Willman, 120 meters
- 3rd Staff Sgt. Adam Greene, 119 meters

## Shot Put

- 1st Staff Sgt. Stephen Sampson, 11.28 meters
- 2nd Sgt. Tyler Sirovy, 10.86 meters
- 3rd Spc. Steven Bracken, 10.84 meters

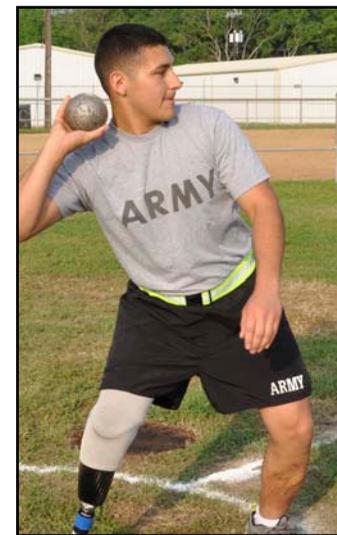


Photos by Lori Newman

Sgt. Tyler Sirovy and Spc. Andre Wilson take aim at the targets during an archery and field event at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center April 3.



Gary Gassman (front), Staff Sgt. Roger Benton and Staff Sgt. Angel Aleman examine the target closely checking their scores. Benton placed second and Aleman placed third in the in the compound bow competition.



Sgt. Fabian Martinez throws the shot put during an archery and field event at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center April 3.



Sgt. Tyler Sirovy hurls the javelin during the Warrior Transition Battalion archery and field event at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center April 3.

# Close to home, 'staycations' a ticket to no-fuss fun

By Deyanira Romo Rossell

502nd Force Support Squadron Marketing

Long car rides, costly hotel stays and bulky suitcases might be synonymous with a vacation, but not with a "staycation."

Within walking distance, lies a world of possibilities for entertainment, recreation and leisure right on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, making the historic post the perfect place for an extended "staycation."

"The 502nd Force Support Squadron Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities offer our patrons great ways to vacation right here in San Antonio," said Terry Frost, 502nd FSS director.

"We have an outdoor aquatic center, complete with slides and an indoor pool. Both are open every day during the summer and are a refreshing way to stay cool," Frost added.

"The 502nd FSS also has a ticket office in our newly renovated Sam Houston Community Center, which has great deals for visiting local theme parks."

The ticket office, located in Building 1395 on Chaffee Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

MWR patrons have access to tickets to special events like Fiesta in April, the Texas Folklife Festival in June and the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus from June 29 to July 4. Tickets to local theme parks and water parks are also offered at a discount.

With its own box office, the Harlequin Dinner Theatre is Fort Sam Houston's best kept secret, featuring musicals and plays put on by an all-star cast of performers to sold-out crowds. "A Few Good Men" runs from May 10 to June 9 at the theatre, Building 2652 on Harney Road.

To beat the summer heat, there is an Olympic-sized Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center with two slides opens May 25 for the Memorial Day weekend. It is free and open daily from



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Kayaking on JBSA-Canyon Lake is a regular summer trip for children in the EDGE! program.



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

JBSA-Canyon Lake offers a great retreat for summer campers on Fort Sam Houston., who enjoy an occasional giant tricycle boat ride on the lake

noon to 8 p.m. There is also an indoor pool at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Building 320 on Wilson Way.

If staying fit is part of your "staycation" plans, celebrate the anniversary of the Fitness Center at the Medical Education Training Campus with state-of-the-art equipment, a sauna and an indoor elevated running track in Building 1369 on Williams Road.

A bowling center and a golf club, with two 18-hole courses, a pro shop and practice greens, round out the recreation opportunities on the post.

Those who love the great outdoors can camp, fish, go boating and cook out in the fresh air with equipment from the Outdoor Equipment Center in Building 1111 on Forage

Avenue

From frying pots to camping trailers, the OEC offers great getaway rentals for a "staycation" at a retreat like JBSA-Canyon Lake, which is only an hour from San Antonio.

The lake is a favorite location for camping, kayaking, canoeing and any kind of boating. The OEC also rents inflatable houses for parties.

The Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center is a sportsman's paradise offering a shooting range, archery competitions and a very popular catfish-by-the-pound pond.

"We've had some great luck out here at the catfish pond. We've had to re-stock it already. They are catching some good size fish too," said Preston Merrill, Camp Bullis Outdoor



Photo by Preston Merrill

The fish are always biting at the Camp Bullis Recreation Center Catfish Pond with anglers bringing in several pounds every weekend. The "you-caught-it-you-bought-it" pond is open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and the cost is \$3 per pound.

Recreation Center manager. "We really recommend it for families since it is the closest thing to a guaranteed catch, even for the young children."

For "staycationers" who prefer touring and seeing the sights, the Relocation Readiness program offers the "Downtown Walking Tour" and the "Trails and Tales Tour."



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Bounce houses are available at the Outdoor Equipment Center on Fort Sam Houston, a great way to take a party to a whole new level for anyone planning to stay around the post for their summertime.

"People really enjoy the walking tour," said Alicia Tyson, Relocation Readiness manager. "We see the Alamo and we give them a little taste of the downtown, so that they have a general idea of where to find attractions, restaurants and most importantly, parking

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when they go back on their own.”

Trails and Tales is a bus trip around Fort Sam Houston, highlighting MWR facilities on the post along with a visit to the Army Medical Department Museum and the Fort Sam Houston Museum. Tourists enjoy finding out if any of their neighbors are of the paranormal sort.

“The Trails and Tales Tour is a lot of fun because we can tell them about the history of Fort Sam Houston, including all the fun ghost stories,” Tyson said. “They are really amused to know the historical information and on the flipside, we get to show them all the new facilities going up on the installation

The Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers horse-riding lessons for MWR patrons ages 7 years and older, who want to try a new adventure on their “staycation.”

The Equestrian Center in Building 3550 on 26th Street



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

The olympic-sized Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center pool has plenty of space for lots of swimmers and admission is free to all MWR patrons.

is also popular for its horse camp, where kids can ride a horse, take a trip in a trailer and challenge themselves on an obstacle course.

Other camps include kayaking trips to Canyon Lake, spelunking at Wonder World Park in San Marcos and trips to Corpus Christi Beach.

The aquatic center and the

splash pad are available for private parties, while the golf club and the Sam Houston Community Center offer catering for summer celebrations.

“Staycationers” can call 221-1139 for more information about any of the many opportunities for recreation and leisure on Fort Sam Houston.

# FSHISD to start middle school competitive sports at Cole

By Robert Hoffmann  
Fort Sam Houston ISD

The Fort Sam Houston School District Board of Trustees recently approved the implementation of the Robert G. Cole Middle School competitive sports program beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

“Expanding our sports program to include middle school students will build a sense of school community so essential to the needs of this group of students,” said Keith Toney, school board vice president.

“Maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle along with a strong emphasis on academic achievement, create a winning combination for our students.”

The program will supplement regular physical education classes with separate athletic classes for the seventh and eighth grades.

The classes will be taught by

existing Cole faculty members; and have attracted a pre-enrollment of approximately one third of each grade.

“The new program will be very beneficial to our students,” said Cole athletic director Tim Duncan. “This gives our students more choices and prepares them for competition at the next level, whether they return to Cole or move to a new school.”

Teams fielded by the new program will include boys’ football, basketball, and track; and girls’ volleyball, basketball, and track. They will compete weekly against middle school teams from schools within District 15 2A (football), and District 29 2A (all other sports.)

“Finally!” said seventh-grade student Brayden Edmond. “I’m excited to be part of the first group of kids in Cole Middle School history to play sports and represent my school.”

# INSIDE THE GATE

## Story Time at the Library

April 12, 10 a.m., Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. Local author, A.R. Johnson will read his story, "Daddy, Do It Again."

## Texas Autism Supplement

April 12, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2962.

## Month of Military Child and Baseball Season Opener

April 14, 9 a.m.-noon, Dodd Field No. 3, call 221-5519.

## Teen Tailgate Party

April 14, 5-8 p.m., Youth Center Building 1630. The free event will include food, fun and activities for teens in grades 6-12. Call 221-3630.

## Women Encouraging Women

April 16, 11 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0349.

## Credit Reports

April 16, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

## English as a Second Language

April 16, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

## Free Women's Rape Prevention Seminar

April 16, 5-6:30 p.m., Fitness Center on the METC campus. A police trainer, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in combat Hapkido and a martial arts "hall of fame instructor" will train women on self-defense techniques. Space is limited, to register call 808-5709 or 808-5708.

## HUGS playgroup

April 17, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

## CSRS Retirement Planning Seminar

April 17, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Arnold Hall, Lackland Air Force Base. The Alamo Federal Executive Board will host a Civil Service Retirement System seminar. Cost is \$10.

Register online at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/retirement-planning-seminars>. Call 565-1860.

## Building Effective Anger Management Skills

This six-part series begins April 17, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

## FRSA Forum/CARE

April 17, noon-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## CARE Team Training

April 17, 2-3:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Saving and Investing

April 17, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

## Access Level 1

April 18, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## FERS Retirement Planning Seminar

April 18, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,

Arnold Hall, Lackland Air Force Base. The Alamo Federal Executive Board will host a Federal Employees Retirement System seminar. Cost is \$10. Register online at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/retirement-planning-seminars>. Call 565-1860.

## Unit Trauma Training

April 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

## Bringing Baby Home

April 18 and 25, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

## Self Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

April 18, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1612.

## Access Level 2

April 19, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, 221-2518 or 221-2705.

## Army Environmental Command Open House

April 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., first floor Building 2264.

## Soldier Show

April 19-21, 7 p.m. each evening, Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

## Holocaust Remembrance

April 20, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. Guest speaker is Anna Rado, Holocaust survivor.

## Caminada de Fiesta Walk

The Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk April 21 starting at the Army Medical Department Museum. Walks start between 7:30 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers>.

## Fiesta & Fireworks

April 22, 1-9 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field. The event will feature a military ceremony, food booths, carnival rides, children's games, entertainment, static displays and arts and crafts. Visitors can enter through the Harry Wurzbach gate. Call 221-1718.

## Transitioning with a Student with Special Needs

April 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Road-

runner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2962 or 221-0600.

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal April 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at San Antonio Military Medical Center Medical Mall or the Refill Pharmacy Building 2401 on Scott and Allen roads. Call 221-2988.

## Army Ten Miler

The registration deadline is April 30. The Army 10 Miler Qualifier is May 5, 6:45 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The run is open to all active duty military. The top five men and women will represent Fort Sam Houston at the Army Ten Miler in Washington D.C. on Oct. 21.

## Volunteer of the Year Awards

May 2, 10 a.m.-noon Sam Houston Community Center. The theme is "The Force Behind the Force," come out and thank the volunteers on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2611.

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# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

The state's largest one-day clean up event will be held April 14. Individuals or groups volunteer at <http://www.ktb.org> or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

## Warrant Officer Association Meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter will meet April 16 at 5:30 PM at the Longhorn Cafe, at the corner of Rittiman and Harry Wurzbach. 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.

## Youth Photography Contest

Students 8-18 years old can submit photos of wildlife, landscapes, people enjoying the diversity of nature, and texture and design found on natural objects by April 18. Cost to enter is 10 for

Green Spaces Alliance members and \$15 for non members. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.Greensatx.org>.

## Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship

High school seniors who care about the environment have the chance to win a college scholarship by composing a 350-word essay explaining what they have done to improve the litter situation in their community. The first place winner will receive \$3,000 and the second and third place winners will receive \$1,000 each. Application and essay must be sent online or mail by April 20. For application and details visit <http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org>.

## All-American Canteen

This official Fiesta event is sponsored by Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, April 21, 7-11 p.m. in the Mission Room of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 E Market St. Dance the night away as we honor our Military history and traditions through



**For Sale:** New Rascal electric wheelchair awith detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$800 obo. Call 661-3765.

**For Sale:** REM dual adjustable Martinique bed with massage, \$6,800 retail, in excellent condition, \$2,999. Call 659-6741.

the ages. Admission is \$75 per person. Cash bar opens at 7 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 7:45. Price includes complimentary Fiesta Medal. Call 490-1818.

## 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.

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### Auditions for Youth GOT TALENT Show

The search is on for the most talented military youth and families in singing, dancing, music, comedy or specialty acts. Auditions are ongoing until May 16 for a chance to compete in the 2012 Fort Sam Houston You Got Talent Show on Saturday, May 19, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, Stanley Road. Youth, ages 6 to 18, or older if still in high school are encouraged to call 221-4016 to audition for this Air Force-wide family and teen talent competition.

### Auditions for Festival of the Arts

The 2012 Festival of the Arts Variety Show, "Razzle Dazzle," will be held May 17, 7- 8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Auditions are open now for service members and their family members who sing, dance, or have a comedy bit or other specialty act. To audition, call 221-4016 before May 15. Selected performers will be judged live by Army Entertainment.

### 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.

### Green to Gold Program

Fifth Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a brief the second Monday of each month, excluding training/federal holidays, at 2 p.m. in the Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. The purpose of the brief is to educate active duty Soldiers on the benefits, options, and qualifications of the Army Green to Gold Program. Call 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. ROTC at 295-2006 or 295-0429; the UTSA Recruiting Officer at 458-5607 or the St. Mary's University Recruiting Officer at 436-3415.

### Cloverleaf Communicators Club Meetings

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

### Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

### 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 808-1732 or 221-0144.

## ARMY HOSPITAL CORPS CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

(From left) 264th Medical Battalion Command Sgt. Major Anthony Ashford, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Wiley Outland, and 32nd Medical Brigade commander Col. William LaChance cut the cake celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Army Hospital Corps at the Army Medical Museum March 30. The cake cutting was part of the Hospital Corps Social hosted by the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. The hospital corps was established March 1, 1887 and consisted of hospital stewards, acting hospital stewards and privates. Outland joined the military in September 1957 as an infantry light machine gunner and was re-assigned to the 3rd Field Hospital at Fort Benning, Ga., for medical advanced individual training in 1958. Outland is assigned to the Army Training and Evaluation Branch, Army Medical Department Center and School.

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