

BAMC multiservice orthopedic team treats Honduran patients

By Elaine Sanchez
 BAMC Public Affairs

A Brooke Army Medical Center team of orthopedic specialists treated close to 75 patients during an annual medical readiness training exercise in Honduras Sept. 9 through 23.

The team spent two weeks at the Hospital Escuela in Tegucigalpa treating a variety of challenging cases alongside Honduran health care professionals, said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Mickey Cho, a BAMC hand surgeon and the training exercise commander.

“It was very successful,” said Cho, who marked his third mission to Honduras. “It was great training for us and also helped the local population.”

The 15-member multiservice team performed a variety of upper- and lower-extremity cases during its two weeks in country, he said. The team included Army, Air Force and Navy professionals from BAMC and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

“This joint team was a good representation of what we do as a military when we deploy,” Cho explained.

While the cases were complex, the biggest challenge didn’t rest with the patients, Cho noted, but with the lack of supplies.

The team brought lessons learned from a decade of war, but could only carry a limited supply of equipment.

“By the second week we were running low and had to be creative while still maintaining the same standard of care,” he said. “You learn to do a lot without a lot on hand.”

Cho said his team worked to convey low-cost and low-tech

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Photo by Capt. Andrew A. Lyons III

Members of a Brooke Army Medical Center team of orthopedic specialists perform an ultrasound on a patient during an annual medical readiness training exercise in Honduras in September. The team spent two weeks at the Hospital Escuela in Tegucigalpa treating a variety of challenging cases alongside Honduran health care professionals.

METC team wins 2012 Emergency Medical Technician Rodeo

The emergency medical team from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston rescues a dummy as part of the water extraction challenge during the Emergency Medical Technician Rodeo at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., Sept. 21. The EMT Rodeo is a competition in which teams from across the United States and Germany test their skills in various events that simulate real-life scenarios.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Xavier Lockley

By Lisa Braun
 METC Public Affairs

Air Force and Navy instructors with the Medical Education and Training Campus were overall winners in the 2012 Emergency Medical Technician Rodeo held Sept. 22 at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

Five EMT instructors for METC’s Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program competed against eight other teams from U.S. military installations all over the United States and Germany. This is the sixth consecutive year for the competition.

Staff Sgt. Robert Rangel,

Tech. Sgt. Dahlia Gonzalez, Staff Sgt. Brett Wolfe, Hospital Corpsman First Class Luis Rodriguez and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Jeffery Leemauck were the overall first-place winners in the competition.

“Taking first place in a competition where the best medics and corpsman were sent to compete from all over the United States and abroad means a lot to the caliber of personnel we are surrounded by on a daily basis here at METC,” Leemauck said.

“I am proud to be able to say today that we were not

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month: 'Bruised, But Not Broken'

By James T. Price
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Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The intent was to connect advocates for battered women across the nation working to end violence against women and their children.

The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

The first Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the first Hotline for Domestic Violence was established in October 1987.

In 1989, Congress passed the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation.

According to the National Coalition Against



Photo illustration by Air Force Staff Sgt. Jamal D. Sutter

October is annually observed as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence, 1.3 million people are victims of physical assault each year.

Domestic violence is a pervasive problem in virtually all countries, cultures, classes and income groups. It is a complex and multifaceted problem with individual solutions that are appropriate for different women in different socio-cultural contexts.

Domestic violence destroys families and has a vast impact on mission readiness. We all have a

responsibility to help prevent domestic violence.

"Bruised, But Not Broken" is this year's theme for Family Advocacy Program efforts throughout Joint Base San Antonio, with all JBSA locations putting on awareness events throughout October.

This national awareness campaign is a community effort, and for JBSA, it is a time to work together to educate and support military service members and their families with the com-

mon goal of eliminating domestic abuse.

Throughout October, the Family Advocacy Programs at JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Randolph will feature a clothesline display, shelter drive, information booths, and a guest speaker at JBSA-Lackland.

The clothesline display showcases T-shirts honoring victims of domestic abuse and will be shown at various areas around the three installations.

The shelter drive, which began Oct. 1, is collecting donations of household goods and clothing for Family Violence Prevention Services Inc., a local San Antonio shelter. Collection boxes will be at several locations around JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Lackland for final pickup and delivery to the shelter Oct. 22.

The Purple Ribbon Blitz event will be held at all post and base ex-

changes Oct. 15. Volunteers will hand out purple ribbons and awareness information.

Jose Juan Lara, Jr, Director of Advocacy and Training for the Texas Advocacy Project will present a lecture titled "When the Intersections of Cultural Identity and Victimology Collide: Looking Beyond the Mainstream" at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 23. Free continuing education units may be available for some professions.

For more information, call the Family Advocacy Program for JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 292-5967 or for JBSA-Randolph at 652-2448.

Additional information is available at <http://www.ncadv.org> or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/October-Is-National-Domestic-Violence-Awareness-Month>.

Energy Star shoppers to see significant savings

By Anthony Martinez
 Joint Base San Antonio
 Energy Manager

We hear a lot about Energy Star these days, but what does it really mean?

Since it's one of the Joint Base San Antonio Energy Policy requirements when choosing new or replacing old equipment and appliances, I decided to do a little research and find out.

First, I searched the Internet – profound, huh?

Google came up with 917 million results, the first non-commercial one being the Energy Star home page.

It told me Energy Star "is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect



the environment through superior energy efficiency." That sounded

logical. Next was sorting through the choices for more information: Find Energy Star Products, Energy Star Qualified, About Energy Star, Federal Tax Credits, Rebate Finder, and Buildings and Plants.

"About Energy Star" contained a lot of back-patting on how much money the program has saved us in home and business, and how much it has protected the environment.

But I wanted to know more about what it means

if a product has an Energy Star label on it, so I clicked on "Energy Star Qualified." Here I learned these products must meet the following "key guiding principles" to earn the coveted label:

- Product categories must contribute significant energy savings nationwide.

- Qualified products must deliver the features and performance demanded by consumers, in addition to increased energy efficiency.

- If the qualified product costs more than a conventional, less-efficient counterpart, purchasers will recover their investment in increased energy efficiency through utility bill savings, within a reasonable period of time.

- Energy efficiency can be achieved through broadly available, non-proprietary technologies offered by more than one manufacturer.

- Product energy consumption and performance can be measured and verified with testing.

- Labeling would effectively differentiate products and be visible for purchasers.

Now knowing the criteria for a product to get the Energy Star label, I sought an example – a new copier for the office.

Under "Find Energy Star Products" on the home page I found a categorized product listing, and under "Business and Government," and "Imaging Equipment,"

was a list of copiers and fax machines, which can be downloaded in either Excel or PDF format.

Taking it one step further, I looked to see if the machine I normally use was listed.

After a little searching, because it's on the multi-functional device worksheet rather than the copier, I found that it was an Energy Star product. Eureka, it worked!

So, the next time you buy equipment for your office, remember you're required to choose from the Energy Star-approved listing.

Also remember it's a good idea to check this list when buying home appliances and even if the purchase price appears a little higher than some other brands, you'll save money over the long haul.

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DLA Disposition Services Site Closed For Training

DLA Disposition Services, Field Activity at San Antonio will be closed from Oct. 15 to 19 to prepare for a systems upgrade and will reopen Oct. 22, as training continues and the computer system is deployed. The organization is replacing its legacy computer system known as "DAISY" with its Reutilization Business Integration solution. RBI is expected to provide real-time asset visibility throughout the Defense Logistics Agency supply chain. There is little or no delay between when data is entered and when it is available to other users. Items available for reutilization, transfer, donation, and sales will also have increased visibility. For more information, call 221-3306 or click on <http://www.dispositionsservices.dla.mil/>.

Cole High School Recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month

Robert G. Cole High School holds its annual National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 16, in the high school mall area. The celebration begins with a performance by the high school varsity choir. One hundred Spanish II students will present original and interactive projects promoting this year's national theme "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today." Activities include games, food, dancing, face painting, storytelling and guitar playing. The event is open to the public.

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. This program includes safety seat check-ups, installation education and recall notices. Registration is required and children must be present to be weighed and measured. Call 221-0349 or 221-9425 to register for more information.

Troops to Teachers

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Army Career and Alumni Program Office will have a representative from "Troops to Teachers" conduct a workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 19 at Building 2263, Room B-100. Call 221-1213 to reserve a seat.

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Visiting Mexican army doctors save man in San Antonio restaurant

By Sgt. 1st Class
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ARNORTH Public Affairs

Five visiting doctors from Mexico's National Defense Army became local heroes Sept. 19 after helping save a local San Antonian during dinner at a San Antonio restaurant.

The visiting doctors were eating dinner at the Tower of the Americas when a man at a nearby table collapsed onto the floor. His dinner companion then stood up and began desperately asking for help.

"In these moments, as doctors, you don't really think," said National Defense Army Maj. Israel Ramirez, a general surgeon. "You just react."



Photo by Maj. Jim Marckwardt

Mexican army Maj. Carina Castro (center), an anesthesiologist with the Mexican army's medical officers corps, leads her fellow medical officers through a procedure while observing training Sept. 19 at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

When the person started convulsing and choking, Ramirez and Maj. Jesus Andino, an orthopedic surgeon with

the group, immediately went to the man's aid. "One of them helped the man onto his side while the other man-

aged to use a spoon to clear the obstruction from his airway, allowing him to breathe and become stable," said Maj. Jim Marckwardt, Security Cooperation Division, U.S. Army North. Marckwardt said they later learned the gentleman had suffered an epileptic seizure.

Thanks to the two doctors' swift intervention, paramedics had a much easier time helping the man back to consciousness and coherency. The doctors watched over him until the couple left later in the evening.

The visiting Mexican doctors were in town to observe U.S. Army Soldiers conducting combat medic military occupational specialty training and advanced

tactical medical care at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis, as part of a series of visits hosted by U.S. Army North.

Andino said that it was a fascinating opportunity to see combat-related training as a military doctor, but what happened at the restaurant was a more familiar scenario for them.

"It was gratifying for us to be able to help someone here in the United States in this way," said Mexican army Lt. Col. Luis Delgado, the senior officer in the group and a general surgeon. "We feel better that we helped him in such a situation."

Delgado went on to say that this experience, combined with the training that they have already witnessed while here, will give them much to bring back with them to Mexico to teach their own military medical professionals.

Oktoberfest 2012: Dutchmen galore, keg tapping and clogging



There will be plenty of live music to enjoy, such as the Seven Dutchmen, during Oktoberfest on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Oct. 12 and 13.

Photo by
Tiffany Boulez

By Deyanira Romo Rossell
502nd FSS Marketing

If you're looking for a rollicking good time – German style – then Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's Oktoberfest 2012 is the place to break out your lederhosen and dirndls.

Going from 5 to 11 p.m. Oct. 12 and noon to 11 p.m. Oct. 13 at the MacArthur Parade Field, this free event promises two days of German-style entertainment and food, a children's activity tent, a biergarten, carnival rides, along with arts and crafts vendors.

Oktoberfest is open to all Department of Defense members, families and guests. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 221-1718.



Oct. 12:

5 p.m.: Oktoberfest opens
6-10 p.m.: Bohemian Dutchmen perform
6:30 p.m.: Tapping of the keg
11 p.m.: Oktoberfest closes

Oct. 13:

Noon: Oktoberfest opens
Noon-4 p.m.-Swingin' Dutchmen perform
4-4:30 p.m.: Cadence Cloggers perform
5-6 p.m.: "Fort Sam's Own - Biohazard Brass Band" performs
6-9 p.m.: Seven Dutchmen perform
9-11 p.m.: DJ performs
11 p.m.: Oktoberfest closes

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month focuses attention on second leading cancer killer of women

By Kirk Frady
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Public Affairs

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month across the nation. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in women and one out of every eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

“This year, approximately 226,870 women in the U.S. will receive a diagnosis of invasive breast cancer and 63,300 women will be diagnosed with in situ breast cancer,” said Gail Whitehead, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

“Although male breast cancer is rare and ac-

counts for less than 1 percent of all breast carcinomas in the U.S., about 2,190 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.”

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States. Approximately 39,510 women and 410 men in the U.S. are projected to die from breast cancer this year.

The Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program was established in 1992 as a result of the efforts of breast cancer advocates.

Their continued efforts, in concert with the program’s successes, have resulted in more than \$2.6 billion in congressional appropriations

through fiscal year 2011 executed by the Congressionally directed Medical Research Programs of MRMC.

The BCRP vision is adapted yearly to ensure that the program remains responsive to what is currently happening in the research community.

Over the years, the program has created and introduced unique funding mechanisms to support a broad portfolio of research and training awards that have transformed the breast cancer field.

The BCRP challenges scientists to pursue high-risk, high-reward research that has the potential to make major leaps to eradicate the disease. The program is commit-



Photo courtesy of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection of breast cancer can help in providing treatment for service members and their beneficiaries.

ted to supporting new, innovative ideas that reflect new discoveries and could lead to breakthroughs.

It also promotes synergistic collaborations across disciplines

and integrates scientists and consumers in unique research partnerships.

During the past 20 years, the DOD Breast Cancer Research Program has funded more than

6,100 research awards and brought forward new diagnostics, therapeutic drugs, mammography registries for surveillance, improved website information, advances in identification of genetic bio-markers, and therapeutic development using nanotechnology.

Early detection of breast cancer can help in providing treatment for the service member and their beneficiaries. For those women diagnosed with localized (Stage 1) breast cancer there is a more than 98 percent probability that they will survive 5 or more years.

Lowering the risk of death from breast cancer for service members and their beneficiaries contributes to the readiness and well being of those who serve.

For more information visit <http://cdmrp.army.mil/bcrp/default.shtml>.

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ways to treat complex lower extremity injuries. This will prove beneficial over the long term in a country where patients often foot the bill for medical equipment and where the equipment demand often exceeds the supply, he explained.

In fact, several of the patients had waited for a year for the team to return since the equipment was provided to them at no cost.

"The families were very grateful," Cho said. "Everyone who interacted with us, thanked us. They know we take time away from our families to come down here and they're very appreciative of that."

Cho said the team performed with excel-

lence, helping not only the patients, but the Honduran health care professionals as well.

"These missions foster relationships," he said, noting the team will stay in touch with their counterparts via email and phone.

On his first trip to Central America, Capt. Andrew A. Lyons III, the mission's executive officer, said he walked away with a new perspective.

"I've done two tours in Iraq, but this was completely different," he said. "It was very rewarding to help so many people in need."

"That's probably the most rewarding aspect of these missions ... knowing we made a difference despite a limitation of time and supplies," Cho added.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Oct. 9

CURRENT LEVEL* = 650.8'

*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>.



Weekly Weather Watch

	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16
San Antonio Texas	 86° AM Clouds/PM Sun	 84° AM Clouds/PM Sun	 82° AM Clouds/PM Sun	 84° Partly Cloudy	 82° Partly Cloudy	 83° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 77° Sunny	 77° Sunny	 75° Sunny	 74° Mostly Sunny	 69° Partly Cloudy	 71° Sunny

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

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Free Tops in Blue Tickets Available

Joint Base San Antonio is scheduled to feature a free Tops in Blue show 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Laurie Auditorium on the Trinity University campus, 715 Stadium Drive. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, but patrons must have a ticket to get in. Tickets will be available starting Tuesday and can be picked up at the Randolph Community Services Mall, Building 895; Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395, Chaffee Road; and Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel Office, Building 5506. Doors at the Laurie Auditorium will open no earlier than 45 minutes prior to show time.

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, Building 2263, on Stanley Road. All Soldiers must have a bachelor's 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.

Federal Employees Health Benefits Fair

All Federal employees are invited to attend the upcoming 2012 Federal Employees Health Benefits Fairs. Representatives will be present to discuss different health care insurance options available to Federal employees. FEHB Open Season is from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10. The first fair takes place Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. The second fair will take place on Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, in the Medical Mall, adjacent to the pain clinic. For more information, Air Force employees can call 808-0205 and Army employees can call 221-9638. Federal employees can click on <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>.

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32nd Medical Brigade platoon sergeant wins TRADOC competition

Sgt. 1st Class Delroy Barnett, the platoon sergeant for Company B, 187th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, has claimed the title of 2012 Advanced Individual Training Platoon Sergeant of the Year.

The Army's top nine advanced individual training, or AIT, platoon sergeants contended for the title of 2012 AIT Platoon Sergeant of the Year during a competition at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., Sept. 24 through 28.

"It was a rigorous, week-long event, and we are extremely proud of him and his accomplishment," said Lt. Col. Soo Lee Davis, 187th Medical Battalion commander.

The announcement was made at the Initial Military Training Center of Excellence, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command awards ceremony Sept. 28.

The elite Advanced Initial Training platoon



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Wesley Farnsworth

Sgt. 1st Class Delroy Barnett (center), an Advanced Individual Training platoon sergeant from the 32nd Medical Brigade at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, receives the 2012 AIT Platoon Sergeant of the Year award from Maj. Gen. Bradley May (left), Initial Military Training Center of Excellence deputy commanding general, and Sgt. Maj. John R. Calpena, IMT CoE command sergeant major, during a ceremony at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., Sept. 28. Barnett was selected from among nine platoon sergeants that competed for the title in a week-long competition, designed to test their physical and mental readiness.

sergeants participated in physical and mental challenges during the competition, which tests their knowledge of Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills and their ability to teach these tasks to Soldiers in a training

setting.

Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills are the fundamental combat skills that all Soldiers must perform in order to fight and win on the battlefield.

Each competitor ap-

peared before a board of command sergeants major to evaluate their knowledge of leadership and platoon sergeant training tasks.

One challenging aspect of the competition is that platoon

sergeants are purposely unaware of the tasks they will be required to perform.

AIT platoon sergeants are top-performing professional noncommissioned officers, or NCOs, from virtually all branches of the Army who play a critical role in the success of AIT training.

After basic combat training, new Soldiers attend AIT, where they become experts in their specific military occupational specialties.

The AIT platoon sergeants mentor the new Soldiers, working with them after classes and on weekends to teach and reinforce technical lessons and WTBD.

Currently there are more than 700 Army platoon sergeants serving at 24 AIT schools and training centers.

These platoon sergeants play a critical role in the success of this training. They set the tone for the new Soldiers' first duty assignments, a direct impact on the readiness of the entire U.S. Army.

(Source: U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Public Affairs)

Soldiers have until Oct. 29 to vote on new PT uniform

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

Back in February, the Army gave Soldiers a chance to weigh in on the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform.

The Army took those Soldier suggestions and developed a possible replacement uniform.

Now Soldiers can vote on which one of those they think looks the best.

More than 76,000 Soldiers responded to

the initial survey. Among other things, Soldiers commented about uniform fit, moisture wicking and anti-microbial properties and how much the uniform weighs. The Army listened to Soldiers and has developed a new Improved Physical Fitness Uniform, or IPFU.

Now the Army wants Soldiers to weigh in on color options and graphic patterns for the uniform. There are six candidate uniforms –

they are all the same in terms of fabrics, capabilities and durability. What's different is the color of the fabrics and the size, color and shapes of the graphic designs.

All Soldiers have the option to log on and choose which uniform option they like best. The poll went live Oct. 9, and will be available until Oct. 29.

Stylistic variations include different colors for the jacket and pants

– black or gray, for instance. Soldiers can also choose among graphic elements and colors for graphic elements.

With the jacket, for instance, there is a chevron emblazoned across the chest. That can be in yellow, grey or black, and it can be thick or thin.

On the shorts, there's the option to have colored piping on the sides. For the long and short-sleeve T-shirts, there's both fabric color options

and the option to have either the word "Army" emblazoned across the chest or the Army logo over the left breast.

Soldiers will have 20 days to make it known which they think looks best.

Perhaps more important than how the uniform looks is how the uniform will perform and feel. Improvements in the IPFU include reduced fabric weight,

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Soldier Show concludes 2012 season at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Theater

By Evan Dyson and
Shayna Brouker
IMCOM Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Soldier Show concluded its 2012 season Sept. 30 in front of a full house at the historic JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Theater.

Produced by the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, the 90-minute show, "Army Strong," was presented at more than 40 Army installations since April, entertaining Soldiers and families around the world, including Hawaii and Korea.

Nineteen Soldiers were selected for this year's cast to sing, dance and entertain.

"One of the most exciting things that I will never forget is the reception we get when we finish performing for

the audience – the love and genuine concern they have for us," said Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Williams, who departs for his ninth deployment after the Soldier Show.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be selected for the Soldier Show. It works hand-in-hand for me - I look at it as another mission," he said.

"But my mission here is different. It's to inspire those families and Soldiers, and for those Soldiers and friends I lost, it's to carry out their dedication, those beliefs about the Army and what they stood for."

2nd Lt. Daniel Monplaisir, an aspiring theater actor and member of the Alabama National Guard, said that despite the 12- to 16-hour days, the experience was invaluable.

"The hard work that

goes into the show is so worth it because the people we perform for are Army Soldiers and Families," Monplaisir said.

"A lot of them have been going through some tough stuff. Being in wartime there's some stress, but for 90 minutes they get to let all that stress go and feel really good about what they do being part of the Army."

The Soldier-performers left an impression on those "outside the wire," too, showing Americans there's more to a Soldier than soldiering.

In addition to putting on shows at Army garrisons around the world, the Soldier Show performed in Times Square during the Army Birthday June 14, as well as at the city of Augusta's 9/11 remembrance ceremony.



Photo by Evan Dyson

Sgt. Drake DeLuca renders honors while introducing the season finale of the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show to an audience at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Sept. 30.

"I had no idea the Army had anything like this," said Alli Dean, 25, a San Antonio social worker.

"It was my first time seeing this many Sol-

diers in the first place, let alone performing on stage, and I have to say, I was very impressed."

The annual production is put on by Army Entertainment, a division

of IMCOM's Family and MWR Programs.

To learn more about the program, and how to apply for next season, visit <http://www.ArmyEntertainment.net>.

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The emergency medical team from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston rescues a dummy as part of the water extraction challenge during the Emergency Medical Technician Rodeo at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., Sept. 21.

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only champions of the 6th Annual EMT Rodeo, but proof that positive steps are being made to an overall integrated medical community.”

Added Rodriguez, “The

BMTCP team consisted of volunteers that just happen to be some of the finest corpsmen and medical technicians the command has to offer.”

The teams tested their skills and knowledge with such events as the water

rescue competition, a new event to the Rodeo this year in which the competitors had to extract a patient from the water using a long spine board, carry the patient by litter to land, and then resuscitate the patient.

Another new event was the commando challenge, one of the most difficult in the competition, which tested the teams’ abilities to carry a litter through an obstacle course and low-crawl through mud.

“During the competition, I felt like I had to put into practice everything that I mentor my airmen and sailors to do on a daily basis. I also felt compelled to give it my best because I was representing everyone here at METC,” Gonzalez said.

“This year, our team had more than 40 years of knowledge and forward deployed medical



Photos by Airman 1st Class Xavier Lockley

First-place winners of the 2012 Emergency Medical Technician Rodeo was a team from the Medical Education and Training Campus at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. From left is Tech. Sgt. Dahlia Gonzalez, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Jeffery Leemauk, Staff Sgt. Robert Rangel, Staff Sgt. Brett Wolfe and Hospital Corpsman First Class Luis Rodriguez.

experience combined,” said Rangel, BMTCP team coach.

“We went, we saw, we adapted, we won. After all, that’s what we

do here at BMTCP. We create the finest medics, corpsman and techs.”

New Wilford Hall Phase 1 more than halfway complete

By Senior Airman Kevin Iinuma
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

The first phase of the future Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center is nearly 67 percent complete and is on schedule.

The facility will be constructed in three phases and is essentially comprised of four wings, with garden spaces between each wing.

“A unique and significant challenge of this project is that it is phase-funded,” said Capt. Patrick Ryan, health facilities division officer. “It’s like designing a single building, but cutting it into several pieces and asking a different contractor to construct each section.

Ensuring all sections form a seamless, uniform facility requires careful coordination.”

Phase 1 of the new facility will consist of a new energy plant, a parking structure and the first wing, which are expected to reach completion in August 2013.

The Phase 2 portion of the construction project, which is approximately 20 percent complete, includes two other wings of the new facility and is expected to be finished in



Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center overlooks the construction of the “B” wing for the new WHASC on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Aug. 28. This is one of four wings and is part of the second phase of the construction project that is currently 16 percent completed. Between each wing will contain garden spaces that will provide a healing and therapeutic environment for patients.

January 2014.

The final phase includes the “D” wing and additions to previously constructed areas. It is not awarded yet, but is expected to be complete in the summer of 2015.

The new WHASC is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

LEED is the most widely recognized and widely used green building program across the globe

and is a certification program for buildings, homes and communities. The project has been designed to reduce annual energy costs by approximately 24 percent.

Some energy efficient design measures included to minimize heat gain are the building being optimally oriented, covered in green and reflective roofing and brise soleil and shading devices on windows.

Other design elements include variable frequen-

cy drive centrifugal chillers, condensing boilers, occupancy sensors and lighting control systems that will automatically turn off lights after hours.

The estimated building water use reduction is 33 percent based on full occupancy.

Once the three phases are constructed and outfitted, the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center will be ready for occupancy.

Construction of the state-of-the-art medical



Construction workers install electrical wires and air conditioner ducts in the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center “A” wing on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Aug. 28. The wing is part of the first phase of the WHASC construction project, which includes a 1,000-car parking garage and a new energy plant that is nearly 67 percent completed.



Photos by Senior Airman Kevin Iinuma

Construction workers prepare pipes for the new Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center energy plant on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Aug. 28. The state-of-the-art medical facility is projected to be completed in 2015.

facility is projected to be completed in 2015 and will be the largest outpa-

tient ambulatory surgical center in the Department of Defense.

The doctor is in: crafting customer service into a **TREAT**, NOT TRICK

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-FSH News Leader

So, who are you gonna call to compliment or complain at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston? Not the Ghostbusters from the famed 1984 film – cue the ICE Doctor instead.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation program, also known as ICE, gives JBSA-FSH customers a voice that service-providers must acknowledge; while scaring away the ghosts of poor service.

ICE collects feedback online where a customer rates a facility's appearance, staff attitude, timeliness and hours of service from excellent to awful.

Feedback goes to Dr. Katherine Harris, also known as the "ICE Doctor," a customer service officer for the 502nd Mission Support Group. Harris holds a Doctor of Education degree, and is the point person for the JBSA-FSH ICE program.

ICE comments are also distributed to primary and secondary contacts in the service area, squadron leaders and front-line managers. The squadron director or deputy for oversight in the command suite has visibility as well.

Harris has been the "ICE Doctor" for nearly four years. During her tenure, she has interacted with the full gamut of satisfied and not-so-satisfied customers and program managers.

"Customer service is an organization's business core," she said, adding that simply meeting customer needs is not sufficient. "The standard an organization should strive toward is excellence. This can only happen when an organization consistently exceeds its customer's expectations."

Customer feedback has played a role in process improvement and

advanced business practices on post. Harris cited the DEERS/ID Cards office as an example.

"Going to an appointment-only structure was customer driven. Customers were saying the hours needed to change and asking why appointments couldn't be made all day long," Harris said.

"Without the customer, the business is nothing," said Ben Paniagua, recreation manager, Sam Houston Community Center. Paniagua manages the Hacienda Recreation Center which is currently under renovation.

"ICE has had a very strong impact on my recreation activities due primarily to the immediate relationship it brings between a manager and the customer," Paniagua said.

"When a customer knows that his or her voice is going to be heard by several chain-of-command leaders, in addition to the manager, they feel a sense of having a problem resolved."

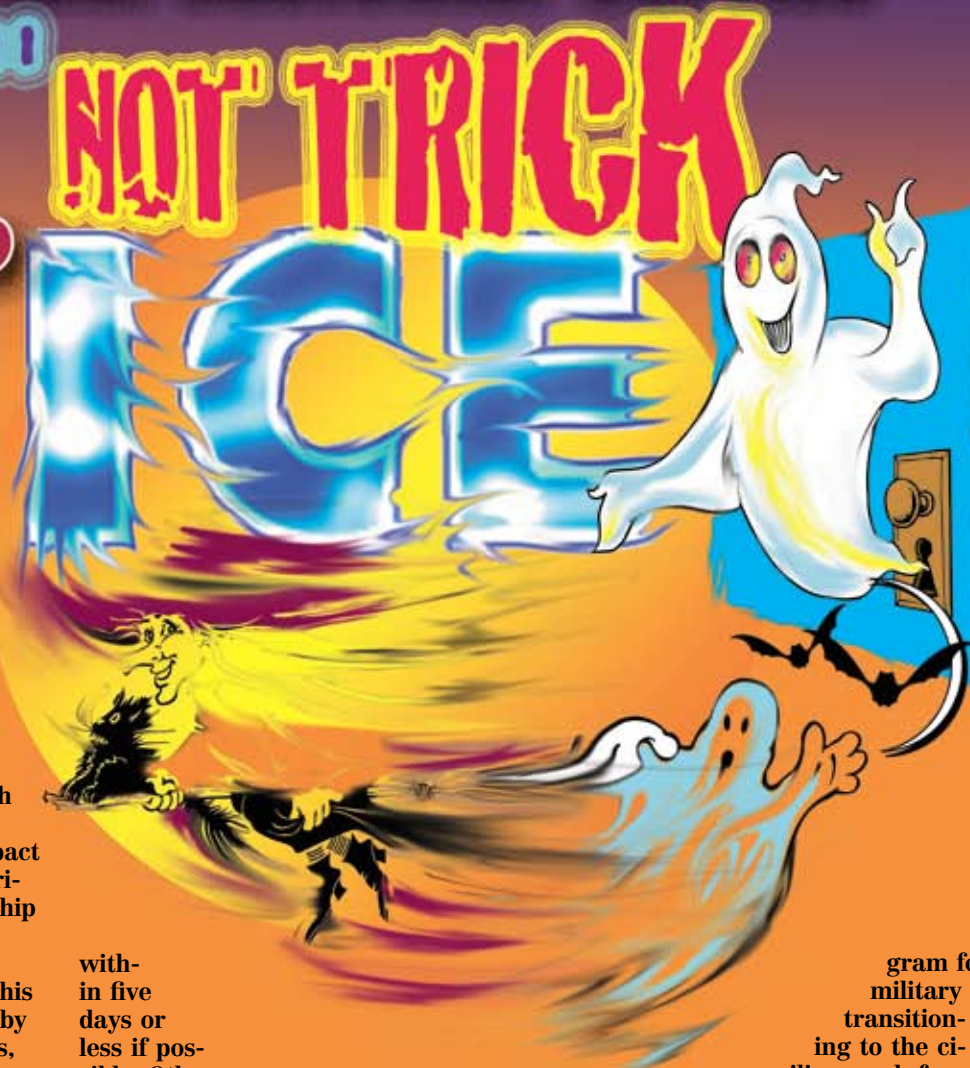
Prior to the Hacienda Recreation Center renovation, Paniagua would often get out of his office and mingle with his customers. He looks forward to renewing those relationships when the new facility opens.

Harris agrees that face-to-face contact is an important part of good customer service.

"Communication between customer and service providers garners a large number of comments," she said.

Along with feedback, comments and recommendations for improvement are accepted through ICE.

If the customer wishes to receive a response, he or she may leave contact information and the service manager is required to respond



within five days or less if possible. Otherwise feedback is anonymous.

"ICE is a great way to approach a situation," said Sgt. 1st Class Keith Frain, who used the system while he was downrange in Afghanistan.

During deployment, Frain tried to solve a problem at his home using email but got nowhere.

After using ICE, Frain received a quick response and was satisfied with the anonymity and direct access the system afforded him.

Harris fields an average of 30 to 40 comments per day. Last fiscal year drew 4,235 submissions with an overall 88 percent satisfaction rate for JBSA-FSH. She is currently tracking at an 82 percent satisfaction rate.

The Army Career and Alumni Pro-

gram for military transitioning to the civilian work force, consistently tracks at 100 percent.

"They are one of my top performers – my 'Ice Pick,'" the ICE Doctor said.

Just behind ACAP is the Fort Sam Houston Network Enterprise Center with 265 ICE submissions and a current 92 percent satisfaction rate.

"NEC's processes identify what their customer needs are and they respond promptly. It shows in their customer feedback," Harris said.

"That's what we're really about – taking care of the customer, the families, and the troops. Anyone who utilized a service on the installation is a customer."

Harris explained ICE, in her opinion, and to paraphrase the infamous Ghostbuster Peter Venkman: We came, we saw, we kicked tail.

Small business specialists tackle training, workload

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Twenty small business specialists from throughout the Mission and Installation Contracting Command gathered for an internal business meeting in San Antonio Sept. 17 through 20 to build greater awareness of policies and strengthen core skills.

Conducted by the MICC Small Business Programs staff, the training offered small business specialists valuable guidance in performing their role and fills a void in training following the formal instruction they receive after appointment to their positions.

"This training provides local contracting office small business specialists the latest in MICC initiatives and recent legislation as well as an overview of recurring

small business contract management review findings and solutions," said Sandy Spiess, MICC Small Business Programs associate director.

"It also provides small business specialists a great opportunity to interact and network with each other since working one-deep in has its challenges."

Training included small business specialist responsibilities to include accountability, integration, outreach events, contractor meetings and monthly reporting.

Small business specialists also examined relevant sections of the Federal Acquisitions Regulation to include the Government Purchase Card Program, competition, market research, acquisition strategies and plans, participation proposals and ordering.

Members of the MICC



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Barbara Brown (left) keeps track of the end-of-year contracting document reviews by Mission and Installation Contracting Command small business specialists in order to evenly distribute workload Sept. 19 in San Antonio. Brown is an assistant director for the MICC Small Business Programs office.

headquarters staff also provided addition instruction on congressional

affairs, professional development and the Acquisition Milestone Agreement

program.

Rosa Elmore is the MICC small business

specialist at Fort Campbell, Ky. She said what she most gained from the meeting was greater insight on the importance of the small business specialist's role within the MICC organization as well as an ability to cross-feed issues with other MICC small business specialists.

"Meeting everyone for the first time at the training brings it all together – office of small business programs and MICC small business specialists," Elmore said. "We are a team, although not in the same location, we all have the same mission."

This was the first opportunity to meet face to face for many of the small business specialists, who primarily exchange information by phone or through computer chat sessions on a daily basis.

"It is very valuable. We

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MICC ensures smooth transfer of logistics contract management

By Daniel P. Elkins
MICC Public Affairs

Mission and Installation Contracting Command officials were ready for the Oct. 1 transfer of administrative control for directorate of logistics contract requirements from the Army's Installation Management Command to the Sustainment Command.

Centralization of contract administration is part of the service's Enhanced Army Global Logistics Enterprise, or EAGLE, program aimed at standardizing installation maintenance, supply and transportation services across the Army materiel enterprise while reducing costs.

The MICC will become



responsible for overseeing the contract administration of most DOL services in the United States.

"EAGLE represents a significant effort by the Army and the acquisitions community to rein in spending at a time when our leaders are faced with historic budgetary constraints," said Pat Hogston, MICC director of strategic

operations.

"As vigilant stewards, we must explore every measure for reducing costs so that we can deliver the highest quality services and equipment to Soldiers at a fair price."

In preparation for the transfer of contract management, members of a MICC integrated process team worked closely with leaders from the ASC, Army Contracting Command, Expeditionary Contracting Command and DOL officials at Fort Benning and Fort Gordon, Ga.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Irwin, Calif.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Lee, Va.; Fort Polk, La.; and the Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

Dubbed a "war room,"

the working group conducted numerous individual teleconferences and planning sessions over the last several weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

"As there are numerous moving parts and organizations involved, the war room concept was considered to provide a single forum for all parties to raise and discuss the many moving parts to accomplishing this mission," said Cyp LaPorte, MICC plans and programs division chief.

"It was also needed based upon the importance of DOL mission functions to the sustainment of the Army and criticality of not allowing any breaks in service to Army customers during

this transition period."

LaPorte explained that while under IMCOM, directorates of logistics at installations developed and submitted their contract requirements to their servicing contracting offices. This resulted in either a single, installation-wide DOL contract or multiple smaller contracts divided over various individual DOL functions.

"Under the Army Sustainment Command model, requirements will all be centrally managed at the command headquarters through an EAGLE program office," he said.

"Both ASC and ACC-Rock Island have spent a great deal of time and effort setting up inte-

grated process teams to review and standardize the performance work statements of each of the various DOL functions to be assumed by ASC."

LaPorte added that the transfer created a need for leaders at the ACC headquarters to review its contracting support mission for installation DOL services. That led to a decision to allow ACC-Rock Island to accomplish the pre-award mission for DOL support services because that center provides the primary contracting support to ASC.

MICC contracting officials will support the ACC's contracting center at Rock Island Arsenal,

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discuss similar problems we might have within our different organizations and help each other with finding solutions to any issues we might have," Elmore said.

"When we met at the training for the first time, we felt like we have known each other forever. We all seem to love what we do, helping others."

That approach of helping others proved beneficial as the work was not done at the end of the business day.

Because the meeting fell in the final two weeks of the government's fiscal year and the busiest time of year in federal acquisitions, small business specialists took only a brief break at the end of the day. Then, as a team, they took on the tedious task of catching up on reviews of justification and approvals, market

research reports, acquisitions strategies, small business coordination records and other contracting documents.

"I was very impressed. After a long day of training, they delved right into their workload helping each other out. This was the first time in my experience that I've seen small business specialists working together as a group and sharing the workload to ensure all reviews were completed," Spiess said.

"All of them were putting in 12-plus-hour days to ensure mission accomplishment, and I did not hear a single complaint."

Assembled together in one room, the MICC staff and small business specialists teamed to tackle the combined workload.

"Everyone stayed until there were zero reviews left at the end of the night," Spiess said. "It was great to hear them

offer suggestions and advice to each other when a small business issue came up during the review. This was the utmost in networking."

She hopes the opportunity to network reassures those in attendance that there is always a team of people willing to help.

"Although they are one-deep in the contracting offices serving as the advocate for small business, they are not alone," Spiess said.

The MICC small business specialists returned to their respective duty stations Sept. 21 and to what is becoming a more visible program given today's economic challenges, according to the associate director.

"Small business specialists play an important and integral role in providing that maximum practicable opportunity for small businesses to compete for MICC

awards," Spiess said.

"By integrating themselves into office procedures for acquisition planning, they can advocate early in the game and help to identify capable small business vendors."

She explained that historically, small business has helped strengthen economic growth and job creation. During a 15-year period, small businesses created more than 60 percent of all new jobs in the nation.

The MICC is responsible for providing contracting support for the warfighter at Army commands, installations and activities located throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

In fiscal 2012, the command executed more than 58,000 contract actions worth almost \$6.3 billion across the Army, including \$2.6 billion to small businesses.

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Ill., by performing post-award contracting functions at the local installation level. The MICC also becomes responsible for existing EAGLE contracts.

"The contract administration portion of DOL requirements will remain with the MICC as we are the ACC presence on installations and as such are in the best position to provide local contract oversight and management," LaPorte said.

The transfer of DOL requirements from IMCOM to ASC at the start of the new fiscal year represents only a minimal increase in workload for members of the MICC, as many local offices were already administering those contracts.

"There are numerous challenges in this

process as the transfer of DOL functions is a significant effort for the Army to undertake," LaPorte said.

"Our people have the needed skills and expertise to administer the orders that will eventually be awarded by the Rock Island Contracting Center and transferred to our offices."

The working group is finalizing a memorandum of understanding that includes the transition of management for EAGLE basic ordering agreement task order awards to MICC local contracting offices.

A basic ordering agreement is a written instrument between the government and a contractor that outlines terms and clauses as well as describes contracted items or services along with pricing and delivery instructions.

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tagless labels, anti-microbial properties, quick-dry capability, removal of reflective properties in the uniform, the removal of the liner and elastic bottom on the pants and overall pattern adjustments for a better fit.

Those changes came as a result of Soldier input as well.

Command Sgt. Maj. Emmett Maunakea, Program Executive Office Soldier, said Soldiers were asked to weigh in on the IPFU, and are being asked now to vote on which uniform they like best, because it is Soldiers who are the end users.

“Nobody can tell you better what needs to happen with it than the user of that piece of equipment,” Maunakea said. “We need the feedback from Soldiers and leaders in the field to tell us what is wrong with it, what is right with it, and how can we make it work better for them.”

Maunakea said Soldiers know what’s available to civilians in the way of fitness gear, and brought that knowledge with them when they commented on the Army’s uniform.

“Our Soldiers are smart,” he said. “They are out there spending a lot of money in the economy as they buy their civilian

workout clothing.”

Maj. Mia Bruner, assistant product manager for initial issue uniforms, said Soldiers came into the February survey with well-informed ideas about their physical fitness uniform.

“They knew what they wanted that uniform to do,” she said. “They knew that they wanted it to have sort of high-performance capabilities within the fabric. They know when you go out on the commercial market, you see tags that say anti-microbial and quick-dry and all of these high-speed, high-performance terminology – they knew what characteristics and

features they wanted to see in the uniform.”

To save on cost, the reflective elements of the IPFU have been removed, Maunakea said.

“Everybody is going to be wearing a PT belt anyway, so it doesn’t make sense to have it on the uniform.”

On the long sleeve T-shirt, the “mock collar” has been removed, as well as the sleeve cuffs, to make the uniform more comfortable for Soldiers.

“We made it more like a crew neck collar to allow more air in for the Soldiers to cool down as they are working out,” Bruner said.

In the February survey,

Soldiers had said they felt the liner in the pants was too thick and “got in the way,” Bruner said. The liner has been removed. “We included reinforcements along the knee area as well.”

Also a possibility with the new uniform is “possible female sizing that will be developed,” Bruner said.

Soldiers can start voting on the IPFU at <https://ipfusurvey.natick.army.mil>, and log in with a CAC.

Soldiers who want to take the survey without having to log in with a CAC, visit <https://surveys.natick.army.mil/Surveys/ipfu.nsf>.



Courtesy photo

A Soldier models one of the proposed Improved Physical Fitness Uniforms.

Odierno, Biden announce education milestone for military kids

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

More than 100 colleges and universities have signed on to a White House initiative to prepare educators for the unique needs of their military-connected students, Jill Biden announced Oct. 3.

Biden, wife of the vice president, made the announcement at George Mason University as part of the latest accomplishment of the "Joining Forces" campaign she began in April 2010 with First Lady Michelle Obama to rally Americans to support the health, education and employment needs of military families.

Biden noted that she is a "military mom" of a National Guard Soldier and a community college teacher.

In those roles and as second lady, she said, "I have heard over and over from military families just how important it is that school be a supportive environment for children."

Military children change school systems, on average, six to nine times, Biden said.

"Through each transition, they are faced with leaving their friends and adjusting to new schools and new surroundings, all of which can affect a student's opportunity to achieve academic success," she said.

"As a teacher, this issue is particularly close to my heart."

Through the initiative, Biden said, all teachers can make an impact on military children.

"I know future educators across the country will be better prepared to make a difference in the life of a military child," she said.

The initiative is co-sponsored by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and the Military Child Education Coalition.

As part of the initiative, participating colleges and universities, including George Mason, implement guiding principles in their preparation programs and partner



Photo by Staff Sgt. Teddy Wade

Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, speaks about being a military mother during a "Joining Forces" campaign event on educating educators at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., Oct. 3.

with schools that serve kindergarten through grade 12 students to ensure future educators have the knowledge and skills to meet the needs of military-connected students.

Biden was joined by Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Army chief of staff, who said he understands the challenges faced by military families – he moved his wife and children 24 times during his 36-year military

career, causing his son and daughter to change schools during each year of high school.

Today, Odierno said, his children are successful adults in large part because of their military upbringing, the resilience it adds, and the teachers who took an interest in them.

"They are successful because there happened to be someone who wanted to nurture their abilities," Odierno said.

The key to the nomadic lifestyle of military children, the general said, is that "their experiences should be rich and diverse in schools."

The initiative, called "Operation Educate the Educators," will help ensure positive experiences for military children, 80 percent of whom attend public schools, Odierno said.

The Army also hosts several programs to ensure the school success of military children, including tutoring programs and placing military liaison officers in all schools that serve Army families, Odierno said.

He added that the military's interest in educating service members' children goes back to at least 1866 when the Army established schools on installations for soldiers' children -- 62 years before the United States adopted compulsory education for children.

Odierno introduced Felicity and Abigail Horan, twins of Lt. Col. Dave Horan, who recently moved to the Fairfax

area, to explain to teachers in the audience about their military lifestyle.

Now in the seventh grade, the girls are attending their fifth school, brought on by eight military relocations, Felicity explained. She told of "always saying goodbye" to friends and that their father missed five of their birthdays.

But, Felicity said, "Don't feel sorry for us. We are stronger because of our experiences."

Teachers made a difference in their lives, Felicity said, singling out her third-grade teacher who "always asked how my dad was doing" when he was deployed.

Patty Shinseki, a leader in MCEC and wife of retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, secretary of the Veterans Affairs Department, also spoke at the event.

Shinseki said her children changed schools many times during the family's 38 years of service, and "it provided opportunities for new connections and personal growth."

Army tightening fitness standards for students entering professional military education courses

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

Pre-war height, weight and physical fitness standards are coming back for Soldiers entering professional military education courses on or after Nov. 1.

The short explanation is: if you're heavier than you should be, or you can't meet the Army's physical fitness standards, you're not going to get into the professional

military education, or PME course you're scheduled to attend.

The standards had been waived because the Army needed as many Soldiers as possible trained for the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts – but that is no longer the case.

"In 2007, when the Army was fighting two simultaneous conflicts, we instituted a physical fitness waiver for institutional training courses,"

said Brig. Gen. Todd McCaffrey, director of Army training.

"This ensured Soldiers attending these courses received the required education and relevant operational and combat skills training, regardless of temporary fitness issues or post-deployment recovery and reset cycles. We accepted this risk, rather than send an untrained or unschooled Soldier back to their units."

Now, McCaffrey said, the Army can afford to have Soldiers who meet both the training and fitness standards.

According to a message sent to all Army activities, PME courses affected include the Senior Service College, the Sergeants Major Academy, the Joint Special Operation Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, the Captains Career Course, intermediate level education, the Warrant

Officer Advance Course, the Warrant Officer Staff Course, the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course, the Advanced Leaders Course, the Senior Leaders Course, and the Warrior Leader Course.

The policy change applies equally to courses taught in-residence and by mobile training teams.

Soldiers who are identified to attend these courses and schools will get an initial Army physical fitness test, height and weight screening. Those who don't pass the initial test will be allowed one retest.

Soldiers who don't meet requirements after

the second test will be removed from the course. Their service school academic evaluation report will also be annotated "failed to achieve course standards."

"Reestablishing the Army physical fitness test and height/weight standards into our professional military education programs reinforces the efforts the Army's senior leaders have been emphasizing on standards based training and education," McCaffrey said.

More information regarding the policy change can be found at: http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/ad2012_20.pdf.

Cole tech student interns impress international conference attendees

By Robert Hoffmann
Robert G. Cole High School

A group of nine technology student interns from Robert G. Cole High School participated in the Council of Educational Facilities Planners International Conference held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center Sept. 23.

The conference was designed for businesses involved in the planning and construction of educational facilities from around the world.

The primary task for the students, who attended with Dr. Roland Rios, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District technology director, and Lori Fuller, Cole instructional design coach, was to act as “students of the future” in a mock future classroom on the exhibit

hall floor.

They were engaged in the projects that Fuller designed for them and well poised when attendees mingled among them and asked questions.

“It was a unique experience to see the different models of engineering and technology incorporated in a classroom setting,” said senior Dana Hagan. “It was also especially exciting to converse with attendees from countries other than the United States.”

In the afternoon, the students visited the booth of a team of architects, where the students were thrown a bit of a curveball.

Before an audience of about 40 people, the architects asked if the Cole students could split into three groups and prepare a presentation about what they

envision for the classrooms of the future, and be ready to present to the audience when they were done.

The Cole team was to be allotted 45 minutes. Their response? “No problem.”

Less than an hour later, Coles’ interns had produced a CorkboardMe brainstorming session, an Animoto video, and a Google Presentation.

They were asked to try to speak for about five minutes, but each group ended up presenting for about 15 minutes. The audience was impressed by the students’ articulate, intelligent and funny responses.

This year’s Cole technology interns consisted of A.J. Bray, Teresa Cenney, Rashad White, Sierra Manlapaz, Tony McCall, Katelyn Kaufmann, Dana Hagan, Stefan Arnold and Brianna Washington.

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Oct. 15

National Lunch Week

National Bus Safety Week: bus evacuation drill during PE classes

Vision and hearing screening

Oct. 16

Vision and Hearing Screening

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Oct. 15

MS Volleyball vs. Dilley at Cole, 5/6 p.m.

Oct. 16

Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 4:30-6 p.m. in the high school mall and Mosely Gym

Oct. 17

ASVAB Testing, Grade 12

PSAT Testing, Grades 10 and 11

Oct. 18

MS Football vs. George West at George West, 5/6:30 p.m.

JV Football vs. George West at Cole, 6 p.m.

Oct. 19

JVV Volleyball vs. Natalia at Cole, 4:30/5:30 p.m.

MS Halloween Dance, 6:30-8:30, MS Mall

Varsity Football vs. George West at George West, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 20

Cole Senior Portraits

Fall Musical Rehearsals at Mosely Gym, 1-3 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Light the Night Walk from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at HemisFair Park. Call 998-5126 for more information.

SCHOOL FIX-UP PROJECT

Veterans, active duty military personnel and their families are needed from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at Sarah King Elementary School, 1001 Ceralvo St. to help paint hallways, classrooms and murals; create reading nooks; and help with light carpentry and landscaping. Visit <http://missioncontinues.org/event/Veterans-Day-with-Target-in-San-Antonio-2012> for more information.



Walk Challenge

Army Health Promotions is challenging people to walk twice a week for 30 minutes. Group walking sessions are 3:20-4:50 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Medical Education & Training Campus track or 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at San Antonio Military Medical Center outside by the Grab n Go tables, by the Tower North. Call 221-1131, 295-2399 or 295-2538 for information.

Oktoberfest 2012

Oct. 12, 5-11 p.m. and Oct. 13, noon-11 p.m. on MacArthur Parade Field. Enjoy an authentic German "Biergarten," food booths and live entertainment, carnival rides and children's activity tent and arts and crafts vendors. Free parking and admission. Call 221-1718.

Surviving the Holidays

Oct. 12, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Positive Parenting

Oct. 15, 22, and 29, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Thrift Savings Plan

Oct. 15, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

Word Level 3

Oct. 16, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

HUGS playgroup

Oct. 16, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Battlemind Pre-Training for Families

Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946 or email usaf.jbsa.502-bw.mbx.502-fss-acs-mobilization-and-deployment@mail.mil

Bank Account Management

Oct. 16, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

PowerPoint Level 2

Oct. 17, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building

2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Children in the Middle

Oct. 17 and 20, 1-4:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Excel Level 3

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

Key Caller Training

Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946 or e-mail usaf.jbsa.502-bw.mbx.502-fss-acs-mobilization-and-deployment@mail.mil.

Stress Management

Oct. 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650, call 221-0349.

Safety Seat Clinic

Oct. 18, 1-3 p.m., JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Fire Station, Building 3830, call 221-0349.

Troops to Teachers Briefing

Oct. 19, 1-3 p.m., a representative from "Troops to Teachers" will conduct a workshop at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Army Career & Alumni Program office, Building 2263, in room B-100. Call 221-1213.

Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Army Career & Alumni Program holds several two and a half day Transition Assistance Program seminars to help military personnel transition to civilian employment. Available dates are Oct. 24-26, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 5-7 or 12-14. Classes meet 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 8-11 a.m. Friday. The seminar covers multiple employment-related topics presented by the Texas Workforce Commission. A DD Form 2648 must be completed before attending the class. Dress code is civilian attire. The TAP is followed by a veteran benefits briefing, Friday from noon-4 p.m. The Veterans Administration offers life-long VA benefits. Call 221-1213 to reserve a seat.

Armed Forces

Team Building Level 1

Oct. 24 and 25, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Installation Chaplain Training Room, Building 2530, call 221-0918.

Haunted House

The Youth Center haunted house will open Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20 and 26-27, 6:30-10:30 p.m. and

on Halloween, Oct. 31, 6-9:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, Building 1630. Casper's Fun House will be open for the little ones. The cost will be \$1 for children 5 and under, \$2 for children and youth ages 6-18 and \$3 for adults. Call 221-3502.

Doggie Dip

Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-noon, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, Building 3300 on Williams Road. Free hot dogs and drinks for pet-owners and treats for dogs. Call 221-1718.

Operation Rising Star Auditions

Auditions are now open for singers aspiring to perform in the 2012 Operation Rising Star Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at the Sam Houston Community Center, Building 1395. The contestants will first sing a cappella in front of a three-judge panel. The judges will select the top five finalists who will then sing with an accompaniment. For this second round, there will be a 50/50 split vote between the judges and the audience. The second and third place winners locally receive \$250 and \$100, respectively. The first place winner at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston competition receives \$500. The video of their performance will be judged among other winners worldwide, with only 12 contestants selected for the finals. The 2012

grand prize winner receives \$1,000 and a trip for two to Los Angeles for a professional recording studio experience, valuing \$18,000. For more information, call 221-4016.

41st Combat Support Hospital Reunion

Former members of the 41st CSH are invited for a picnic reunion noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 27 at Salado Creek Park on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 916-9527, 269-2150 or 654-3264 for more information.

Halloween Carnival

Oct. 31, 4-5:30 p.m., School Age Services, Building 1703. Wear your costume and enjoy carnival games, dancing and treats. Call 221-3381.

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.

Employment Search Orientation

Nov. 9, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0516.

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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. Requirements include excellent military image and appearance, minimum fitness score of 75 (must be within last six 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.

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. 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.

Nasal influenza research study

Brooke Army Medical Center is enrolling people for a self-administered nasal influenza feasibility study. Male and female applicants should be in good health, between 18 and 49 years of age and be a Department of Defense beneficiary. During the study, applicants will complete an interview and diary, have blood drawn twice, make two

visits over a one-month period and be supplied with the nasal vaccination. There is a payment of \$25 for each blood draw. To apply, or for more information, call 916-6014.

Budge Dental Clinic Hours Change

Walk-in exams at the Budge Dental Clinic, located at 3145 Garden Ave., Building 1278, are from 6 to 10 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Sick call is from 6 to 10:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. weekdays. The clinic is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed for lunch from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays. There are department and clinic meetings from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. People may now call to schedule an exam/prophylaxis appointment in place of a walk-in exam. These combination appointments are limited and only offered certain days of the week. For more information, call 808-3736 or 808-3735.

JBSA FSH Voting Assistance Office

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Voting Assistance Office is open and available to 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. People can also contact their unit voting assistance officer. 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 JBSA-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 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.

All-Day Appointments for CAC/ID Cards

The 502 Air Base Wing replaced the walk-in customer services at its main ID Card/CAC issuance facilities with an all-day appointment-only process for all military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employees and contractor customers. Appointment times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Changes to existing ID Card/CAC and DEERS services only affect the main DEERS ID Card/CAC issuance facilities at these locations: 502nd Force Support Squadron, Building 367, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, 221-0415; 802nd Force Support Squadron, Building 5616, JBSA-Lackland, and 902nd Force Support Squadron, Building 399, JBSA-Randolph. Visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> to set up an appointment.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

EFMP Resource Fair

The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold a Resource Fair 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards Dr. at the intersection of Wurzbach Parkway and Thousand Oaks Drive. For more information on this annual event, call 221-2962.

Gardening for Wildlife Seminar

Green Spaces Alliance will sponsor a Gardening for Wildlife seminar 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 20 at Denver Heights Community Garden, 300 Porter St. Participants will have an opportunity to assemble a nesting box and plant species ap-

propriate for attracting butterflies. There is a \$5 admission fee, register at <http://www.greensatx.org>.

Halloween at Morgan's Wonderland

Morgan's Wonderland will be open 5-8 p.m. Oct. 31. Children age 12 and younger and special-needs individuals of all ages can wear their more-delightful-than-frightful Halloween costumes and go trick-or-treating while they enjoy the 25-acre theme park and all the attractions that are accessible to everyone. For more information, visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.

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.

information, call 226-1663.

Bullis Sportsman Range

The range is open Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning Oct. 6. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. Call 295-7577.

Hunting Season at Bullis

Archery hunting season for deer is open Friday-Sunday, 5:30 a.m. until dark at JBSA-Camp Bullis. Hunters must have preselected permit to hunt deer. Scouting of preselected hunting areas continues. Call 295-7577.

Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6, 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381 for information.

Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort 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.

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.

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 full.

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.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html>.

Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time Thursdays, 10 a.m. at the Keith A. Campbell



FOR SALE: King size mattress with two box springs, excellent condition, \$225; five new cartridges for HP printers - high capacity 564XL, in five colors: cyan, magenta, yellow, photo and black, \$15; computer desk, 41 inches long, 16 inches wide, 28 inches high, \$19; new portable TV's, AC or battery powered, with AM/FM reception, \$25 and \$35; new Oakley sun glasses, 99 percent UV protection, with soft case and hard case included, \$75. Call 313-0061.

FOR SALE: 2006 Dodge Stratus STX, excellent driving condition, four door, A/C, cruise, 110K miles. Call 815-2582 or 995-7317.

GARAGE SALE: Oct. 12 and 13, 3119 Leyte St., appliances, tools, furniture, clothes, household items, toys and more.

Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

Thrift Shop Open

The Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. There is a summer blow-out sale with many items marked half off. The shop also has Halloween costumes and ladies formal wear. Store hours are Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consigned items are taken those same days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken during regular business hours. Consignment of fall items begins Oct. 17. For information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

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.

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

Rigimental 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.

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

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

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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. To submit an issue, email jbsa.afap@gmail.com. Call 221-2336 for more information.

"On Golden Pond" at the Harlequin

Oct.18-Nov. 17, Thursdays, Fridays at Saturdays at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. Call 222-9694 for reservations.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office Fall Hours

Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The ticket office will reopen on Saturdays in spring 2013. Call 226-1663.

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

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.

Stilwell House

The JBSA-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.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the

conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com/>.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

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

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 JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for more information.