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Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, addresses Fort Sam Houston Independent School District administrators, teachers and staff Aug. 21 at the Robert G. Cole Middle School. Caldwell discussed the challenges and opportunities associated with working with military children.

Photo by  
Sgt. Lee Ezzell



## ARNORTH commanding general speaks to FSHISD teachers, staff

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Teaching military children presents unique challenges and opportunities, said Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of Army North, and senior commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, to administrators, teachers and support staff Aug. 21 at a district-wide meeting.

Caldwell addressed Fort Sam Houston Independent School District personnel at the district's

annual convocation in the Robert G. Cole Middle School atrium.

"The challenges you face are greater than you'd find in any other school district," Caldwell said.

"We are incredibly appreciative of what you do for our children, and what you do will have a lasting impact."

Because Fort Sam Houston is one of the premier bases for treating severe injuries, the post has a higher population of wounded warriors and their families than most installations.

Many of their children attend

school on base, he said.

Many children here have parents who are deployed. Military children also have to move a lot, which is difficult for the children and the district, in planning the number of teachers and staff they will need each year, Caldwell added.

"Military children make better grades, have higher IQ's, are healthier, have lower rates of delinquency and are more likely to go to college," said Caldwell, referencing a January 2011 study in the

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## Relationship breakups may trigger suicidal thoughts

By Maria Gallegos  
BAMC Public Affairs

Recognizing the warning signs of suicide can help save lives, but sometimes this alone is not enough.

Some common indicators of suicide are depression, substance abuse (drugs and alcohol), financial distress and unexpected or uncharacteristic rage or anger.

However, the majority of service members who have taken their lives are found to have had

recent failed personal relationships, according to Lt. Col. Marshal Smith, deputy chief for Department of Behavioral Health at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

"Sometimes warning signs are not so obvious and some may not show any signs of needing help," Smith said.

"But if your buddy comes to you with a situation such as, 'My wife or girlfriend cheated on me' – how would you react?"

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## West Nile virus detected at all JBSA locations

West Nile Virus-positive mosquitoes have now been identified at all Joint Base San Antonio locations.

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph were added Aug. 24.

Three sample pools at JBSA-Lackland and one sample pool at JBSA-Randolph tested positive.

JBSA officials also reported Aug. 23 that three mosquito sample pools from a creek bed on JBSA-Camp Bullis tested positive.

Officials continue to treat and monitor affected areas on all JBSA installations.

A second round of targeted mosquito fogging with handheld devices was conducted early Aug. 23 and 24 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston where numerous mosquito pool samples have tested positive for West Nile virus since July 18.

All precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of mosquitoes in the interest of protecting the Joint Base San Antonio populations and sur-

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# ARNORTH CG sends Labor Day 2012 safety message



**Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV**

By Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, Commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis

Labor Day marks the traditional end of summer, and is a well-deserved rest before fall.

However, it is one of the most dangerous holidays of the entire year.

Off-duty fatalities during the spring and summer have increased by 20 percent over the last three fiscal years ... a trend that cannot be curbed without the

help of everyone within our ranks!

You are all valuable members of the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston team. We need every single one of you healthy and ready for work on Tuesday morning.

There are a few key areas where I need the effort of concerned leaders and battle buddies. Anyone can make an on-the-spot correction when it comes to safety.

Nearly 80 percent of off-duty fatalities are from automobile and

motorcycle accidents.

The leading cause? Indiscipline.

Obeys the speed limits, get plenty of rest, wear your seat belt, and do not drink and drive.

If you drive more than 100 miles from home, use the TRiPS risk assessment form.

It's also worth saying in this day and age – don't text and drive.

Motorcycle riders are especially at risk. Leaders should ensure that all motorcycle riders are properly counseled, have the proper protec-

tive equipment, and have completed the motorcycle safety course. Motorcycle riders must wear the proper protective equipment, whether they are on or off post.

Boating under the influence is not just illegal, it's also dangerous ... nearly as dangerous as drinking and driving. Please be cautious when participating in any water sport.

With the help of everyone within our ranks, we can have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

## In the game of life, you can't hit the reset button

By Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter  
 Joint Base San Antonio and  
 502nd Air Base Wing commander

Three years ago, my nephew and I were playing the video football game Madden 2009. Despite my inexperience with the game and serious lack of gaming skills, I actually beat him.

As I celebrated my victory, Brian immediately hit the reset button and loudly proclaimed, "That was just a warm-up; now it's time for the real thing!"

As we approach the Labor Day weekend, it's natural for us to think about family and friends. This time marks the traditional end of summer and the beginning of the football season.



**Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter**

Many of us will be hitting the road to spend time with our families and friends at the beach, a backyard barbeque or at a stadium tailgating and cheering for our favorite team.

Did you know that

AAA estimates nearly 33 million people will be on the road from Thursday, Aug. 30 to Monday, Sept. 3? Unfortunately, the National Safety Council also estimates 405 traffic fatalities and another 40,500 injuries will occur over this same period of time.

Taking these facts into consideration is an important matter. We all know in the game of life, we cannot just hit the reset button like my nephew did.

If you drive too fast for the road conditions, you're likely to have an accident. If you've been drinking or are not wearing your seatbelt when that accident happens, you're likely to be seriously injured or killed or

cause harm to others.

The precious seconds you spend reading or responding to a text message while you drive could most likely be your last.

You can't simply say "do over."

Decisions have consequences and one poor decision can cause a lifetime of heartache and sorrow for you or your loved ones.

Financial pressures, relationship issues and pending disciplinary action are often cited as contributing factors in suicides among military members. There is no doubt, these issues can seem overwhelming and lead many to believe there is no hope and no choice but suicide.

If you find yourself

in this situation, hit the pause button. Stop and think about those you'll leave behind if you choose to end your life.

I know how it feels to be left behind, after my younger sister took her life 27 years ago this weekend. It hurts and you will be missed every day. Your family and friends would rather be there to help you through a difficult time than live a lifetime without you.

As you enjoy the well deserved time off this weekend, please do so safely and remember to look out for each other.

We want to see you back at work on Tuesday so you can hit "play" and share stories of the good times you had with your family and friends.

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rounding communities.

Measures to take to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds:

- Not allowing puddles to form on lawns as a result of excessive watering;

- Placing tiny holes in the bottom of recycling bins without lids;
- Replacing water in birdbaths;
- Getting rid of old tires;
- Preventing bottles, tin cans, buckets or drums from collecting water;

- Wearing a long-sleeve shirt or pants if going outdoors at dawn, dusk or the early evening; and
- Spraying insect repellent on clothing and rubbing it gently on face, ears, neck and hands, especially if outdoors after

dusk or before dawn.

For more information, check the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases website at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/westnilevirus.html> or the U.S. Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>.

(Source: 502nd Air Base Wing public affairs office)

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### Flu Shots at WHASC

Flu Shots are now available for all active duty personnel at the main immunizations clinic at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. This is a mandatory requirement and must be completed by Nov. 21. Beginning Sept. 4, flu shots will be available for all Department of Defense beneficiaries in the WHASC atrium from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Active duty will have priority. Patients with booked appointments may also receive the vaccine with their primary care manager. The immunizations clinic will schedule outreach events with the mobile flu unit to target active duty job sites across base, to include the Medina annex. Dates, times and locations are forthcoming. For more information, call 292-4278.

### Mayor's Community Fitness Challenge

Joint Base San Antonio is participating in the Mayor's Community Fitness Challenge. Just take a photo of any group fitness activity and provide a brief description of the event. The City of San Antonio will receive 100 points for each event. The event begins Sept. 1 and runs through Oct. 31. San Antonio is competing with all other cities in the state of Texas. For additional information about where to email the photos and description of the events, call 292-3220.

### Discovering Employee Work/Life Balance

Learn positive methods to deal with stress and anxiety, nutrition, massage, acupuncture, stretching, personal fitness, depression awareness, yoga, financial management, tobacco cessation. Seminar takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road. Open to all military and Department of Defense civilians, as well as spouses. For more information, call 221-0133.

### Hiring Heroes Career Fair

A Department of Defense Hiring Heroes Career Fair takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395 on Chaffee Road to support the transition process of military members, warriors in transition, veterans, and family members. For more information,

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# Bridgford brought an 'Army face' to 502<sup>nd</sup> ABW, JBSA

By Steve Elliott  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

In bringing an "Army face" to the Air Force's 502nd Air Base Wing, Col. Robert S. Bridgford said he enjoyed being able to explain the importance of Army history and culture to the men and women of the wing.

"This is the largest and most complex installation in the Department of Defense, with six geographically separated locations and a very diverse set of mission partners that we support," said Bridgford, who since 2010 has been the 502nd ABW vice commander and deputy joint base commander, JBSA.

"The combination of being located in a very large city and having different properties that are spread out across this city make it a very different and challenging joint base," he said of



Col. Robert S. Bridgford

JBSA, which is made up of two Air Force bases and one Army installation.

"I think the joint basing concept has worked out well," said Bridgford, whose last official day is Aug 31. He is headed next to the G-3 (operations) section of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

"We started out with a tough job, which was to consolidate the support activities of two Air

Force bases and one Army post and form a Wing headquarters to run it," said the 1983 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

"We've learned a lot along the way and have achieved savings in both dollars and personnel," Bridgford added. "We're less than two years in the development of this joint base, but we know more about ourselves and where we need to go. The awkwardness that was there at first has smoothed out."

The colonel said it was challenging standing up an organization from scratch.

"Being a vice wing commander of a primarily Air Force organization with mostly airmen and Air Force civilians has definitely been a learning process," he said.

"I have had to immerse myself in all the Air Force instructions

and rules on how they operate and manage personnel. I've worked in joint assignments and multi-national assignments, but I have never worked almost entirely in another service's environment."

Bridgford said the arrangement has been beneficial and a learning experience for both the Army and the Air Force.

"We approach installations from different perspectives, which yields different solutions and that provides opportunities for the Services to learn from each other. It is one of the best benefits of joint basing."

While Bridgford said he has "had a great time working for the Air Force, it will be nice to go home to the Army."

To his successor, Col. James Chevallier, Bridgford offered a few words.

"Get out and meet all your mission partners, we exist to sup-

port them. Get to know the wing structure and the structure of the Air Education and Training Command," Bridgford said.

"You've got two jobs. You're the vice wing commander of the 502nd ABW and the deputy joint base commander. As the vice wing commander, you will have to learn how the Air Force works so you can work effectively within its corporate structure.

"As the deputy joint base commander, you will have to work hard to incorporate all of your mission partners and their interests into joint base decisions," the colonel said.

"You will find many times that the two roles conflict. It's your job to find the right balance between the responsibilities of the two positions."

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## Army North launches advance element to prepare for Hurricane Isaac

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

An advance element of 20 Soldiers and civilians from U.S. Army North set off on a convoy from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Aug. 27 en route to Camp Beauregard, located northeast of Pineville, La., to be ready to respond if requested as part of a federal response effort to the affects of Hurricane Isaac.

The group moved via one of the command's Sentinel vehicles, three of its Emergency Response Vehicles and four large SUVs as they

prepared to spearhead the command's potential response, if called upon, to provide federal assistance in anticipation of landfall by Hurricane Isaac.

The storm was projected to make landfall Aug. 29 in the vicinity of New Orleans.

As the seventh anniversary of Hurricane Katrina approaches, the U. S. is once again focusing its gaze on the Gulf Coast as the storm bears down on the Louisiana coast.

"We are repositioning our advance party in preparation to assist if there is any requirement for Title 10 (federal)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Maj. Sedrick Jackson, executive officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, briefs members of Task Force-51's advance party prior to their departure to Louisiana.

assistance," said Lt. Col. Shepard Gibson, the medical operations officer for Army North's

deployable command post (Task Force-51).

Title 10 of the United States Code outlines the

role of the U. S. armed forces and provides the

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call 221-9255.

### JBSA FSH Voting Assistance Office

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Voting Assistance Office can provide information and resources to military and civilian personnel and their family members about the 2012 elections. The office also assists voters in registering. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at Building 2263, 1706 Stanley Road. Call 221-1424 for more information. For additional information on voting in Texas, outside of Texas and absentee voting, go to <http://www.fvap.gov>.

### Army's Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program, where active duty commissioned officers, second lieutenant through captain, may attend law school at government expense. Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program), to determine their eligibility. Review the AHRC website for branch specific contact information at <http://www.hrc.army.mil> or contact their local Staff Judge Advocate for more information: Army North and Fort Sam Houston at 221-0484, Army South at 295-6325; Army Medical Department Center & School at 295-9893 or Army Medical Command at 221-8400.

### Suicide Intervention Skills Training Offered

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is currently being offered for Joint Base San Antonio active duty members, civilians, and family members. The training will be held on the last Thursday and Friday of every month. Call 221-1696 to register, as seating is limited. T4T trained instructors are also needed to facilitate the course. People who have successfully completed the T4T training can also call 221-1696.

### Army Benefits Center Civilian Notice

On Fridays through Sept. 21, the Army Benefits Center Civilian counselors will not be available by phone

# Tempel takes charge of Army Dental Command, Hamilton says farewell

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Col. Thomas Tempel Jr. celebrated his birthday Aug. 22 by taking command of the U.S. Army Dental Command from Col. Priscilla Hamilton.

"Today's change of command ceremony accomplishes two important objectives. It demonstrates to the community the continuity of command and it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the outgoing commander," said Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commanding general for Southern Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center and chief of the Army Dental Corps.

"Col. Hamilton deserves to be recognized as a pioneer in Army dentistry, in terms of opening new frontiers

for others to follow and leading the DENCOM to new levels of performance," Wong said.

"As the first female commander of the Army Dental Command, Priscilla had all of the present attributes admired in any leader – strength, candor, commitment and caring."

The general praised Hamilton for her many contributions to the DENCOM, such as improving organizational inspection programs, changing business models to improve performance and adapting new information management technologies.

"While at the Army Dental Command, [Hamilton] commanded a cadre of more than 5,000 health care professionals, providing care for more than 550,000 warriors around the world," Wong said.



Photo by Lori Newman

Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commanding general for Southern Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center and chief of the Army Dental Corps, representing the commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command, passes the unit colors to Col. Thomas R. Tempel Jr. as ongoing commander Col. Priscilla H. Hamilton looks on during the U.S. Army Dental Command change of command ceremony Aug. 22.

"No other position in the Army dental care system has as much

influence on shaping the future of oral health care delivery as this

one," Hamilton said.

"The surgeon general has challenged us to turn Army medicine from a health care system to a system of health.

"Col. Temple, you are the right person to guide DENCOM forward into this new world," Hamilton said. "You are a proven and accomplished leader who has been very well read into Army Medicine's strategic plan."

Hamilton presented Tempel a birthday present – the commander's Blackberry with a red bow on top.

Tempel thanked his family, friends and mentors for the support.

"I can assure you that the Army Dental Command will lead the way in partnering with our patients to continue to improve health," Tempel said.

"Rob is a key leader in the twenty-first century Army Dental Corps and I am confident that he will take the DENCOM team to greater levels of performance," Wong said.

## MICC COMMANDER HOSTS GAZEBO CONCERT



Photo by Ryan L. Mattox

The 323rd U.S. Army Band, "Fort Sam's Own," performs before more than 80 San Antonio civic and Fort Sam Houston leaders as well as wounded warriors and Gold Star families during a gazebo concert at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Aug. 26. Brig. Gen. Kirk and Nancy Vollmecke served as host for a summer social and gazebo concert that featured variety of patriotic and popular musical selections dedicated to a theme of heroes. The concert was the second of four free shows conducted during the summer series at Fort Sam Houston that is open to the public. Vollmecke is the commanding general of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command.



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

(From left) Vollmecke, retired Master Sgt. Gives Forsythe and Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades review an image of when Forsythe served lived at Fort Sam Houston's Long Barracks in the 1930s, during a summer social hosted by the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aug. 26.



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American Psychologist.

The strength of military families, the access to health care and the excellent schools make the difference, the general said.

He also highlighted some resources available to military children, such as the Military Child Education Coalition, a non-profit organization that serves around the world as an advocate for military children as they strive to meet the challenges of frequent transitions, parental deployments, loss and trauma.

Of the three keys to being a great teacher, Caldwell said, "Have a passion for teaching, get to know your students and make learning come alive."

Caldwell discussed the impact of his most recent deployment on his own children, who attend school in the district,



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Teachers, administrators and other guests listen as Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, discusses the challenges and opportunities associated with working with military children with Fort Sam Houston Independent School District employees Aug. 21. The general shared some of his experiences growing up as a military child – including a failed attempt at hatching chicken eggs for a school project.

and thanked teachers, counselors and staff for their sensitivity and their efforts working with military children.

"Every day, you are preparing them for the

future, using your own time after school and on weekends," Caldwell said. "You're helping to raise our children, serving as role models and instilling values."

The general's remarks at the back-to-school convocation were appreciated, said Gail Siller, Fort Sam Houston ISD superintendent.

"It was a great way

to start the school year," Siller said.

"It was evident to all that he cares deeply about education and our military children we serve.

"Because of his expertise and perspective as a parent and senior military officer who has been deployed, as well as his unique understanding of our installation, I knew he would help our teachers and staff better understand the needs of our military-connected students and their families."

For Deborah Hoffman, a new teacher to the school district, teaching on base has been a long-time goal.

"I grew up as a military dependent," Hoffman said. "My dad was stationed here. There is a lot of tradition, a lot of pride here."

Hoffman said the commanding general's address was moving.

"It was very touching for me, made me more aware of how important it is to help these children," she said.



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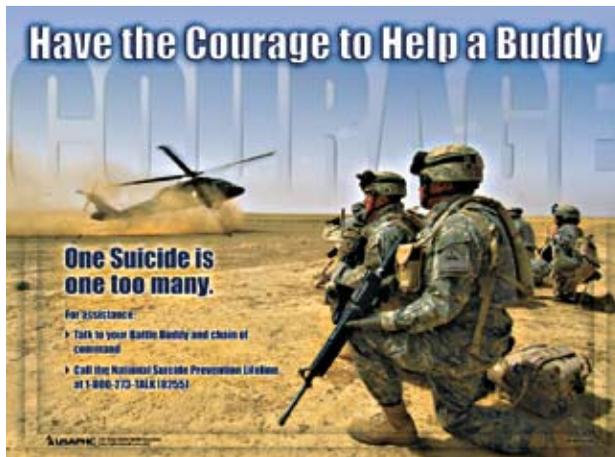
He said relationship breakups could have a devastating impact on a person who is left feeling empty, guilty, shameful, angry, or distracted.

“Most of the time, friends don’t realize a failed relationship can lead to a suicide,” he added.

“Soldiers would tell me after they lost their friend that they didn’t realize the risk behind a failed relationship and how that could have led in them killing themselves.”

Smith recommends the best course of action is not to leave the friend alone and to also ask him or her directly if they are thinking about killing themselves or others.

“Listen, be direct, and be honest,” he said. “If we can get people to ask this simple question and get help, we may be able to lessen the numbers of



suicides in the military.”

If you suspect of someone hurting themselves, take them to the nearest emergency room — it is the beginning process to receive the help they need, Smith said.

Suicide can be prevented. Every suicide is an unnecessary death and asking the right questions and willingness to listen can make the difference in saving someone’s life.

For more information about suicide prevention,

call BAMC Behavioral Health at 808-2565 or click on one of the following websites:

- MilitaryOneSource at <http://www.militaryone-source.com>, 1-800-342-9647
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, <http://www.suicideprevention-lifeline.org>, 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Veteran Crisis Line, <http://veteranscrisisline.net>, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), then press 1.

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legal basis for the roles, missions and organization of each of the services as well as the Department of Defense.

“We deploy and support state and local forces after the state requests federal support in responding to domestic emergencies and disasters,” said Maj. William Nisiewicz, TF-51

information management network officer.

The decision to deploy the team was made only hours before they left.

“The advance party was notified around 1 p.m. that it would be leaving at 6 p.m. that day,” said Maj. Sedrick Jackson, executive officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Army North. “Once they arrive in Louisiana,

they will await further instructions.”

While the Soldiers of TF-51 said they hope they will not be needed, they also know this is what they have trained to do.

“We have practiced for the mission,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Washington, TF-51 operations noncommissioned officer in charge. “Now it is game time.”

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between noon and 6 p.m. The ABC-C website will be available at <https://www.abc.army.mil> to make transactions through the Employee Benefits Information System. In addition, the automated phone line will be available for employees to make transactions that do not require counselor assistance.

### ***New training support center to open***

The Army Support Activity, Fort

Sam Houston, will open a new training support center in October on Garden Road. The new facility will house a variety of training aids to include, graphic training aids and simulators for training, as well as modern classroom space for conducting hands-on training and classroom-type instruction. For more information, call 221-1927.

### ***Army Candidate School Structure Interview Panel***

The 502nd Force Support Squadron’s Military Personnel

Branch conducts an Army Officer Candidate School structure interview panel board at 8 a.m. Oct. 24 in Room 117B of Building 2263 on Stanley Road. All Soldiers must have a bachelor degree and cannot be more than 28 years old. For a complete listing and checklist of the OCS requirements and forms, visit <https://www.hrcapps.army.mil/>. All OCS applicants must see their S1/G1 prior to submitting their OCS packets. Packets must be turned in by Oct. 16. For more information, call 221-0885.





John Kilmer

By L.A. Shively  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Family, Navy corpsmen and veterans assembled at the San Jose Burial Park Cemetery Aug. 13 to remember Navy Hospital Corpsman John Kilmer and honor the 60th anniversary of his death during the Korean War.

Kilmer was mortally wounded during an attack on “Bunker Hill” Aug. 12, 1952 and was posthumously given the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his life.

During the battle, Kilmer had already been injured by shrapnel as he moved from one wounded Marine after another to help them. As the barrage intensified, he used his body to shield still another wounded Marine. Kilmer was killed, but saved the life of the Marine he was protecting.

As a sultry evening glow enveloped the gathering of about 80 at the park, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Blair, a chaplain with the Navy Medicine Training Support Center, commenced the ceremony.

“We are represented by a multitude of generations within the military family and those of the extended family,” Blair said before he led the invocation.

“John (Kilmer) has brought us all together and that’s pretty special,” Blair added. “I hope that generations who follow us will learn a little bit about ‘Doc’ Kilmer, the history of the Navy and the special relationship between Navy corpsmen and the Marine Corps.”

Unlike the other services, the Marine Corps does not have a medical specialty, so it relies on the Navy for corpsmen, nurses and doctors. On the battlefield the corpsman earns the title



Photos by L.A. Shively

A ceremony at the San Jose Burial Park Cemetery marking the 60th anniversary of Hospital Corpsman John Kilmer’s ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War brought together members of his family, veterans, and members of the Navy medical community serving in San Antonio. Kilmer was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his life protecting an injured Marine under heavy enemy fire while attending to his wounds.

“Doc,” once the Marines he serves with know they can trust him with their lives.

Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Brandy Baltimore read Kilmer’s biography. Born Aug. 15, 1930 in Highland Park, Ill., Kilmer left high school before graduating to enlist in the Navy from Houston, Texas.

She said he was following his two greatest passions: medicine and helping others. Kilmer’s affiliation with the Marines began as a result of disagreement with a superior and subsequent transfer into the Fleet Marine Forces.

Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Oswaldo Hernandez then read Kilmer’s Medal of Honor citation.

Texas State Rep. Joe Farias, D-San Antonio, presented proclamations honoring Kilmer’s life and legacy to the family, the corpsman recited the Corpsman’s Oath as a group, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 76 Honor Guard gave a three-volley rifle salute concluding the ceremony.

“It’s made me appreciate my

cousin even more – what he did, and understand what it meant,” said Sandra Brown, Kilmer’s first cousin, between sobs. “I think about all of those years – what would he be like now?”

“It shows what the ultimate goal is for these corpsmen in terms of their patients and what they might need to do – sacrifice,” said Bob, Kilmer’s brother. “He was one of the few Navy personnel awarded the Medal of Honor in Korea.”

“We are fortunate to have a true American hero laid to rest here in San Antonio. Our newest generations of corpsmen have a rare opportunity to recognize our proud legacy of honor and sacrifice in person, at the gravesite,” said Navy Medicine Training Center Command Master Chief Shanon L. Best. He added that it was the right thing to do.

“He’s part of our history. It’s one thing to see his picture, but now there’s a relationship – seeing his brother and family. It made it very memorable. You get that sense of heritage,”



Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Blair, a chaplain with the Navy Medicine Training Support Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, gives an invocation during a ceremony marking the 60th anniversary of Navy Hospital Corpsman John Kilmer losing his life on “Bunker Hill” during the Korean War.



Texas State Rep. Joe Farias, D-San Antonio (right) presents a proclamation honoring the life and legacy of Kilmer to his brother, Bob Kilmer.

said Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Iris Gonzales, who laid flowers on Kilmer’s grave.

“Once you join the military, you realize there is something much bigger than yourself that you’re fighting for, that you’re living for, that you want to protect,” said Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Kimberly Schoenberg, who also laid flowers on Kilmer’s grave.

“I’m defending that freedom



Sandra Brown touches the headstone that marks Kilmer’s grave at the San Jose Burial Park Cemetery. Kilmer was Brown’s first cousin.

for every man, woman and child, no matter where they come from, no matter the color of their skin,” Schoenberg said. “I am in awe of him. I hope I would be able to do the same thing.”



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## September programs, events

### Airman (Warfighter) and Family Readiness

#### Seminar helps members transition to civilian jobs

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness hosts a three-day Transition Assistance (TAP) seminar Sept. 4-6, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m., to help military personnel transition to civilian employment. The intensive job search seminar touches on multiple employment-related topics presented by the Texas Workforce Commission. A pre-separation briefing and DD Form 2648 must be completed before attending this class. Dress code is civilian attire. To sign up, call 671-3722.

#### Hearts Apart meets Wednesday

A Hearts Apart support meeting for deployed family members will be held Sept. 5, 4:30 p.m., at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 1249. To sign up, call 671-3722.

#### Briefing covers DPS employment

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness hosts a recruiter from the Texas Department of Public Safety Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-noon. The recruiters will brief on eligibility requirements and the application process. To sign up, call 671-3722.

#### Workshop covers interview skills

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center will hold an Interview Skills Workshop Sept. 6, 10 a.m.-noon to help members prepare for upcoming job interviews. The workshop will cover how to research potential employers, how to answer questions and how to dress. To sign up, call 652-5321.

#### Citizenship and immigration forum offered

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will offer a forum Sept. 11, noon-2 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, on Ft. Sam Houston. Service members and their families with citizenship or immigration questions are invited to stop by and talk with the USCIS representatives. For more information, call 221-1718.

#### Overseas orientation classes scheduled for September

Relocation Readiness offers service members and their families reassigned to overseas stations two classes Sept. 12, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, on Ft. Sam Houston. Topics include entitlements, reimbursements, household goods shipments, employment and dependent travel. For reservations, call 221-9698 or 221-1681.

#### Key spouses meet

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness holds a key

spouses meeting Sept. 12, 8 a.m. All those who have been appointed as a key spouse are asked to attend to share networking and resource referral. To sign up, call 671-3722.

#### Job fair open to military community

The next San Antonio Semi-Annual Military Community Job Fair is Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Live Oak Civic Center. For a list of participating employers, visit the website: <http://www.acap.army.mil> and follow the prompts to Job Fairs. No registration required. For details, call 652-5321.

#### Newcomers invited to monthly extravaganza

Service members and their families new to Ft. Sam Houston are invited to the Newcomers Extravaganza Sept. 25, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395. The event features information booths manned by representatives from local businesses and joint base facilities, organizations and activities. For more information, call 221-2418.

#### Instructor, facilitator course offered

An instructor trainer course and facilitator course is slated for Sept. 25-28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at Dodd Field Chapel on Ft. Sam Houston. The course provides an intensive four days focused on teaching those planning to enter an adult training environment the skills to become an instructor/facilitator. To register, call 221-2611.

#### Family Support Plan session scheduled

The ABC's of Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP) is set for Sept. 27, 1:30-3 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. The session provides a clear explanation of an IFSP and the purpose it serves for infants, toddlers, families and part C providers. For more information, call 221-0600.

#### Downtown walking tour available this month

Newcomers are invited to stroll the historic downtown of the Alamo City Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The tour meets at the Ft. Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, Stanley Rd. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for the tour. The tour includes a visit to the Alamo and other tourist spots in the city's downtown area, lunch and shopping at the Market Square. To register and for more information, call 221-9698 or 221-1681.

#### Coupon group fosters savvy shopping skills

The Scissor Savers coupon group meets at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness the first and third Friday of each month, 1-3 p.m. The next meeting is Sept. 7. Resources for coupon collecting and strategies are shared. For more information, call 671-3722.

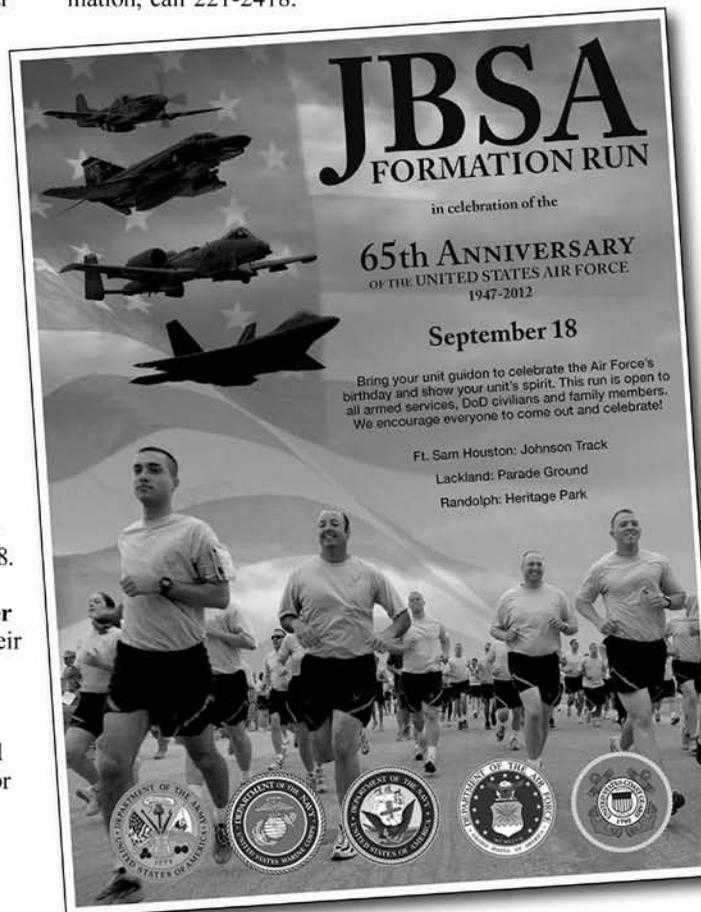
### Arts and Crafts

#### Learn drywall and ceramic tiling at Arts and Crafts

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center holds a one-session Drywall Repair class Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-noon. The basics on how to repair small damage will be covered. The class fee is \$30. A one-session Ceramic Tiling class is also Sept. 15, 2-4 p.m. The topic will be how to lay tile. The class fee is \$30. Call 671-2515 to sign up for the classes.

#### Hobby shops celebrate USAF birthday

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center and Auto Hobby Shop to hold an Air Force birthday celebration Sept. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free arts and crafts projects, hotdogs, drinks and birthday cake are featured while supplies last. The Auto Hobby Shop will offer free automotive



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diagnostic testing. To make an appointment, call 671-3549. For more information on Arts and Crafts happenings, call 671-2515.

## Fall sale offers discounted framing

Patrons can bring their favorite photos, artwork and memorabilia to Randolph Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 895, and receive 30 percent off selected moldings Sept. 17-27. This is a great time to protect and showcase cherished memories in a professionally-crafted frame. For more information, call 652-2301.

## Bowling Center

### Bowling Center offers Labor Day discounts, celebration

Join the Randolph Bowling Center for a special Thunder Alley, Sept. 1, 8 p.m.-midnight, in celebration of the Labor Day holiday. DJ Stevie Mac will provide music and there will be several fun games from Red Head Pin to the Lucky Train, with lots of prizes and Spare Time Grille specials. This night costs \$10 and \$2 per game, per person (includes rental shoes). This is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. For more information, call 652-6271.

### American Idol contestant performs at Open Microphone Night

Lackland Skylark Bowling Center hosts Open Microphone Night Sept. 8, 8-11 p.m. Former American Idol contestant Dylan Lozza performs. All other singers, musicians and poets are invited to step up on the stage as well. Call 671-1234 for more information.

### Ft. Sam Houston Bowling Center offers Battle of the Branches

DoD ID cardholders are invited to Battle of the Branches during Monday night football beginning Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Ft. Sam Houston Bowling Center. The cost is \$15 per person or \$45 per team to bowl three games a week for 16 weeks in a trio scratch, 9-pin, no-tap league format. There is a singles option for an additional \$10 per person. Each week, one team from each service branch with the highest series wins a free week of bowling. The top team from each branch takes home a football jersey or a bowling bag prize pack. At the conclusion, the top three individuals win a month of free bowling. For more information, call 221-3683.

### BOGO Mondays at Randolph Bowling Center

The Randolph Bowling Center is offering buy one, get one free bowling game Sept. 10, 17 and 24, 1-4 p.m. For more information and to check lane availability, call 652-6271.

### Bowling Center offers unlimited fun

Bowl all the games you want for \$5 per hour, per person (plus shoe rental) every Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5 p.m., during September at the Randolph Bowling Center. For more information and to check lane availability, call 652-6271.

### Glow-in-the-dark bowling a Lackland favorite

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

## Clubs

### Soul Tre to perform at Kendrick Club

The Randolph Kendrick Club welcomes the R&B band, Soul Tre, on Sept. 2, 8 p.m.-midnight, in the ballroom. This evening of wonder-

ful entertainment is free for members and costs \$3 for nonmembers. For more information, call 652-3056.

### Football Frenzy kickoff at the Kendrick Club

The Randolph Kendrick Club will kick off Football Frenzy Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m. There will be door prizes, food specials, discounted Budweiser products and the Bud Girls will be in attendance. Opportunities to win a trip to Atlanta vs New Orleans game on Nov. 11, Pittsburgh vs Dallas game on Dec. 16 and Super Bowl XLVII on Feb. 3 begin here. Winners must be a club member. This event is sponsored by Budweiser and Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. For details, call 652-3056.

### Parr Club deck night goes all-American.

The Randolph Parr Club will have an All-American buffet on the deck Sept. 6, 5-7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Texas Tide from 5-8 p.m., and the bar will be available from 4:30-8 p.m. Complimentary drink specials will be first come, first serve, compliments of Silver Eagle Distributors. The price is \$5 for one trip through the buffet line for club members, \$10 for nonmembers and guests, \$7.50 for all-you-can eat for club members, \$12.50 for all-you-can eat for nonmembers/guests and \$3 for children 6 and younger. This event is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing and Budweiser. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Prime Rib buffet at Gateway Club

Lackland Gateway Club presents a prime rib buffet Sept. 14, 5-8 p.m. Entrees of prime rib, roast pork tenderloin, chicken tetrazzini plus side dishes and dessert are included in the price. The buffet is \$15.95 for members or \$18.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

### Seafood platter featured at Lackland

Lackland Gateway Club holds a seafood platter special Sept. 15, 5-8 p.m. The meal features baked and fried fish, snow crab legs, crab cake, shrimp, corn-on-the-cob, new potatoes, Cole slaw, hushpuppies, broccoli, clam chowder and salad. The member's price is \$29.95 per person and nonmembers is \$33.95. For more information, call 645-7034.

### Customers rewarded with special Champagne Brunch

The Randolph Parr Club invites everyone to a special Champagne Brunch Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., for \$10 brunch for members or \$12 for nonmembers. The discounted price is a way for the club staff to show how much they appreciate all their customers. Traditional Champagne Brunch is served every Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and costs \$19.75 for members or \$21.75 for nonmembers and guests. Additionally, pick up a free punch card and for every 20 brunches purchased, the 21st brunch is free. For more information, call 652-4864.

### Club members honored with special dinner

Lackland Gateway Club hosts a members' appreciation dinner Sept. 18, 5-8 p.m. Patrons will dine on a buffet dinner with beef, chicken and fish entrees. Big band sounds and a ballroom dance contest are also featured. Members' dinner price is \$10.50. Nonmembers pay \$12.50 each. For more information, call 645-7034.

### Clambake steams up Parr Club deck

There will be a clambake on the Parr Club deck Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m. Purchase one dinner for \$22.95 and get the second dinner for free. The clambake includes an all-you-can-eat pot of clams, boiled potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, shrimp in the shell, sour dough rolls and apple pie served family style. For those non-seafood lovers there will also be a plate of baked chicken at each table. No coupons are allowed. The cost is \$25.95 for nonmembers or guests. For more information, call 652-4864.

## Community Programs

### Lackland Performing Arts Group presents musical theater

Lackland Performing Arts Group presents "The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree" Sept. 7-8 and 14-15. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors ages 65 and older, \$10 for technical training students and \$5 for children under the age of 12. Hors d'oeuvres are included in the price. Reserved seating and a cash bar are available. Doors open at Arnold Hall Community Center at 6:30 p.m. with curtain time at 7 p.m. Call 671-2619 for more information.

### The Lorax Comes to Fort Sam Houston

Dr. Seuss The Lorax will show Sept. 8, 30 minutes after sunset at Dodd Field on Fort Sam Houston. Movie-goers may bring chairs or blankets. Complimentary snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy complete the movie night experience. For more information, call 221-1718.

### Hiring Heroes Career Fair Offers Networking Opportunities

In support of service members, warriors in transition, veterans, and family members, the 502nd Mission Support Group in collaboration

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with the Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management Services (CPMS) hosts the Hiring Heroes Career Fair at the Sam Houston Community Center Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The fair offers information and support through the transition process from military to civilian employment, including opportunities to network with employers from the Department of Defense, other federal agencies and private sector firms. For more information, call 221-1213.

### Sesame Street characters on stage at Lackland

The USO and Sesame Street present a live children's show at Lackland's Bob Hope Performing Arts Center Sept. 21. Performances are at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The traditional Sesame Street characters and Katie, a new military character designed exclusively for military family audiences, will be featured. Performances are free, and no tickets are necessary. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Doors open thirty minutes prior to show times. For more information, call 671-2619.

### Every dog has his day at Lackland canine events

Lackland Warhawk Pool holds their annual Doggie Splash Sept. 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Pool admission is \$2 per dog. Free refreshments, dog snacks and toys are included. A dog show will be held at 10 a.m. with entry registration one hour prior. Categories are: biggest dog (height), smallest (weight), best costume, best pet trick, ugliest and cutest dog. For both events, dogs must be at least six months of age or older, be current on all vaccinations, be friendly and socialized. Aggressive dogs are not allowed. For more information, call 671-2619.

### Rambler 120 teams forming now

It's time to get serious about the seventh annual Rambler 120 Team Challenge at Canyon Lake, Texas. The competition is slated for Oct. 20 and will take participants biking through the Texas Hill Country, running across Canyon Lake dam and rafting along the shoreline for the ultimate



### Wounded Warrior Scramble at Ft. Sam Houston

Golfers are invited to play in the Wounded Warrior Four-person Scramble Sept. 7, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The scramble includes 18 holes, dinner, gift certificates for the winners of the longest drive and the closest to the hole and for first, second and third place. The Golf Club is open daily from 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. The illuminated driving range is open daily 6 a.m.-8 p.m. The Golf Pro Shop is open daily 6:45 a.m.-8 p.m. Mulligan's Snack Bar is open daily 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 222-9386.

team challenge. Sign up deadline is Oct. 5. For more information, call 267-7358.

## Fitness and Sports

### Defender's Cup soccer tournament

Lackland Fitness and Sports hosts the annual Air Force Defender's Cup invitational soccer tournament Sept. 1-3. All games will be played at the STAR Soccer Complex, 5103 David Edwards Drive, San Antonio. Teams from across the Air Force will be competing. For schedules and information, contact dwayne.reed@us.af.mil.

### Rambler Fitness Center to host two-person biathlon

Teammates can meet up at Eberle Park Sept. 1, 7:30 a.m. for a two-person team biathlon. The first team member must complete the 10-mile bike route in order for the second team member to start running the 5K. For more information, call 652-7263.

### Registration Underway for Fort Sam Houston Mini-Triathlon

All DoD ID cardholders are invited to sign up today at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center for the Ft. Sam Houston Mini-Triathlon. The registration deadline is Sept. 8. The Mini-Tri is scheduled for Sept. 15, 6:30 a.m., beginning with a 200-meter swim at the Ft. Sam Houston Aquatic Center followed by a five-mile bike ride and then a one-mile run ending at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The cost is \$20. Registration forms are available online at www.fortsammwr.com. Packet pick-up is Sept. 15, 5:30 a.m. For more information, call 221-1234.

### Freedom 5K Run honors 9/11 events

The Randolph Rambler Fitness Center is hosting a 5K run/walk at Eberle Park Sept. 11 at 7:30 a.m. in remembrance of 9/11 and in celebration of American freedom. This event is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing. For more information, call 652-7263.

### Women learn the art of self-defense

Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center holds a women's self-defense seminar Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. The class is free. To sign up, call 671-2401.

### Indoor biathlon offers challenge to Randolph patrons

Patrons can challenge themselves with an indoor biathlon at the Rambler Fitness Center Sept. 17-21 during normal operating hours. Each participant must complete 15 miles on a treadmill and 30 miles on a stationary bike in order to complete the challenge. Pick up an indoor biathlon challenge booklet from the Fitness Center staff. As patrons complete each activity they need to have a fitness team member initial the item before moving on. For more information, call 652-7263.

### September remembrance run/walk

Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts the September Remember 5K run/walk Sept. 21, 7:30-9 a.m. The event is free and open to all JBSA personnel and dependents. Call 977-2354 for more information.

### Rambler Fitness center holds customer appreciation

The Randolph Rambler Fitness Center is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day Sept. 28 to thank customers for choosing them for their workouts. The following classes will be provided free: Step class, 9 a.m.; Cycling class, 11:15 a.m.; and Yoga class, 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 652-7263.

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## Ft. Sam Houston hosts Annual Combat Medic Run

The Combat Medic Run, including a 5K, a 28-man formation and five-man guidon is slated for Sept. 29, 7:30 a.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. The event is free to all DoD ID card holders. T-shirts will sell for \$10 each on run day. For more information, call 808-6730 or 808-5709.

## Golf

### Randolph Oaks tees up Labor Day tournament

Randolph Oaks Golf Course to host a Labor Day Tournament Sept. 3 with a red, white and blue play format. Tee times are 7-9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$10 plus green fees and cart rental. For details, call 652-4570.

### Randolph Oaks opens to non-DoD golfers

Golfers can bring neighbors and friends to the Randolph Oaks Golf Course Sept. 10, when all non-DoD guests may golf for only \$15, which includes greens fee and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4570.

### Club Championship Tournament ready to tee off

All golfers are invited to sign up for the Randolph Oaks Golf Club Championship tournament Sept. 15-16. The tee times are 7-9 a.m. The entry fee is \$30 per person plus greens fee and cart. Deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more information, call 652-4570.

### Golfers can tee up at Men's Club Championship

The Men's Club Championship is set for Sept. 22-23, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd. The championship includes individual stroke play. The cost is \$45 for members and \$65 for nonmembers. A social with an awards presentation will follow the championship. For more information, call 222-9386.

### Hot Deal Wednesdays

Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course presents Hot Deal Wednesdays, available every Wednesday in September, noon-3 p.m. Golfers get 18-hole green fee, cart rental, hot dog and a beverage for \$25. For details, call 671-2517.

### Wednesday night golf league

Lackland Gateway Hills presents the Michelob Ultra Shootout every Wednesday, 5:30-8 p.m., in September. The league features a blind draw with two-man teams. Prizes are awarded each week and at the end of season. Call 671-2517 to sign up.

## Information, Tickets and Travel

### Nutcracker ballet tickets on sale

Lackland ITT has discount tickets on sale for two different versions of the Nutcracker ballet. The Arts San Antonio Mejia Ballet performs their version December 21-23 at the Lila Cockrell theatre. Tickets are \$28.25, \$37.25 and \$68 with no Ticketmaster fees. The Moscow Great Russian Ballet performs at the Majestic Theater December 28-29. Tickets are \$41 and \$71 with no Ticketmaster fees. Seating for both ballets are limited. For details, call 671-3133.

## Library

### Library Offers Gaming Sunday

Gamers are welcome to enjoy some virtual fun at Gaming Day Sept. 2, 2:30-5:30 p.m., at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Bldg. 1222, on Ft. Sam Houston. The library offers XBOX 360, PS3 and Wii, along with a host of board games. For more information, call 221-4702.

### Library staff entertains preschool children

Home-schooled and preschool children are invited to weekly story time Thursdays, 10 a.m., at the Ft. Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. For details, call 221-4702.

## Outdoor Recreation

### Dove hunting season opens at Camp Bullis

Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center welcomes dove hunters Sept. 1-30, Friday-Sunday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Hunters must have a Camp Bullis hunting permit, for either archery, gun or exotic hunting and also a gun hunter education state-issued card, a Texas state hunting license with a migratory bird stamp, a legal shotgun and a DoD issued identification card. For more information, call 295-7577.

### Buyers, sellers benefit from quarterly flea market

Randolph Outdoor Recreation will host the quarterly Flea Market in the Randolph Clinic parking lot Sept. 15, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Interested sellers can rent one six-foot long table for \$15 (additional tables are \$4) from Outdoor Recreation. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts or food and beverage items is not permissible. For more information, call 652-2301.

### Camp Bullis hosts final 3-D Archery Shoot of 2012

Archers are invited to participate in the final 3-D Archery Shoot of the year Sept. 22-23, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Camp Bullis. The shoot includes 30 targets, with various categories for different shooting levels. Archers must provide their own equipment. Registration is from 7:30-10 a.m. prior to the shoot. Cost is \$10-16, depending on category. For more information, call 295-7577.



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## Archery deer hunting season opens at Camp Bullis

For selected archers with a Camp Bullis permit, deer hunting season opens at the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center Sept. 29, pending available hunting areas. All stand hunting areas have been filled. For more information, call 295-7577.

### Fish pond re-stocked for final month of season

The newly-stocked Camp Bullis catfish pond is open Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Anglers take home everything they catch for \$3 per pound. Rental poles are available and no license is required. The pond will close Sept. 30 for the season and will reopen the first weekend in March. For details, call 295-7577.

## Youth Programs

### Parents get an afternoon off

Lackland Youth Programs and the Gateway Child Development Center hold Give Parents a Break/Parents' Day Out Sept. 15, 1-6 p.m. Care is provided for children ages six weeks to 12 years old. Participants will enjoy an afternoon of supervised fun, games and a snack. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call the Lackland Youth Center at 671-2388 or the Gateway CDC at 671-1052.

### Lackland pre-teen dance

Lackland Youth Programs hosts a back-to-school dance, Sept. 21, 7:30-10 p.m., at the Youth Center. The event is open to children ages 9-12. Admission is \$2 per member or \$4 nonmembers. Snacks will be available for purchase. For more information, call 671-2388.

### Randolph Youth join Worldwide Day for Play

Randolph Youth Programs will be a site for Nickelodeon's 9th Annual Worldwide Day of Play Sept. 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This special event encourages kids to turn off their television and be active and healthy. Join Youth Programs staff for fun and games. For more information, call 652-3298.

### Family Child Care Calls for Home Providers

Family Child Care on Ft. Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. For more information, call 221-3828.

### Enrollment open for part-time care

Part-Day Enrichment at the Randolph Child Development Center offers individualized activities that help support children's social, cognitive, language, creative arts and physical developmental needs. The curriculum is designed to prepare preschool children to meet Kindergarten standards through a hands-on environment. Classes are offered Monday-Friday, 8-11 a.m. for a three-hour program or 8 a.m.-noon for a four-hour program. PDE starts Sept. 10 and runs through May 24 and serves children, ages 3-5 years old. For more information, call 652-1140.

# SAMMC trauma chief cites sweeping changes in critical care

By Elaine Sanchez  
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From battlefield innovations to revamped health care systems, the military has “radically transformed” its trauma care over the past decade, a San Antonio Military Medical Center trauma expert said.

These advances not only have led to the nation’s highest combat survivability rate in history, but also have saved countless civilian lives, said Air Force Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jeremy Cannon, the chief of trauma and acute care surgery at SAMMC, which houses the Defense Department’s only stateside Level 1 trauma center.

Cannon summed up many of these sweeping improvements to military and civilian critical care in the August edition of the “Surgical Clinics of North America.”

Serving as guest editor, the doctor called on a number of his military and civilian health care colleagues to contribute articles on recent advances, while offering his own wealth of personal experience from three deployments in the past six years.

One of the most significant trauma care advances, he noted in



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Air Force Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jeremy Cannon checks on a critically injured patient at the San Antonio Military Medical Center intensive care unit. Cannon, chief of trauma and acute care surgery at SAMMC and assigned to the 59th Medical Wing, is the guest editor of the August edition of the “Surgical Clinics of North America.”

the journal, was the introduction of regionalized trauma care, which involves a network of trauma centers in the same region working in coordination to save lives.

South Texas offers a perfect example of a smooth-running regional system, he noted. A network of area hospitals, including SAMMC, accepts traumas from smaller

hospitals that may not be equipped to handle severe injuries. All work together to ensure patients receive optimal care.

The military also adopted this civilian-based concept in combat, implementing a wide range of care that ranges from point-of-injury to extensive surgical procedures. By doing so, he explained, the military was able to

take this concept down-range, “tweak it,” and feed it back to the nation with improvements.

Cannon also noted the introduction and growing popularity of “damage-control” surgery. This approach involves surgeons focusing on the most life-threatening wounds first, followed by other surgeries as time and the patient’s strength allows.

Prior to this concept, surgeons typically would “fix everything and close,” he said, then adopt a “wait and see” approach.

While this may be fine for some patients, the doctor said it became evident, particularly with catastrophic combat casualties, that a multi-phased approach would better benefit some patients.

Wound management also has seen significant changes, Cannon said, noting the impact of vacuum-assisted dressings, a temporary closure that protects the organs while monitoring fluid output.

These dressings, which allow stabilization of the wound, have eliminated the need to change gauze dressings several times a day, increasing patient comfort and enabling nurses to focus on other, more pressing aspects of care.

“It’s had an invaluable benefit to a tremendous number of patients,” he said.

Cannon also noted the major advances in en-route critical care, or taking a Soldier from the point of wounding to definitive care.

He attributes successes to a combination of long-range transport by critical care teams and advanced critical care therapies for “early acute organ failure.”

Additionally, cutting-edge technology has transformed the care provided in intensive care units, Cannon said, citing ultrasound equipment as

an example.

Bedside ultrasound imaging has “greatly enhanced the ICU toolkit for diagnosis, monitoring and interventional procedural guidance,” he said. These monitors, he explained, have become less invasive and better at pinpointing vital information.

Cannon points out these examples and many more in the journal, while also looking to even broader changes in the years ahead.

The Joint Theater Trauma System, for example, will provide the framework for identifying future potential critical care needs.

Through this system, doctors enter combat casualty data rapidly into the JTT Registry, which they can later mine for information regarding diagnoses and survival rates. Put simply, this information can be used to make better decisions regarding future care.

In this journal, Cannon said he set out to chronicle lessons learned and to create a reference point for future generations to explain “why we do what we do.”

“It was an honor to be asked to do an update of such an important topic,” he said. “I hope it can serve as a benchmark for today’s trauma care.”

BAMC staff can read the journal free via the hospital’s online journal access provided by the medical library on BAMC’s website at <http://www.bamc.amedd.army.mil/>.

## BRIDGFORD from P3

Bridgford said as the wing and its mission partners grow and work with each other, there is more cross fertilization between mission commands and more ideas being

exchanged.

In bidding farewell to the 502nd ABW, the colonel said that “the people in the wing continue to get it done day in and day out. They do a great job and I am very proud of them and I have been very

proud to be part of the wing and Air Education and Training Command.”

He also said the teamwork and camaraderie between the wing and its mission partners during the past two years has made the transition much

smoother.

“It was a rough start, but I think now we are a very strong team. We don’t always agree, but that’s okay, because we are all working toward improving the installation for our Soldiers, Sailors,

Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, their Families, and the Retirees. It is through those disagreements and the solutions that result that we understand each other better and move forward together.”

“To the San Antonio community, thank you. This is truly Military City USA,” Bridgford said. “My family and I have thoroughly enjoyed this incredibly friendly city, the big city with a welcoming small-town feel.”

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY OBSERVANCE DAY CELEBRATES WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Col. Randy Story (left), assistant chief of staff for logistics, Southern Regional Medical Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Pumphrey (right), Brooke Army Medical Center Troop Command, present retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Sandra Townsend a proclamation signed by the City of San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro proclaiming Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day. Townsend received the proclamation and a framed stamp commemorating Abigail Adams, as an appreciation for her participation as keynote speaker at the installation Women's Equality Observance Day ceremony held Aug. 15 at the Roadrunner Community Center. Townsend entered the Army as a member of the Women's Army Corps in November 1973. During her remarks, Townsend highlighted the struggles of women and men who helped pass the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote and spoke about her experiences as a woman in the military. Townsend currently works at Darnall Army Medical Clinic, Fort Hood, as an ombudsman, providing support to warriors in transition and their families.

Photo by Esther Garcia



## Annual CFC campaign begins on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston

The annual Combined Federal Campaign, which raises money each year from federal employees for local, national and international charities, begins Sept. 1.

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston campaign goal this year is \$1.4 million. Campaign funds will be collected through Dec. 15.

“There are more than 2,700 local, national and international agencies individuals can donate to through payroll deductions or donations,” said



Duane Dunkley, CFC project officer for JBSA-FSH.

Loaned executives, project officers and key workers are focused on offering 100 percent information and 100 percent opportunity to the base population.

“Convenience and confidence are the keys to a successful 2012 campaign,” Dunkley added.

## CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way  
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

#### Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.

8:30 a.m. - Samoan

10:30 a.m. - Gospel

#### Army Medical Department

##### Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.

9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade

Collective Service

#### Brooke Army Medical

##### Center Chapel

Building 3600,  
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

10 a.m. - Traditional

#### Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.

11:01 - Contemporary “Crossroads”

### CATHOLIC SERVICES

#### Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600,

3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way

11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

### Saturday

#### Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

### Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD

8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC

9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC

11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC

12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

### JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship, Friday, MPC

8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat, Friday, MPC

### ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah, Friday, AMEDD

### LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday, AMEDD

*For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.*

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Aug. 29

**CURRENT LEVEL\* = 641.5'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

**Normal - above 660'**

**Stage I - 660'**

**Stage II - 650'**

**Stage III - 642'**

**Stage IV - 640.5'**

**Stage V - 637'**

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





### Is Your Child a Target for Bullying?

Aug. 30, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2962 or 221-0600.

### Car Buying Strategies

Aug. 30, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 30, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

### Unit Family Readiness

Sept. 4, 9-10 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

### Virtual Family Readiness Group

Sept. 4, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

### Home Buying

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

### 5 Love Languages for Couples

Sept. 4 and 11, 5-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

### Word Level 1

Sept. 5, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

### Word Level 2

Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

### Harlequin Dinner Theatre

"Legends of Las Vegas," runs Thursday-Saturday through Sept. 29 at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. Dinner served at 6:15 p.m. with an 8 p.m. curtain. Call 222-9694 for tickets and reservations.

### 32nd Annual Combat Medic Run

Sept. 29 at MacArthur Parade Field, open to all DOD cardholders, MWR patrons and the San Antonio community. Race categories include a 5K Individual walk/run, 5k Guidon Team and 5K 28-Soldier Formation. Register at <http://bit.ly/RaceRegistration> by Sept. 23. Call 221-1234 or 808-7510.

### Armed Forces Action Plan

The Armed Force Action Plan Conference will be held Nov. 13-16. People can submit issues and/or volunteer to participate in this annual event. Call 221-2336 for more information.

### EFMP Morgan's Wonderland Resource Fair

Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information on this annual event, call 221-2962.

### Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics

The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold a Joint Base San Antonio Special Olympics from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. For more information or to volunteer, call 221-2962.

### Before, After School Care Registration

Register your child, grades K-12, for before and after school care at Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Building 3936 Acubo Barracks or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

### Parent Central Customer Service Hours

Parent Central will assist walk-in patrons from 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. for registration and 12:30-1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Call 221-4871.

### School Liaison Office

The School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Call 221-2214/2256 or visit <http://www.fof.sammwr.com/youth/slo.html>.

### Air Force Education & Training Center

From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St. Call 221-2135.

### 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.

### Sports Scores

For intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

### Stilwell House

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

### 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.

### 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/>.

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

### Retired Enlisted Association

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

### Lost Property

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

# OUTSIDE THE GATE

## Freedom Festival

Lytle VFW Post 12041 will host the second annual Freedom Festival Sept. 8 at John Lott Municipal Park in Lytle, Texas. The festival will kick off with a Freedom Walk beginning at 9 a.m. at the park pavilion. Festival hours are noon to 11 p.m. with food vendors, crafts and music. Call 830-709-0250 or visit <http://www.lytlevfw.org> for more information.

## Texas Economic Development Council Job Fair

A job fair will be held Sept. 23 at the San Antonio Convention Center, Exhibit Hall 103AB, 200 East Market St. Early admissions

for veterans is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. General admission for all job seekers is 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Company recruiters and hiring managers representing more than 50 companies, including Halliburton, National Oilwell Varco and Thomas Petroleum, will be at the event recruiting for a wide variety of energy-related jobs including engineers, geologists, geoscience managers, truck drivers, oil technicians and more.

## Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

## Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

## Dinosaur Stampede

The San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, will feature a life-size dinosaur exhibit Sept. 1 to Dec. 31. Call 207-3255 or visit <http://www.sabot.org> for more information.

## Complimentary SeaWorld Admission for Military

Throughout 2012, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission through the Here's to Heroes program. Visit <http://www.herosalute.com/cavatx/index.html>.

## Festival People en Español

A celebration of Latino culture and community featuring family activities and workshops will be held Sept. 1 and 2 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center with free admission. The Alamodome will showcase evening concerts at 7 p.m., concert tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

## Laborfest at Sunden Gardens

B.T.L Entertainment brings national R&B acts with a mellow mix of blues, jazz, and neo soul to Labor Fest, Sept. 1 and 2 at The Sunken Gardens, N. St. Mary's Street. Gates open noon-11 p.m. Sept. 1 and 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Sept. 2. Cost is \$35 for both days. Visit <http://www.laborfests.com/tickets.html>.

## HemisView Farmers' Market

Purchase locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, breads and other products at an open-air market. Enjoy fitness and cooking demonstrations, as well as local entertainment 4-7 p.m. Sept. 7 at HemisView Farmers' Market, 800 E. Cesar Chavez Blvd.

## Weekly Weather Watch

	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4
San Antonio Texas	 100° Mostly Sunny	 100° Partly Cloudy	 95° Mostly Sunny	 97° Partly Cloudy	 99° Sunny	 97° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 93° Sunny	 93° Sunny	 92° Sunny	 92° Sunny	 88° Sunny	 88° Sunny

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



**FORT FREEBIES FOR SALE**

**For Sale:** Crystal glass punch bowl set, 5 quart with 12 glasses and ladle, \$60; full-size comforter, shams, and dust ruffle, blue floral and light floral patterns, reversible, \$25; Brighton heart necklace with red stone, 15 inches, silver with Brighton tin, \$40. Call 495-2296.

**For Sale:** Tennis balls, new and used, \$.10, \$.25, and \$.50 each; new pro bike helmet, medium size, \$35; computer desk, 41 inches long, 16 inches wide, 28 inches high, \$19; new portable TVs with

AM/FM reception, two available, \$25 and \$35; new Oakley sun glasses, 99 percent UV protection with soft case and hard case included, \$75; Jansport backpack, \$2. Call 313-0061.

**For Sale:** White 1996 Nissan Maxima, four door, 5-speed manual transmission, cold AC, Michelin tires with less than 10,000 miles, AM/FM/CD, gray cloth seats, 197k miles, maintenance records available, engine runs great, \$1,500. Does need transmission/cruise control repair. Call 659-6741 or 827-2506.

**For Sale:** New Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$700. Call 661-3765, leave a message.



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