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Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser (right), the commander of U.S. Southern Command, presents the U.S. Army South colors to Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim, the incoming Army South commanding general, during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sept. 14.

Rudesheim takes command of U.S. Army South

By Eric R. Lucero
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim assumed command of U.S. Army South from Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas during a change of command ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sept. 14.

Rudesheim comes to Army South following an assign-

ment as the deputy director for joint and coalition warfighting, joint civil-military operations, on the Joint Staff in Suffolk, Va.

Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser, commander of U.S. Southern Command, hosted the ceremony. Fraser reflected upon his relationship with Trombitas, who had commanded Army South since

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Army North Soldiers revisit their 'toughest duty ever'

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
ARNORTH Public Affairs

When a Soldier dies down range, it initiates a complicated, but well-planned, series of events – all through official channels.

It is very hard on the families, who are known as the Army's Gold Star mothers or families, because it is a life-altering event that takes an unknown period of time – for some, months, and for others, years – where they must learn to handle affairs and cope with everyday life without their loved ones.

Col. Richard Francey, chief of staff at U.S. Army North, said one of his worst days as rear detachment commander for the 4th Infantry Division was on Easter Sunday in 2006 – as a result of casualty notification duty.

"One of our Family Readiness Group leaders was about to take her children to an Easter egg hunt when the casualty notification officer arrived to inform her that her husband had been killed in Iraq," Francey said.

"She had been very involved with our care teams, which were the volunteers that helped families that experienced a loss of a loved one get through the first few days," he said. "She was actually on call to assist the next family with

their loss – when she became the next family."

Unfortunately, this was not an isolated event for the 4th Infantry Division. During the 12-month deployment to Iraq, the division experienced 187 combat-related deaths and more than 600 serious injuries.

"It was the most miserable period of my career, as well as the most rewarding," Francey said. "I would never wish it on anyone. Every single one of those 187 combat deaths stays with me because, for the fami-

lies they left behind, it was the worst thing in the world."

The official process for notifying the next of kin of a combat-related death involves the casualty notification officer, who is escorted by a military chaplain.

Shortly after the official notification, a casualty assistance officer contacts the family and then personally guides them through the procedures to process for the survivor's benefits.

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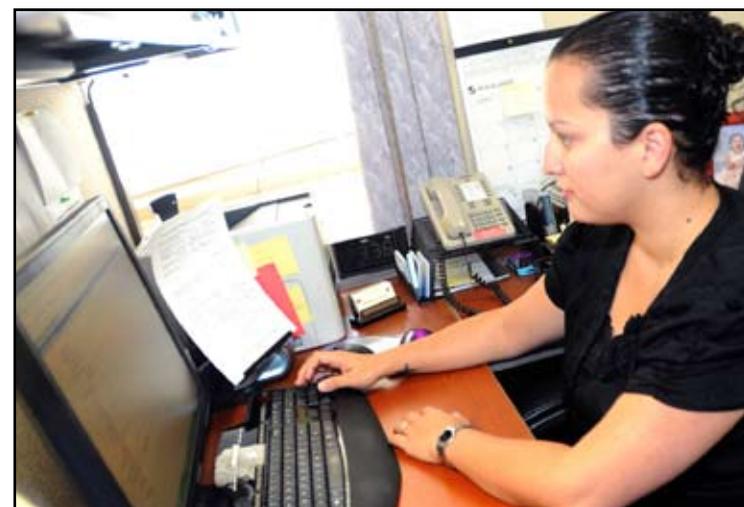


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Elihennette Carreon, case manager for the Fort Sam Houston Casualty Assistance Center, works on a case at the CAC Sept. 17. Carreon said CAC team members truly believe in the service that they and the Survivor Outreach Services offer to survivors in the community. Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will be honoring San Antonio area Gold Star Families with a Gold Star Mother's Day and Fallen Heroes Room of Remembrance ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Sept. 29 at the new Survivor Outreach Services building at 1304 Stanley Road, Building 131.

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Sexual assault costs Airmen their future

By Col. Tom Posch
Appellate Defense Counsel chief

“I knew the minute our eyes met she was the ‘one.’ We exchanged numbers and set up a date. It was planned to perfection. She was the ‘one.’ And then she Googled me and told me never to contact her again. That’s life as a registered sex offender. My face, my name, my address, for the world to see: sex offender.”

This is a very likely future for an Airman convicted of sexual assault. I know.

Since 1994, I’ve both prosecuted and represented Airmen charged in “Blue-on-Blue” crimes and all manner of sexual assaults.

My memory of 9/11 was witnessing the attack on America and tragic loss of life on the news as I prepared my dress blues for the arraignment and trial of a client charged in the rape of a fellow Airman.

I’ve spent the better part of 18 years advising commanders, prosecuting cases and representing Airmen charged with violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Currently, I am the chief appellate defense attorney in the Air Force. I lead a team of lawyers who defend Airmen after they’ve been convicted at a court-martial.



It’s our duty, as required by Article 70 of the UCMJ, to represent these Airmen, search for legal error in their cases and advocate for their convictions to be overturned and their sentences set aside or reduced. This includes Airmen convicted of sexual assault, which I sadly say remains a large percentage of our docket.

As a matter of professional responsibility, it makes no difference to us whether or not our clients claim to be innocent or guilty – our duty is to defend both equally well – yes, even when they’ve confessed and pled guilty.

In plain speak, the Air Force is not our client, convicted Airmen are.

If you’re concerned that my duties are in conflict with sexual assault prevention, don’t be.

In fact, the first thought I’ll share with you is that there are not two sides to this problem. Yes, sides are taken

in the courtroom, but nobody is “for” sexual assault or “against” accountability.

“Zero tolerance” and potentially severe consequences for those who violate the law have been part of Air Force culture for many years. Accountability is the norm and not the exception.

I see it every day at work and have for many years in different duties and settings.

Airmen convicted of a sexual offense face lifelong consequences.

If the possibility of trial, conviction, jail and a punitive discharge don’t dissuade, consider the story at the beginning of this article.

There’s a high probability convicted Airmen will carry the label of “registered sex offender” for the rest of their lives. Sex offender registration allows federal and state law enforcement officers to monitor the location and activities of convicted sex offenders.

Airmen convicted of sexual assault at a court-martial are required to register in the state where they live, work or attend school.

Some states even require the offender to notify the registry if they are going on vacation in a different state. If the crime involved minors, state law may bar the offender from living or



Photo illustration by Senior Airman Marc I. Lane

Victims of sexual assault don’t wear name tags.

working near places where children frequent, such as a school, library, daycare center or park.

Registration laws don’t differentiate well between different types or degrees of sexual crimes, and some don’t even try.

Every state keeps a public registry of sex offenders. Many jurisdictions make this information available via a website or app., and may include the offender’s full name, photograph and address.

These laws are designed as public-safety measures rather than additional punishment, but they can carry with them a substantial loss of freedom and liberty.

After serving their sentences, Airmen often find it difficult to find a home or a job, and registration also impacts their freedom of association with families, friends and loved ones.

What may not have been that big of a deal at age 19 can drastically alter your way of life when you’re in your thirties and married with children.

The consequences of a sexual assault conviction go far beyond the immediate sentence.

I share this perspective because prevention is better than prosecution. It’s my hope that knowledge of the consequences may deter Airmen from making a poor choice and living with a lifetime of regret.

A sexual assault conviction is often just the beginning of a life of diminished freedom.

Understanding the consequences today may avert the sad outcome of this destructive crime and help our fellow Airmen before they fail or realize too late that such illegal conduct has lasting ramifications beyond the possibility of conviction, confinement and a punitive discharge.

It’s important that Airmen think about the lifelong consequences of sexual assault now, not when having it explained to them by an attorney.

This cannot be understated: Sexual assault crimes last a lifetime for all involved.

Combined Federal Campaign goals

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Combined Federal Campaign runs through Dec. 1. The JBSA-FSH goal is \$1,412,304, while the overall JBSA goal is \$5,500,000. There are more than 2,700 local, national and international charitable agencies to choose from. For more information, call 221-2207.



After school tutoring and assistance with homework can be difficult for working parents.

HOW WE CARE: Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio provide FREE after school programming targeted toward military youth at five Judson ISD middle schools and two high schools. Over 350 youth from military families attend the program each day.

Source: Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio

PLEASE GIVE.

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Walters Street Gate Nighttime Closures

Starting Sept. 27, the Walters Street entrance to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will close between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. through Oct. 21, according to 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron sources. The Jadwin Road gate (commercial gate) will be the alternate gate for inbound and outbound traffic during these hours. Detour signs will help guide traffic around this area. Normal hours and operations resume Oct. 22. Additionally, starting Nov. 1, the Walters Street entrance will close again between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. through Nov. 5. Again, the Jadwin Road gate will be the alternate gate and detour signs will be in place. Normal hours and operations resume Nov. 6.

Wilson Way, Liscum Road Intersection Closure

The intersection of Wilson Way and Liscum Road will be closed Sept. 27 and 28. During this closure, traffic from the Wilson/Cunningham gate will be detoured from Wilson Way right onto Liscum Road, left onto S-6 Road, and left onto N. New Braunfels Avenue back to Wilson Way. Traffic from the Walters gate turning left on Wilson Way will turn left onto N. Braunfels Avenue, right onto S-6 Road and right onto Liscum Road back to Wilson Way. There will be detour signs posted to mark the route.

Air Force Reserve MTIs needed

The Air Force Reserve Command is looking for traditional Reservists in the ranks of senior airman through master sergeant who are interested in filling Military Training Instructor positions at the 433rd Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base. The 433rd TRS is looking for high-quality Airmen to fill 76 MTI vacancies. Some of the requirements are excellent military image and appearance, minimum fitness score of 75 (must be within last 6 months), ability to speak clearly, TAFMS less than 15 years, minimum score of 49 in General area on ASVAB. Call 671-7975/7336 for more information.

Lincoln Military Housing Closure

The Lincoln Military Housing offices will be closed Sept. 21 for an organizational day. Normal operations resume Sept. 24. For more information, call 221-2250.

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BAMC raises awareness with Suicide Prevention Stand Down Day

By Maria Gallegos
BAMC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center, and other Army units across San Antonio, have set aside a day to focus on the importance of suicide prevention and awareness.

The Army will conduct a Suicide Prevention Stand Down Day for all Soldiers Sept. 27, Army civilians and interested family members.

The theme of this day is "Shoulder to Shoulder, We Stand Up for Life."

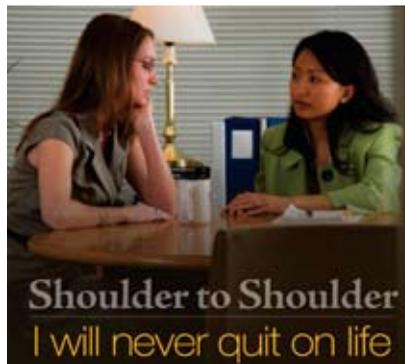
This stand down aims to promote good health, and will include team discussions and train-

ing, resiliency training, and risk-assessment screenings.

At BAMC, staff and family members will take part in activities that will help prevent further loss of life, enhance awareness of resources available, improve health and discipline, and reduce the stigma often attached to seeking help from behavioral health professionals.

"Suicide prevention is a shared responsibility

of commanders, leaders, Soldiers, and civilians at all levels. We must work together to combat this complex, pervasive issue that affects everyone in our society," said Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commander of BAMC and



Suicide prevention: A healthy force is a ready force

By Kirk Frady
Army Medical Command
Public Affairs

The U.S. Army's observance of Suicide Prevention Month continues with events throughout September, focusing efforts on total Army family well-being, resilience, stigma reduction, and positive results achieved by getting involved and reaching out for help.

"We are committed to every Soldier and our efforts are focused on prevention well before the individual chooses suicide as their only option," said Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, Army Surgeon General and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command.

To reduce the number of suicides, the Army is taking a holistic approach to health promotion, risk reduction, and suicide prevention. It

takes into account the challenges derived from financial, relationship, legal, substance abuse, and medical issues.

The Army has partnered with the National Institute of Mental Health, or NIMH, to conduct the largest behavioral health study of risk and resilience factors among military personnel.

Public service announcements with senior leaders' messaging have been developed and disseminated throughout the Army to support Army leaders. A stand down has been directed by Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III for Sept. 27. The theme for the stand down is "Shoulder to Shoulder, We Stand up for Life."

"Leaders across our Army recognize that the health of our Soldiers, Army civilians, and fam-

ily members is a top priority," Austin said. "We remain committed to doing what is needed to care for our most precious asset – our people – thereby ensuring a healthy and resilient force for the future."

Defeating suicide will take active involvement from everyone.

Civilian and military research on suicide has demonstrated that it is a complex phenomenon which defies easy solutions. The Army has expanded access to services and programs to help Soldiers and family members improve their ability to cope with the stresses associated with military service (i.e. separation, deployments, financial pressures, etc.).

The increased use of these services indi-

Southern Regional Medical Command.

"On this day, we will scale back operations and help familiarize our service members, civilians and families of the resources available to them, while also focusing on how to reduce the stigma associated with seeking care for behavioral health issues," he added.

"Our leaders and supervisors will conduct face to face Soldier assessments and provide a virtual tour of support organizations on post so everyone will know where to seek help if needed."

Although the stand down is designated for one day, Wong emphasized the importance of staying focused throughout the year on the

overall fitness and well-being of the force.

"I encourage everyone to participate in the stand down day events with an open mind," Wong said. "Suicide is a complex issue, but by working together and looking out for one another, we can combat it. Remember, it is not a weakness to seek help when needed; it is a sign of strength."

For more information on suicide prevention and awareness, call BAMC Behavioral Health at 916-1600 or click on MilitaryOneSource at <http://www.military-onesource.com> or call 1-800-342-9647; or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org> or call 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Bonds" marital retreats has increased.

These types of programs are geared toward getting the Army out "in front" of the suicide, and will ultimately help lower suicide rates.

"Despite the tough enemies our Army encountered in Iraq and Afghanistan, suicide is the toughest enemy we've faced, and I'm confident we will defeat this enemy," said Joseph Westphal, undersecretary of the Army.

"I've served as a senior leader in the Army and various capacities, across several administrations, and I have never seen a challenge that, when Army leadership put their minds to it, they weren't able to address it successfully." Stigma toward seeking behavioral health support is a national problem which the Army takes very seri-



cates that Soldiers and families are using these programs.

For example, the number of Soldiers that have been seen in behavioral health clinics has steadily increased over the past five years, the total number of behavioral health clinic visits increased, and the number of Soldiers that participate in "Strong

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Supply order cutoff Sept. 26

The cutoff date to order supplies through the 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (W45NQP) for fiscal year 2012 is Sept. 26. All high-priority requests after the Sept. 26 cutoff will be worked offline. For more information, call 221-5598 or 221-3320.

Prescription Take Back Day

Unused and expired prescription medicines can be turned in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 29 at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Medical Mall on the first floor and at the Fort Sam Houston Refill Pharmacy, Building 2401 on Scott and Allen Road. For more information, call 221-2988.

Hispanic American Heritage Month event

The 470th Military Intelligence Brigade will host an Hispanic American Heritage Month event at noon Oct. 2 at the Blesse Auditorium. Guest speaker is Army South Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Cervantes. Call 221-0417 for more information.

Child Safety Seat Clinic

A child safety seat clinic is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston fire station, 3101 Schofield Road, Building 3830. Registration is required and children must be present to be weighed and measured. Call 221-0349 or 221-9425 to register or for more information.

Stray Dog Capture Underway

The number of stray dogs on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston has increased dramatically during the past several months, according to 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron sources. An independent animal control specialist has been contracted to capture the dogs over a period of two to three weeks. Residents are asked not to approach the traps or attempt to release the captured canines, and not to feed any stray animals. For more information, call 221-3144.

Flu shots at SAMMC

BAMC employee flu vaccination dates are Sept. 24, 26, and Oct. 1 from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the garden entrance of the new tower. Flu vaccinations for

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201st Military Intelligence Battalion cases colors in preparation for deployment

By Maj. Mark Campbell
470th Military Intelligence
Brigade Public Affairs

The 201st Military Intelligence Battalion cased its colors Sept. 6 as its members prepare to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The casing of the colors represents the movement of the unit's mission to a new theater of operations. The ceremony took place at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Activity Center.

Guest of honor was Col. Pierre Gervais, commander of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Gervais thanked everyone for joining him in acknowledging "the professionalism, commitment, and selfless service" of the approximately 140 deploying Soldiers and to recog-



Photo by Spc. Sammy Rosado

Lt. Col. Joseph Barber (right), 201st Military Intelligence Battalion commander, and Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Jacobs furl the battalion colors prior to casing them in a ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Activity Center Sept. 6. They will uncasing the colors after the battalion deploys to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

nize their impending deployment.

Gervais also highlight-

ed portions of a speech delivered by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to the

corps of cadets at the United States Military Academy on May 12, 1962, that underscored the dedication and professionalism of the 201st's Soldiers.

In February 2010, the 201st deployed to Afghanistan to conduct interrogation and debriefing operations.

For the upcoming deployment, the battalion will conduct a similar mission in support of U.S. Forces Afghanistan and the International Security Assistance Force.

Lt. Col. Joseph Barber, battalion commander, recognized the sacrifice and commitment of the "Black Knights" and their families.

"Today marks a very sober, yet very noble, moment in our battalion," Barber said. "The best and brightest of our young men and

women are embarking on a mission in Afghanistan.

"The past 18 months have prepared us well for the mission at hand, as we will deploy into a relatively remote and austere environment, figure out the various tribal dynamics and terror networks, navigate through the different NATO/Coalition command and control relationships and support structures, and execute to the best of our abilities," he added.

"Before any deployment, casing the colors is a bittersweet occasion, where we prepare to leave our homes and loved ones," Barber continued. "We also look forward to showing what this great team is capable of and to getting on with the mission we have worked so hard and long to prepare for."

Barber and Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Jacobs shared the honor of furling and casing the colors.

Navy surgeon general visits wounded Marines, Sailors

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-FSH News Leader

Focusing on their concerns, Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan, surgeon general of the Navy, spent Sept. 13 visiting with wounded Marines, Sailors, and the staff of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Detachment at the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Nathan said he recognized what he coined as "nodes of excellence" – military medical centers across the country such as SAMMC – that provide critical care for those injured in combat; as well as tertiary medi-

cal facilities that treat illness, disease and non-combat injuries.

But, beyond the high standard of care they receive from these facilities, Nathan said he wanted to ensure Marines and Sailors knew the Marine Corps and the Navy have not forgotten them in what is a traditionally an Army-Air Force environment here in San Antonio.

Nathan, also chief of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, reached out on a personal note as well.

"Thank you on behalf of the people I work with back in (Washing-

ton) D.C.," he said to the group of about 50 in the SAMMC auditorium.

The admiral discussed future changes planned within the Defense Department such as downsizing and a strategic refocus toward the Pacific region, Asia, Africa and South America for the Navy. Nathan also said that coalition forces were 99 per cent out of Iraq and, though not smoothly, relocating troops out of Afghanistan is continuing.

Nathan's visit meant a lot to Marine Lance Cpl. Jonathan Stephenson who was wounded



Photo by L.A. Shively

Vice Adm. Matthew L. Nathan, surgeon general of the Navy, visits with Andrew Knudson and presents him with a coin. Knudson was training in Navy dentistry when he became ill and plans to complete his training after he recovers. Nathan visited with wounded Marines, Sailors, and the staff of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi Detachment at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Sept. 13 prior to visiting and encouraging Knudson.

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Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser (left), commander of U.S. Southern Command, speaks to attendees of the U.S. Army South change of command ceremony between Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (center), the incoming commanding general of U.S. Army South, and Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas (right), the outgoing Army South commanding general, during their change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Sept. 14.

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November 2009, and the mission that Rudesheim will undertake.

“During his time in command, Simeon has provided strong leadership, direct advice, honest counsel, and constant outreach to our partners and our counterparts,” Fraser said. “In addition, he skillfully directed his Soldiers to accomplish key tasks across the spectrum of U.S. Southern Command’s mission.

“General Rudesheim brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the region and is ready to build upon the strong relationships that Simeon has built during his time here,” Fraser said.

“Fred is ready to lead this command to new

heights,” Fraser added.

“He brings the right mix of experience, leadership, regional insight and vision to this important job. He has a passion for this mission and region and I can’t think of a better person to take command of Army South from Simeon than him.”

During the ceremony, Trombitas introduced Rudesheim to Army South.

“I first met Frederick at Fort Carson, and I’ll tell you without a doubt, he is the best general officer in our Army to take this command,” Trombitas said. “I know he’ll take this command to the next level, and he’ll have a lot of fun doing it.”

Following his introduction, Rudesheim expressed his excitement for

joining Army South here in Texas, and assuming the command’s mission in Central and South America and the Caribbean, a region he used to call home.

He was born and raised in Panama, where

he lived for 18 years before leaving for college.

Rudesheim is also a 1981 Army ROTC graduate of the University of Texas. He stated that he is honored to be able to command a unit in Texas that is responsible for a region where he grew up.

“I love this region, I love what we do and I have a passion for our mission,” Rudesheim said. “For me and my family, this is coming home.

“And now, for me and the Soldiers of Army South, it’s manos a la obra (all hands to work).”

U.S. Army South is the Army Service Component Command of U.S. Southern Command. SOUTHCOM’s area of responsibility encompasses 31 countries and 15 areas of special sovereignty in Central and South America and the Caribbean and covers about 15.6 million square miles.

HERO OF THE YEAR RECEIVES \$25,000



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Essays poured in nominating veterans, military wives, and active duty service members for the American Hero of the Year award sponsored by Dickies. Staff Sgt. Jeremy Breece, with the Warrior Transition Battalion at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, was selected from an online contest to receive the first award and with it \$25,000. His wife, Roxann Breece, wrote the winning essay. The two joined with their 3-year-old son Seth to celebrate at the Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange Sept. 17.

JBSA-FORT SAM HOUSTON KICKS OFF HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Photo by Spc. Sammy Rosado Rivera

Equal opportunity advisors from across Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston gathered at the Post Exchange Sept. 14 to help kick off Hispanic American Heritage Month, which began Sept. 14 and runs through mid-October. Pictured from left are Master Sgt. Jason L. Brooks, Fort Sam Houston Senior Command EOA; Sgt. 1st Class Adam A. Mayo, U.S. Army North; Sgt. 1st Class Mina M. Vasquez, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade; Master Sgt. Granderson Alexander, Army Medical Command; and Master Sgt James C. Gilliam, Southern Regional Medical Command. The EOAs passed out cake and information to PX shoppers. The 470th MIB will host another event at noon Oct. 2 at Blesse Auditorium. Guest speaker is Army South Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Cervantes. Call 221-0417 for more information.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Photo by Esther Garcia

Col. Richard Gonzales, consultant to the Army Surgeon General and director of the Army Blood Bank, shows off his shoes while riding in a World War I ambulance with his wife, Maj. Monica Gonzales, at the annual "16 de Septiembre" parade held Sept. 15. Floats, high school marching bands, business, civic and veterans organizations strolled down Guadalupe Street on Saturday as hundreds of people lined the street to watch the parade sponsored by the Avenida Guadalupe Association.

MOTHER OF DECEASED CIVILIAN ACCEPTS AWARD ON HIS BEHALF



Photo by Sarah Sanchez

Members of the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute recently presented a unit coin and award to the mother of a civilian who passed away while assigned to the Television Section, Product Development Branch, Distributed Learning Division, Army Medical Department Center & School. Jeronimo Aleman died May 26 and his mother, Helen Joyce Strong (second from left) accepted the items from (from left) Navy Lt. Cmdr. Shawn Passons, Army Staff Sgt. Jason Mass and Air Force Staff Sgt. Sanjuanita Cazares during a ceremony Sept. 10. Aleman was instrumental in graphic work performed in support of the DMRTI's Combat Casualty Care Course production. A number of AMEDD TV employees also received a group award for the production, including Larry Lonas, Christopher Snell, Robert Smith, James Cottle, Matthew Hiebel, Thomas Trudzinski and Christopher Salazar.

264TH MEDICAL BATTALION DONATES SUPPLIES TO ADOPTED SCHOOL



Photo by Esther Garcia

Lt. Col. Neil Nelson, commander, 264th Medical Battalion, meets kindergarten students at East Terrell Hills Elementary School during the presentation of school supplies to the school Sept. 10. The Soldiers of Company D, 264th Medical Battalion, presented schoolchildren with more than \$1,200 worth of school supplies Sept. 10. The battalion's adopted school received book bags, paper, notebooks, makers, crayons, glue sticks, which will go to help students in need of supplies. The donation more than doubled what the battalion donated in 2011, making it the largest single donation in the history of the school. Each of the 264th Medical Battalion companies had donation boxes for their Soldiers to drop off supplies. The 264th Med Bn and the school signed a charter in April 2011 and since then, have supported various school activities such as career day, Dr. Seuss Reading Day, the school's fall festival and field days with exhibits.

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entitlements and receipt of the Soldier's personal effects. Some units also have care teams, made up of volunteers, who help families through those first terrible days.

Many of the volunteers had loved ones who were deployed with the unit. Francey met regularly with them to make sure the caregivers were being taken care of.

"I called them super heroes but they didn't have super-hero powers," Francey said. "They were helping families that just lost a loved one down range – while their loved one was also down range."

He said the stress this caused was unbelievable.

"The care teams are 'first responders,'" said Jessica Stocker, Army North family program manager. "They are the ones who help the fami-

lies recover from their shock and grief."

For many families, what they needed most was for someone to just listen.

One of the "listeners" providing this service was Carmelita Rocourt, whose husband was stationed with the 82nd Airborne Corps in 2007.

It was during this time that Maj. Larry Bauguess Jr. was killed in Afghanistan. Rocourt was one of the volunteers who reached out in an attempt to help his wife, Wesley, deal with her loss.

"We would just listen," Rocourt said. "If she wanted to talk, we would listen; but if she didn't want to talk about Larry, we wouldn't force it."

Rocourt said one of the hardest things about being a care giver is being aware of your surroundings and the overall situation.

"You have to be aware

of what you are saying or doing," she said. "Even something like pointing out a Soldier kissing his wife could bring back painful memories for the survivor, who will never be able to kiss their Soldier again.

The CNO/CAOs and care teams take extreme care to cater to each individual family in their times of need.

For many CNO/CAOs, the job is difficult – and yet rewarding.

When 1st Sgt. Anthony Walls was stationed with 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y, he served as a CAO. Walls now serves with Army North's Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.

"I spent 90 days with a family, helping them get through all the forms as well as making sure the

deceased's uniform was correct," Walls said. "I first met with the family two hours after notification and stayed with them until everything was taken care of."

For Walls, he said the most difficult part of being a CAO was helping the family inventory the son's personal belongings.

"It took seven days," said Walls. "The Soldier's mother could only make it through one box a day."

On occasion, Francey has also served as a CNO.

"As the rear detachment commander, I was in constant contact with Gold Star families, so I couldn't do that if I was the person who knocked on their door and told them the worst news of their life. I would be forever identified with that moment."

Many Soldiers and civilians serving in this capacity often worry about how to talk to the families after

such news was given.

But regardless of the approach, the impact is never lost on them. Francey said as soon as families saw him or another CNO, they knew why they were there.

"I got slapped five times," Francey said. "I didn't take it personal. I was there to tell them the worst news they could hear. I visited every single one of the next of kin – and every single one was devastated for the rest of their life."

Francey said his worst fear was that the CNOs or CAOs would become jaded.

"We had 187 deaths and 600 to 700 serious injuries," Francey said. "I did not want them to start to see knocking on someone's door as normal. The first death in November 2005 was just as important as the last one in November 2006."

Being a Gold Star fam-

ily is significant, Francey said.

"These people were standing in harm's way for us," he explained. "They were all volunteers. Many of them came in after 9/11 – because of 9/11. They volunteered knowing they would be sent into harm's way.

"We owe it to them to care for their loved ones."

He stressed that there really is no room for error in handling something this important.

"We have to do it right," Francey said.

"What scares me with the wounded warriors, and Gold Star families, is we have a population that we have never had before. For most of us, the wars have ended or will end. For these families the war will last a lifetime.

"Gold Star families are not 'former' military family members – they are 'forever' military family members."

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by a roadside bomb in March while he was on convoy in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Stephenson, the turret gunner in a truck, was thrown 60 meters from his vehicle when it was struck. He said he doesn't remember anything until he woke up at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., two weeks later.

"It shows that somebody cares," Stephenson said, "and that there are people looking out for our best interests."

Questions on issues during the town hall ranged from current global affairs to local staffing.

One Sailor presented a new challenge for the surgeon general to consider: how must a Sailor's weight be factored into the physical readiness standards when he or she has a prosthetic?

"It's important for the Sailor, in case he or she has the option to return to active duty," explained Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Mark Foriska, a liaison with Detachment SAMMC, who posed the question. "It's also

important if they continue to have treatment here at SAMMC."

Foriska said the subject came up during a class he was attending.

"Nobody had the answer, so I thought it was the perfect time to bring up the question."

Officials cite a 95 percent survival rate for battlefield injuries, where cutting-edge technology allows many amputees and others with severe injury to recover, return to the same type of work, and even deploy again.

"We have people wearing prosthetic devices that can now get back into the cockpit, get back into the fight or continue to serve on active duty in a variety of ways; and be required to stay fit like everybody else," Nathan said.

The admiral's first step toward developing weight standards for service members with prosthetics will be to survey military personnel and medical facilities in order to find out what is being done currently; and then devise a formula for measurement.

Using the ratio of height to girth might provide an initial answer, he said, adding that he needs to do additional

research.

After his town hall meeting with Marines and Sailors, Nathan toured the newly-completed U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research. Adjacent to SAMMC, the facility is dedicated to advancing combat casualty care and providing state-of-the-art trauma, burn, and critical care.

Nathan also attended the chief petty officer pinning ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre Sept. 14 during his visit. The pinning ceremony is a culminating event where Sailors selected for chief are awarded anchors and allowed to don the uniform of Navy chief petty officer prior to actual advancement, after proving their worth during an eight-week leadership course. Unique to the Navy, the chief course tests the selectees' fortitude under duress.

"It's a thrill to get out in the field and see our Sailors, our corpsmen, our medical personnel, our patients, talk to them, hear what is on their minds," Nathan said, "and let them show off what they do, because they do so many things so well."

Cole JROTC leaders announced for new school year

By Cadet 2nd Lt. Lyndsey Emry
Cougar Battalion
Public Affairs Officer

The Robert G. Cole High School Junior ROTC Cougar Battalion has started the new school year; once again displaying a gold star on their uniforms, signifying their position as an "Honor Unit with Distinction", a title awarded to the top JROTC programs in the world.

This star was received in 2010, during a formal inspection that occurs every three years; and is scheduled again this school year on Oct. 25.

Throughout the year, more than 135 JROTC cadets will perfect marching, drill and other skills. Although the school year is only a few weeks old, cadets are already very busy.

The color guard has already performed at various locations throughout San

Antonio and is preparing for the school's upcoming football season. Throughout the year, the guard perform at many events including naturalization ceremonies, and also at San Antonio Missions and San Antonio Spurs games.

Upcoming battalion events include blood drives, color guard presentations, rifle team and physical training team competitions, homeless veteran funeral services, service learning projects, the annual Turkey Shoot, Corps Day, military ball, individual and company drill competitions, Saber and Honor Guards and the end of the year spring ceremony.

The cadets leading Cole's JROTC program are:

Staff: Battalion commander, Cadet Lt. Col. A.J. Bray; battalion executive officer/S-3: Cadet Maj. Ruby Gibson; S-1, Cadet

2nd Lt. Dana Hagan; S-4, Cadet Maj. Sarah Costello; S-5, Cadet 2nd Lt. Lyndsey Emry; assistant S-1, Cadet Staff Sgt. Emily Porter; assistant S-4: Cadet Staff Sgt. Carter Howell.

Company commanders: Alpha Company, Cadet 2nd Lt. Amber Stout; Bravo Company, Cadet 2nd Lt. Brianna Washington; Charlie Company: Cadet 2nd Lt. Lovelia Gomez; Delta Company, Cadet 2nd Lt. Dash Harris.

First Sergeants: Alpha Company, Cadet 1st Sgt. Nickolas McCullar; Bravo Company: Cadet 1st Sgt. Chrystin Schmoll; Charlie Company, Cadet 1st Sgt. Darrien Jones; Delta Company, Cadet 1st Sgt. Brent Howell.

The Cole High School Cougar Battalion is directed by retired Lt. Col. Robert Hoffmann and retired Sgt. 1st Class John Clinton.

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Robert G. Cole Middle and High School
Sept. 24

Middle school volleyball vs. Natalia at Cole, 5 and 6 p.m.

Sept. 25

Junior varsity/varsity volleyball vs. Randolph at Cole, 5/6/7 p.m.

Sept. 27

Middle school football vs. Luling

at Cole, 5/6:30 p.m.

Junior varsity football vs. Luling at Luling, 6 p.m.

Sept. 28

Varsity football vs. Luling at Cole, 7:30 p.m.

Sept 29

Junior varsity/varsity volleyball vs. Jourdanton at Jourdanton, 1/2/3 p.m.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25
San Antonio Texas	 88° Partly Cloudy	 86° Sunny	 84° Sunny	 85° Sunny	 83° Mostly Sunny	 84° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	 81° Sunny	 81° Sunny	 77° Sunny	 78° Sunny	 77° Sunny	 78° Sunny

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



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beneficiaries will be at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, in October and November. Dates and times are posted on the flu hotline at 916-7FLU.

Flu Shots at WHASC

Flu shots are 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. 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. For more information, call 292-4278.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston bids farewell to retired Army leader

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

A solemn funeral procession with Army North's military caisson Soldiers on horseback and honor guard members slowly made their way to the pavilion Sept. 10 as family, friends and loved ones began to say their goodbyes to an honored Army leader.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Johnny Johnston was interred at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Sept. 10. Before retiring on Jan. 1, 1988, he served a 35-year infantry career in the Army that began as a draftee in the Korean War.

Johnston is survived by his wife of 63 years, Beverly Hale Johnston; his son, Greg Johnston; his daughter, Katherine Pittman; and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The ceremony with full military honors included the procession with the caisson, honor guard and "Fort Sam's Own" 323rd Army Band, 15 volleys from the Salute Battery, a 21-gun salute and a brief interment ceremony at the pavilion.

"The Soldiers were superb," said Greg Johnston. "Dad was drafted; he was one of them. While he didn't like a lot of pomp and circumstance, it meant a lot for the family."

Army North's Caisson and Military Honors Platoon is one of only two such units in the Department of Defense. It performs memorial affairs missions at the Fort



Pallbearers from U.S. Army North's Military Honors Platoon move the casket from the caisson to the bier during the interment of retired Lt. Gen. Johnny Johnston Sept. 10 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Sam Houston National Cemetery and supports local events, such as Fiesta San Antonio.

The only other such unit is the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment Old Guard, which conducts memorial affairs missions at the Arlington National Cemetery and the dignified transfers at Dover Air Force Base.

"We are supporting with honor," said Capt. Eduardo Figueroa, commander, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North. "It is an honor to serve those who have served and sacrificed."

The unique group of infantry Soldiers in the Caisson and Military Honors Platoon became part of the Army North's HSC, HHBn Sept. 4.

"As a first sergeant, I am extremely proud to be part of a great organization that is rich in history and great leadership. Now, with the military honors platoon being a part of Army North, with its

homeland mission, it is a natural fit," said 1st Sgt. Anthony Walls, HSC. "Army North gains an additional mission capability for the Fort Sam Houston senior commander, and the Honors platoon and Caisson benefit from the ability of Army North to support its military funeral honors missions."

The opportunity for Soldiers to work in one of the more unique jobs in the Army is a welcome one.

Sgt. Tony Holmes,

caisson team leader, said working with horses is very different from his usual duties as an infantryman.

"The mission is definitely challenging," said Holmes, a native of Allen, Texas. "You're dealing with animals that have their own brains. It is an honor to provide this service for our military veterans."

Holmes became part of the unit after being granted a compassionate reassignment to Fort Sam Houston to facilitate

medical treatment for his son.

Pfc. Riley Camill, an imagery analyst at the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Sam Houston, augmented to the honor guard for Johnston's interment. She said the special duty was meaningful for her.

"It's important, and it's an honor to pay respects to those who have previously served," said Camill, a native of Live Oak, Fla.

This unique mission doesn't just give greater meaning to those who support it but also to Army North as well.

The addition of the memorial affairs missions for Army North benefits both the unit and the community, said Lt. Col. Zoltan Krompecher, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North.

"Memorial affairs missions are a unique and important part of our Army heritage," Krompecher said. "It really is an honor to have the Caisson and Military Honors Platoon join the Army North family. This is 'Military City, U.S.A.,' and the addition of the unit enables Army North to better serve area veterans and the community."



Soldiers from U.S. Army North's Caisson team solemnly make their way to the pavilion Sept. 10 for the interment of retired Lt. Gen. Johnny Johnston at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Photos by
Staff Sgt.
Keith Anderson

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ously. Numerous surveys indicate that some Soldiers are reluctant to seek help because they view it as a sign of weakness, or they believe their leaders will view it as a sign of weakness.

However, over the past several years there has been a decrease in the percentage of Soldiers that hold these views.

At the same time, the number of Soldiers who are using treatment programs such as behavioral health and substance abuse has steadily increased which indicates Soldiers are overcoming those stigma barriers. It will take time to change this culture, but through actions and example, Army leaders are beginning that transformation.

Army leaders have developed and implemented numerous initiatives to address the issue of stigma as it relates to seeking behavioral (mental) health services including:

- The co-location of behavioral health and primary healthcare providers (Respect-Mil and Medical Home Model) within medical service facilities;
- Stigma reduction messaging is included in all suicide prevention training videos;
- Strategic communications initiatives launched to promote help-seeking behavior for Soldiers and their Families (to include PSAs using celebrities as well as Army leaders);
- Policy revisions have been promulgated to discontinue use of the term "mental" when referring to mental health services and replace it with "behavioral" and
- Continued exploration of opportunities to employ confidential behavioral health and related services.

The Army has expanded its Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, or ASIST, efforts and developed and fielded a number of training tools to facilitate units' training.

The do's and don'ts of political activity participation

With the excitement of the Presidential election fast approaching, the 502nd Mission Support Group legal office reminds military members and federal employees of the do's and don'ts of political activity participation.

Military members in violation of these rules may face punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

If you are unsure whether or not a political activity is approved, reference Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces, and Air Force Instruction 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force.

Active duty military members may:

- Vote,
- Express a personal opinion on political candidates,
- Contribute financially to candidate and/or political party,
- Attend political meetings, rallies, debates, etc., as a specta-

tor, but not in uniform,

- Serve as an election official, but not as a representative of a partisan political party,

- Display a political bumper sticker on private vehicle,

- Wear a political button, but not in uniform or on duty,

- Sign a petition for specific legislative action,

- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing personal political views on issues and/or candidates,

- Solicit or raise funds when not in uniform off base for a partisan political cause or candidate.

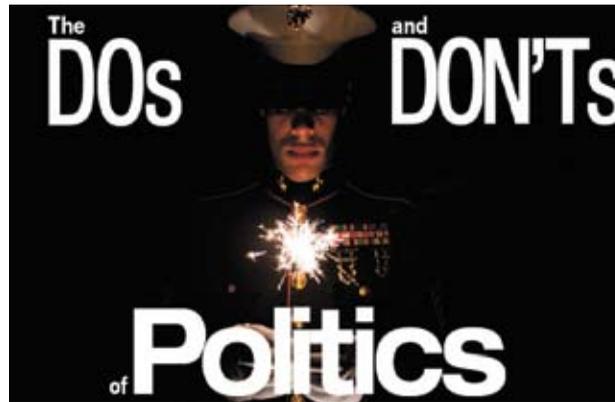
Active duty military members may not:

- Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election,

- Serve in any official capacity or be listed as a sponsor of a partisan political club,

- Speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind,

- Participate in any radio, television or other program as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate,



- Perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign or on election day,

- March or ride in a partisan political parade,

- Conduct a political opinion survey under the backing of a political group,

- Distribute partisan political literature,

- Solicit or fundraise on base for political partisan cause or candidate,

- Participate in any organized effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls if the effort is organized by a partisan political party or candidate,

- Sell tickets or ac-

tively promote political dinners or events,

- Send political emails from government computers or use official title in political emails,

- Display a partisan political sign, poster, banner or similar device visible to the public at one's residence on a military installation,

- Display campaign pictures, posters, screen savers and all other campaign material of candidates for partisan political office at work.

The Hatch Act governs the permitted and prohibited political activities of government employees at the federal, state and local levels.

Just as military members may face punishment for violating Department of Defense Directive 1344.10 or Air Force Instruction 51-902, federal civilian employees may be disciplined for violating the Hatch Act.

Civilian employee discipline for Hatch Act violations can range from a 30-day unpaid suspension to removal.

Examples of prohibited activities under the Hatch Act include wearing partisan political buttons or t-shirts on duty; displaying photos of candidates (other than "official" photos) at the workplace; emailing and forwarding partisan political emails on government email to other federal employees and engaging in political activity on duty, in any government office or in a government vehicle.

The Hatch Act does allow most civilian employees to take an active part in partisan political management and campaigns.

Specifically, federal

employees may be an active member of a political party or club, make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections, distribute campaign literature, hold office in political club or party and serve as a delegate to a convention.

For a full list of the do's and don'ts under the Hatch Act, visit the Office of Special Counsel's website at: <http://www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm>.

Complaints should be sent to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, which is responsible for investigating reports or complaints concerning Hatch Act violations committed by covered federal employees. Specific instructions on how to file a complaint can be found online at <http://www.osc.gov>.

Any questions regarding the interpretation of the rules discussed above can be directed to your unit's Staff Judge Advocate office.

(Source: 502nd Mission Support Group legal office)

Federal Voting Assistance Program eases voting for military families

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

With Election Day just weeks away, federal voting officials want to ensure that service members and their families are prepared for their votes to be counted.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program has made the voting process easier than ever for Americans serving overseas, said the program's acting director, Pam Mitchell.

The website, located

at <http://www.fvap.gov>, includes a tab for each state's deadlines for registering to vote and casting absentee ballots. It also has online registration and absentee ballot assistance, and includes a mobile app.

"We firmly believe that voting assistance for our absentee voters is absolutely the best that it's ever been," Mitchell said at a Sept. 5 Pentagon news briefing.

"There are a lot of tools in our arsenal to help those voters both

register, get an absentee ballot and to exercise their right to vote."

If you prefer to go in person, there are 221 installation voting offices, all of which the program supports.

"We've spent a lot of time reaching out to

every single one," Mitchell said.

The Military Postal Service Agency provides free, expedited ballot delivery and ballot tracking to your local election office

for overseas-based service members and their families.

Go to your local post



office or postal clerk, use the Label 11 DOD form on your absentee ballot envelope and mail it. Go to <http://www.usps.com> to track the status of your ballot, according to the program's website.

If you haven't received a ballot by Oct. 6, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, available on the website, as back-up.

For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or their party designation, the website says.

For additional help

with the absentee voting process, contact FVAP at vote@fvap.gov or call 1-800-438-8683, DSN 425-1584 or 312-425-1584 outside the United States. It also is available on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/DoD-FVAP> and people can follow on Twitter at @FVAP.

"Our goal is to make sure that anyone who wants to vote has the resources and tools they need form anywhere in the world to successfully exercise that right," Mitchell said.



Stress Management

Sept. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., American Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-0349.

19th Annual Fisher House BBQ

Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Fisher House grounds. Opening ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m.

Budgeting

Sept. 24, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

HUGS playgroup

Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Newcomer's Extravaganza

Sept. 25, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center. The extravaganza is an opportunity to learn about Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio area as well as meet representatives from

different organizations, programs and businesses. Call 221-1681 or 221-2418.

First Termer Financial Readiness Classes

Sept. 25, noon-4 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-1612.

Couponing

Sept. 25, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Post Deployment Planning Training

Sept. 26, 9-10:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Unit Trauma Training

Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

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.

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, a 5k Guidon Team and a 5K 28-Soldier Formation. Register at <http://bit.ly/RaceRegistration> by Sept. 23. Call 221-1234 or 808-7510.

Youth Sports Registration

Registration for youth sports is open at Parent Central, Building 2797. Patrons must provide a current physical and shot record for participating children. Cheerleading deadline is Sept. 30. Call 221-4871.

Army Pride

Oct. 1, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, call 221-0349.

Women Encouraging Women

Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Credit Reports

Oct. 1, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Word Level 1

Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Building Effective Anger Management Skills

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 30 and Nov. 6, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-034.

Budget Development

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

Unit Family Readiness Training

Oct. 3, 10-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Virtual Family Readiness Training

Oct. 3, 1-3:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Couples Enrichment

Oct. 3, 10, and 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

ScreamFree Parenting

Oct. 3, 10, and 13, 6:30-8 p.m., Dodd Field Chapel, call 221-0349.

Job Fair

Oct. 4, 4-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, for active duty military, retirees and family members and DOD civilians.

Armed Forces Action Plan

The Armed Forces Action Plan Conference will be held Nov. 13-16.

People can submit issues and/or volunteer to participate in this annual event. To submit an issue, email jbsa.afap@gmail.com. Call 221-2336 for more information.

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.

Discount Tickets for Winter Ballets

The MWR Ticket Office in the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, is selling discount tickets for the Moscow Ballet, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. and Dec. 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Discount tickets are also available for the Nutcracker, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 22, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 23, 2 p.m. The ticket office also has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 226-1663.

Camp Bullis Dove Hunting

The Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center welcomes dove hunters Friday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 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. Call 295-7577.

Catfish Pond Restocked

The newly-stocked Camp Bullis Catfish Pond is open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 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 and reopen the first weekend in March.

Before and 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 space is full.

School Liaison Office

The School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration and much more. Call 221-2214/2256 or visit <http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html>.

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. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Stilwell House

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House,

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Gospel Fest

A Gospel Fest featuring Grammy and Stellar award winner Beverly Crawford, with special guests Cristal Smith and Josh Hurt takes place at 8 p.m. Sept. 21 at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and there is a discount for military families. For more information, call 779-2669.

Kerrville Texas Lions Camp Walk

The Kerrville Trailblazers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk Sept. 22 starting at Texas Lions Camp, 4100 San Antonio Highway, in Kerrville. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 830-257-2185 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/> for information.

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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) corpora-

Fall Festival

The VFW Judson Post 2059, 3202 Ackerman Road in Kirby will host the 3rd Annual Fall Festival noon- 6 p.m. Sept. 22. There will be live entertainment from the South Texas Review Band, crafts, food and beverage vendors as well as activities for the kids to enjoy including a bounce house, face painting and game booths. Call 661-4072 for information.

Air Force Band of the West concert

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West Dimensions in Blue plays at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at Jazz Alive at Travis Park in San Antonio. For more information, click on the band's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/bandofthewest>.

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.

tion not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the

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.

323rd Army Band 'Fort Sam's Own' concerts

The Quad 5 component of the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" plays at a naturalization ceremony at 10 a.m. Sept. 27 at the Institute of Texan Culture, 801 East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard. The Ceremonial Band plays at 2 p.m. Sept. 27 at the institute.

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.

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.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

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

Foster a Puppy

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

Dinosaur Stampede

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

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.

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/cavab/index.html>.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Sept. 19

CURRENT LEVEL* = 648.3'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

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

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



For Sale: 1972 El Camino SS with build sheet, restored frame in 2005, no rust or leaks, 350-4 bbl, AT, PS, PDB, factory tach/gauges all work, tilt wheel, tinted windows, cranberry red with black vinyl roof and tonneau cover, \$15,500 obo. Call 889-8390.
For Sale: Queen-size mattress, box spring, and frame, pillow top, and back support, \$295; highchair with removable tray, \$30. Call 495-2296.

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. - Jumah,
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>.*