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INTEGRITY FIRST

Be the leader you deserve to have

By Maj. Dale Williquette
22nd Maintenance Operations Squadron

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. (AFNS) – We all know that the New Year brings resolutions that typically revolve around better health and fitness, paying off debt or completing educational goals.

What about making a resolution to be a better leader?

Vince Lombardi said, "Leadership rests not only upon ability, not only upon capacity – having the capacity to lead is not enough. The leader must be willing to use it. His leadership is then based on truth and character. There must be truth in the purpose and will power in the character."

Leadership is a key skill in almost any organization, but it is a must in the military. Key aspects of leadership include setting a good example, followed closely by setting and then enforcing standards. We all know these tenets from professional military education and mentorship that we receive from those we work with daily. There are two additional aspects of leadership that we should look at more closely if we want to be truly successful leaders.

The first is leading by being the leader you wish you had. We all know of good and bad examples of leadership. We have all worked for bad leaders and said to ourselves, "If I ever get a chance to lead, I'll never do what he/she just did."

We have also worked for outstanding leaders who we would attempt to emulate given the chance to lead. In my experience the best leaders were the ones who led as the leaders they

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wished they had. I know that sentence is a mouthful, but think about it. Would anyone want to be a bad leader for themselves? It is a leadership application of "do unto others as you would do unto yourself." This doesn't mean that you should cancel all standards and let people do whatever they want. It means that you should hold yourself to the same standard that you hold all of your folks to and treat them the way you would like a leader to treat you.

The second is followership. You're asking yourself, "What does followership have to do with leadership?" The answer is quite simple. The only individual in our military chain of command who does not work for a superior is the President of the United States. The rest of us are followers in some way. Those who you lead pay attention to how you follow your leaders. They will emulate your followership, therefore in order to

be a good leader you must also be a good follower.

In order to be a good follower, I recommend you take the advice of the previous paragraph and be the follower you wish you had. Once again, we have all had good followers and bad followers. As leaders we can learn from our followers if we just pay attention. If you are as good a follower as you wish you had, then your leadership will be happy as long as you maintain those standards we talked about earlier.

The ultimate goal of all leaders should be to grow their replacements. Our purpose should be to train our followers to be at least as good a leader, preferably a better leader, than we are now. By setting good examples of being the leader/follower we wish we had, we can grow the next generation of Air Force leaders to improve upon our successes and continue the process of increasingly superior leadership. It is up to us to do it right.

ON THE COVER

Bryan London, Randolph High School Ro-Hawks basketball player, takes a shot against the Robert G. Cole High School Cougars Jan 11. at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The Ro-Hawks have an overall record of 16-3 and a 4-1 division record. For more coverage, see page 10.

Photo by Joshua Rodriguez

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2013 Joint Base San Antonio Annual Awards auditions

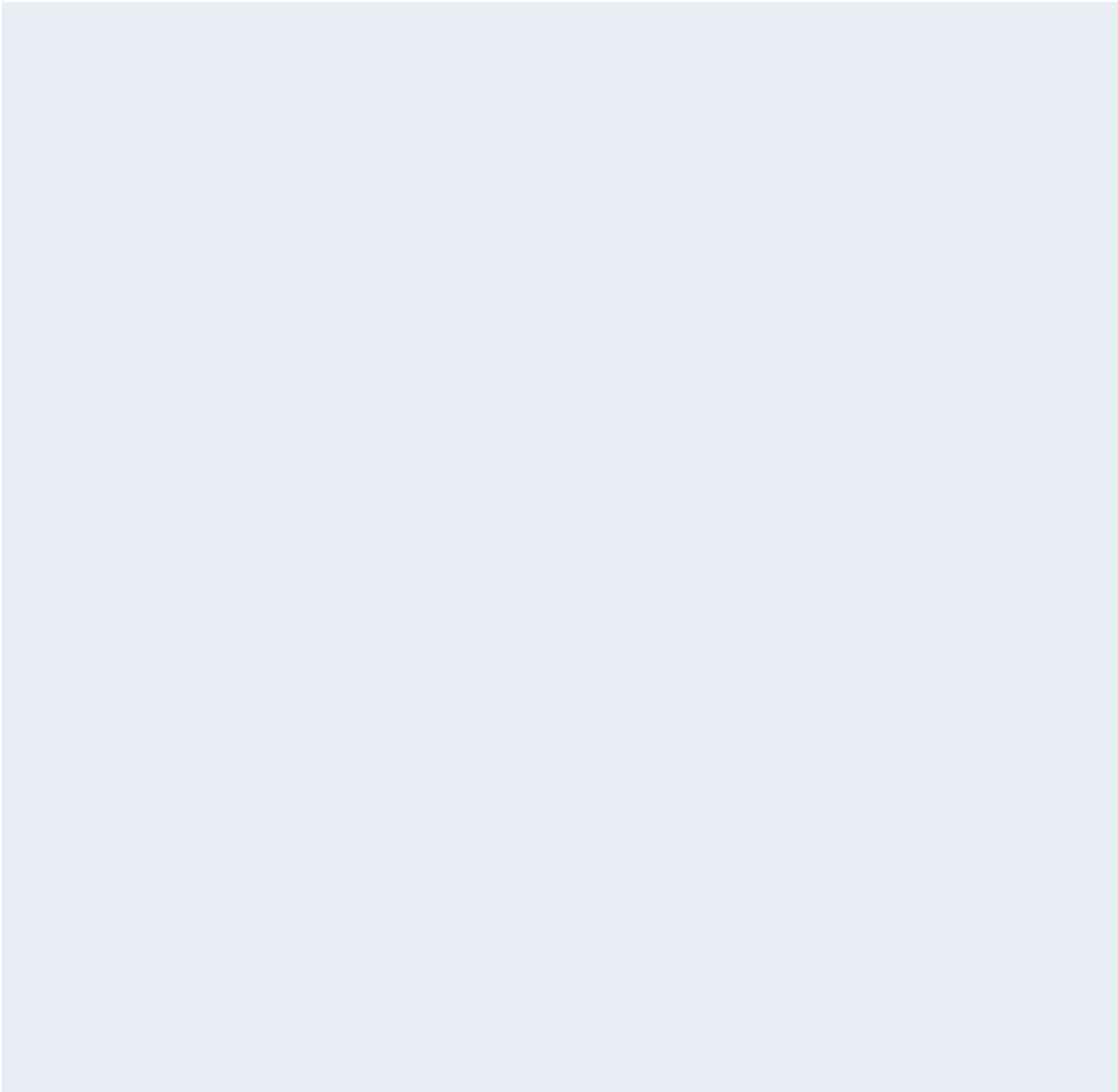
The JBSA Annual Awards Committee will host auditions for emcees and national anthem singers at

3:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the JBSA-Lackland Robert D. Gaylor NCOA Auditorium. Members of all ranks

and grades representing all service branches are encouraged to audition. For more information,

contact Senior Master Sgt. Craig Ferguson at 671-3722 or Master Sgt. Michael Harris at 565-3673.





NEWS

Cody leaves AETC to become CMSgt of Air Force

By Tech. Sgt. Beth Anschutz
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

The Air Education and Training Command will bid farewell to its senior enlisted leader as he transitions to the highest enlisted level of Air Force leadership Feb. 1.

Chief Master Sgt. James Cody will take the reigns as the 17th chief master sergeant of the Air Force to provide direction for the enlisted corps and represent their interests, a job he is prepared for after his tenure as the command chief master sergeant of the Air Force's "First Command."

On the cusp of the new chapter in his life, Cody took a moment to look back on his time within AETC.

"Like many Airmen in our Air Force, I'd been exposed to AETC throughout my career, but to be honest, only as a recipient of the recruiting process, training and education," he said. "What you learn when you come into AETC is just how much you don't know about what goes into those three critical aspects of our Air Force."

Cody said he believes Airmen learn new things from every assignment, but that his experience in AETC was unique.

"The amount and complexity of what we do in AETC is much larger than you can fathom without being or having been part of it," he said.

Cody joined the Air Force in 1984 as

an air traffic control specialist. Throughout his career, he has filled myriad roles to include additional duty first sergeant and directorate superintendent. Prior to his tour in AETC, he served as the command chief master sergeant for 18th Air Force at Scott AFB, Ill.

Cody said learning from challenges is important to the future of the command and the Air Force; the greatest challenge here being to have a good grasp of every aspect in the complex mission of AETC and making a positive impact throughout.

"I've certainly learned a lot, but there is still much more to learn," he said. "Working to keep focus on the mission is why we're here and we can never forget that. The challenge becomes ensuring we are also focusing the necessary resources and time on our most important asset - our people."

The chief's attention to the resiliency of Airmen and its impact on the Air Force's future is evident from his speeches in large settings as well as his one-on-one conversations with Airmen throughout the command.

"Airmen and their families are the foundation of all that we do. If we don't take care of them, everything crumbles. I believe we've worked hard on this and will continue to after my departure," he said.

"The resiliency of our Air Force depends on it. We've faced and continue



Photo by Senior Airman Corey Hook

Staff Sgt. Christian Maes (right), 59th Dental Squadron dental laboratory journeyman, shows Chief Master Sgt. James Cody, Air Education and Training Command Chief, prosthetic models at the MacKown Dental Clinic at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Jan. 12.

to face several other challenges and this I know: the AETC team is prepared to do it."

Cody said his advice for the Airmen in AETC is quite simple, "keep doing what you're doing."

"Despite several challenges we've faced over the last two years, some we'd wished never occurred, we are extremely fortunate in our Air Force to have a team

of dedicated professionals and their families taking care of business," he said.

"We can't afford to have the actions of a very few derail the good you do. Stay focused. Do your best every day and seek opportunities to do so. We can ask no more - take care of each other and your families."

See CHIEF P11

AETC commander selects new command chief

The commander of Air Education and Training Command announced the selection of the command's next senior enlisted leader.

Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr. tapped Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia Jr., currently the 12th Air Force command chief at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., as the AETC command chief master sergeant. Tapia is slated to begin his tenure at the end of January.

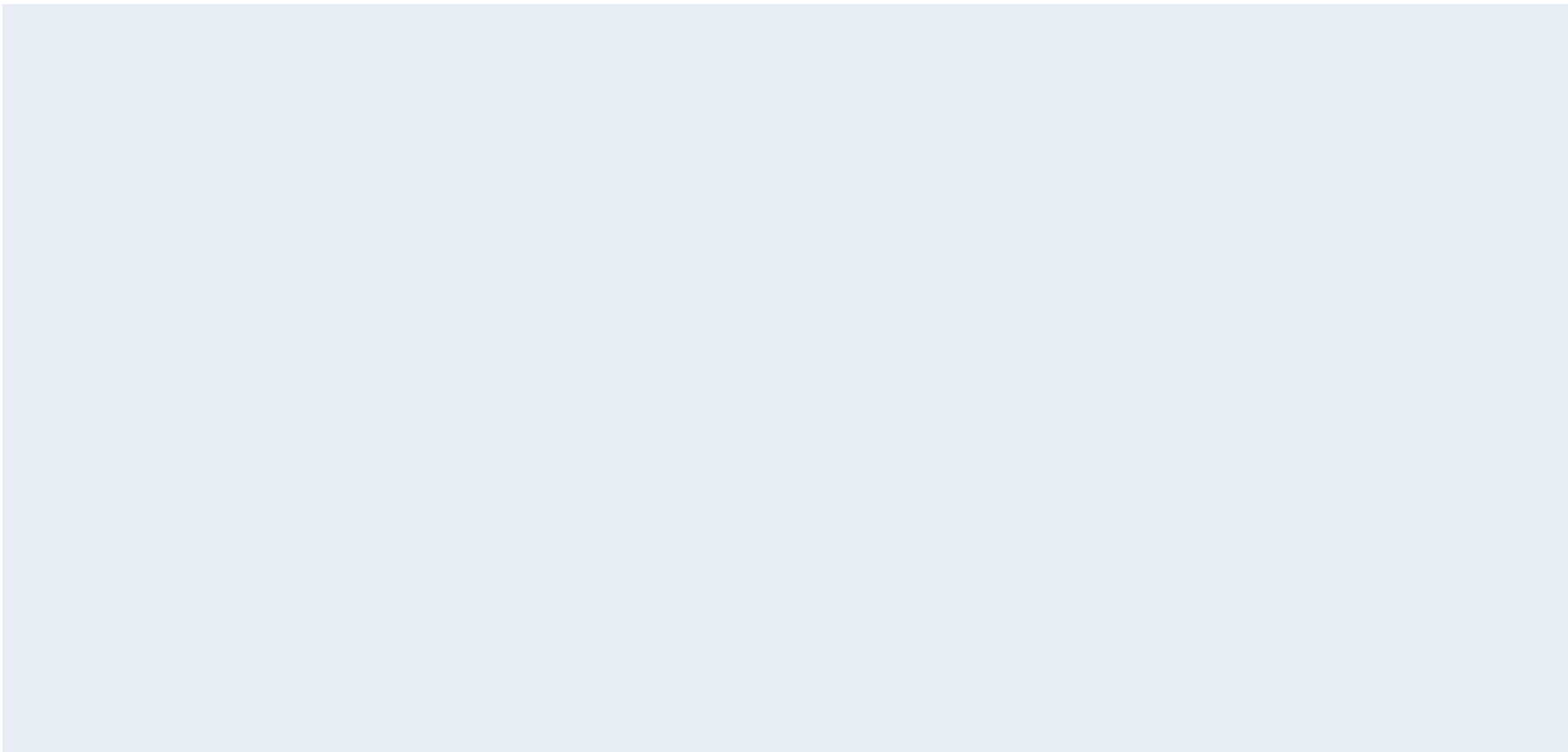
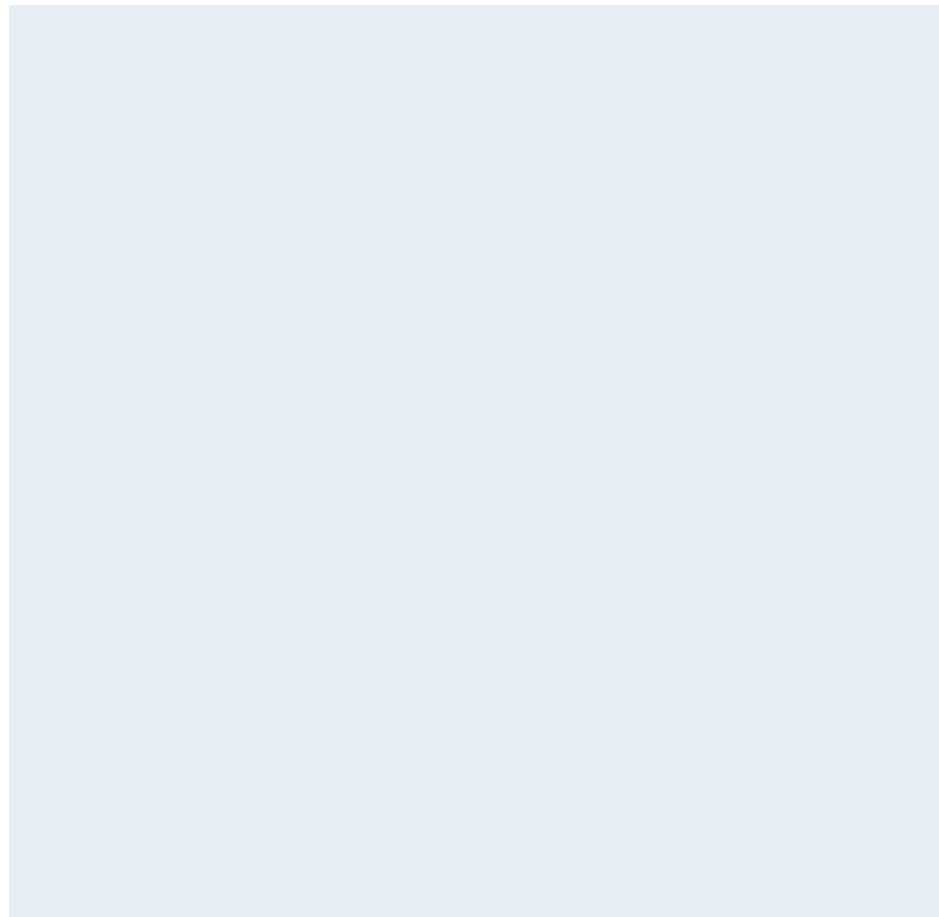
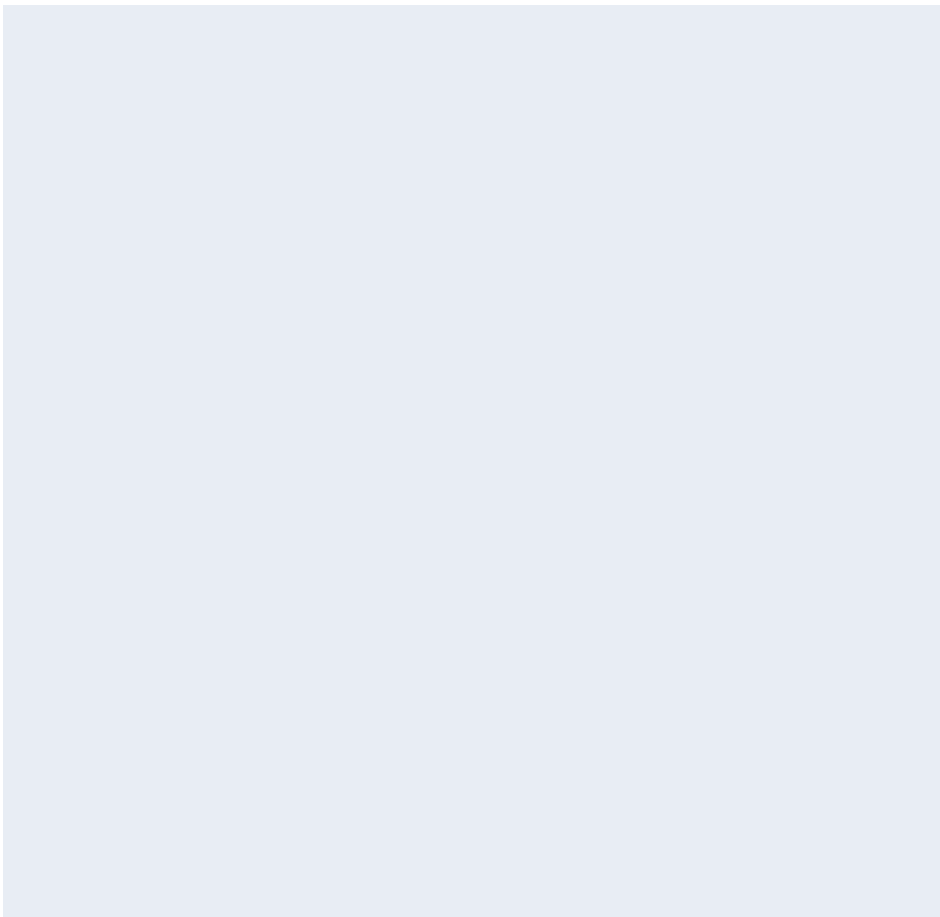
Tapia, who has nearly 28 years of Air Force service, is an El Paso, Texas, native. He is a master personnelist and has served as a command chief during his past two assignments at the 49th Wing at Holloman AFB, N.M., and Davis-Monthan AFB.



Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia Jr.

CAC, ID card appointments

For customers requiring new identification cards, common access cards and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System services, the 502nd ABW replaced existing walk-in customer services available 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 to help reduce excessive wait times. Appointment times in 20-minute intervals will be 8 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customers can schedule appointments at any of these facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> or they can call to set up an appointment.



Wings of Blue jump into bowl game opening ceremonies

By Bekah Clark
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force Parachute Team, the Wings of Blue, kicked off the Orange Bowl and Bowl Championship Series National Championship football games, Jan. 1 and 7.

The team delivered team flags, the American flag and the game ball into Sun Life Stadium, surrounded by more than 75,000 screaming fans.

“Jumping into the stadium was overwhelming,” said Cadet 1st Class Derek Travis, the Wings of Blue demonstration team commander for the fall semester. “I’ve jumped into more than a dozen air shows and those just don’t compare.”

The Wings of Blue, which has demonstration and competition teams, is comprised of 75 Air Force Academy cadets and 36 staff members who are based out of the U.S Air Force Academy, Colo. Each year, the team collectively performs at more than 40 nationwide events to an estimated combined audience of 12 million.

In addition to performing, the team is responsible for the instruction and coaching of Airmanship 490, the basic para-

chutist course at the Academy. During the course, the Wings of Blue train new jumpers on everything from preparing and getting into the air and back down to the ground safely.

Each Airmanship 490 participant performs five solo jumps, consequently earning the Air Force’s basic parachutist badge. The program is the only one in the country in which the student’s first jump is an unassisted solo freefall sky dive.

The team also teaches and coaches the Wings of Green, the Wings of Blue’s train up team.

Though Travis has had the opportunity to perform at multiple air shows and college football games across the country, his favorite part of being on the team is coaching and working with his classmates.

“The greatest thing is the reward of watching someone you’ve trained and coached face their fear and get out of the plane for the first time,” he said. “They get on the ground and they’re beaming because they’ve just done something they never thought they could do.”

Being the team commander isn’t always easy though.

“The hardest part is deciding which jumper gets to perform at



Courtesy photo

Members of the Air Force Academy Parachute Team, the Wings of Blue, wave to the crowd after their jump into the opening ceremony of the Bowl Championship Series National Championship football game Jan. 7 in Miami, Fla.

what event,” he said.

Ultimately, the confidence and leadership skills that cadets gain through the program are the most important, Travis said.

“Throughout the program, you’ve learned to work as a team and trust each other, from day one you are quite literally putting your life into other people’s hands,” he said.

“The confidence and leadership skills you gain are huge – it gives you the courage to do something like step out of a plane and that transfers to every other aspect of life.”

Upon his graduation and commissioning from the Academy in May of this year, Travis, a management major with a Portuguese minor, will head to Columbus AFB, Miss., for undergraduate pilot training.

Security forces officials warn against reckless driving at gates

By Alex Salinas
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs



When active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors leave Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph through the main and west gates, chances are they will encounter protective barriers called bollards.

Nine drivers struck the bollards in 2012, with two incidents occurring in December, all resulting from errant driving.

The drivers’ ages varied, so the strikes were not a demographics issue, Master Sgt. Richard Orwig, 902nd Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of operations, said.

“The two things we did notice were distracted driving and excessive speeds,” or a combination of both as was the case in a Dec. 16 strike, he said.

The bollards are designed to be navigated around at a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour for a passenger vehicle.

“Some vehicles can’t make it through safely even at that speed due to size, especially if it’s a large truck,” Orwig said.

This spurred security forces to engage JBSA-Randolph members on the topic of safe driving, with a proposed slogan of “Slow Down to Get Around” in the works for

the main and west gate areas.

“The bollards don’t pose a large problem for the base populace to the point of removing this good security practice,” Maj. Gregory Bodenstein, 902nd SFS commander, said. “Negotiating the bollards is successfully done by thousands of drivers at JBSA-Randolph every day.”

According to security officials, the bollards are here to stay for good reason.

“The biggest thing is they aren’t going to be removed; they are a force protection directive to limit the chance of somebody from coming into the base in a vehicle through the outbound lanes (near the exit gate),” Orwig said, which is an antiterrorism measure.

They are also used by many Air Force installations post-9/11 to control entry and exit speeds for additional protection, Orwig added.

During high-traffic hours such as lunchtime and at the end of business, from about 3:30-6 p.m., the bollards are removed because an influx of vehicles creates an organic barrier – a blocking force in the outbound lanes – eliminating their need momentarily.

However, the safety message remains the same.

“Follow the speed limit and take the time to drive safely,” Orwig said.

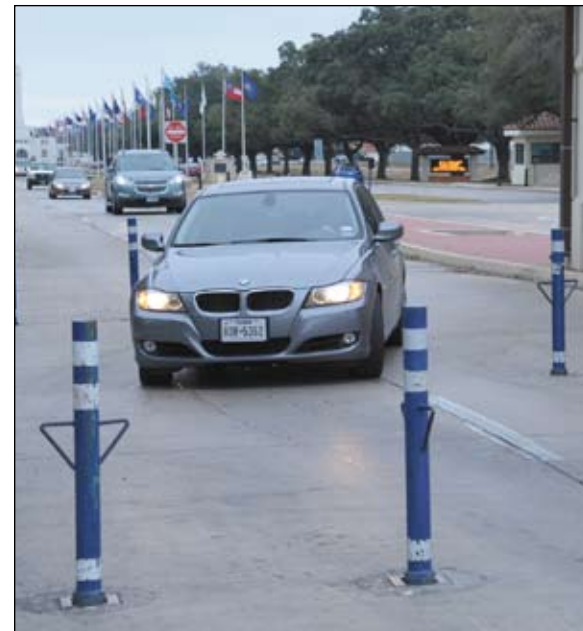


Photo by Joel Martinez

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph members slow their vehicle speed as they drive through the JBSA-Randolph main gate bollards Jan. 15.

CHURCH PAGE

Memorial wall honors fallen security forces members

By Alex Salinas

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs



Sometimes a reminder at the workplace is essential to motivate, inspire and put people's jobs into perspective. The newly installed Fallen and Defender Wall at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph law enforcement building is one such reminder for security forces members.

The wall, posted in the building's hallway, displays profiles of nine security forces Airmen who have been killed in action since 2005: eight in Iraq and one in an airport in Germany.

Under each photograph of the Airmen are small-scale recreations of medals they earned.

"It's our way of showing respect to those who served before us and also to let new personnel here know that our mission isn't just law enforcement; we also have a mission downrange," Staff Sgt. Jason Moscoso, 902nd Security Forces Squadron NCO in charge of resource protection, who helped construct the wall, said.

The idea for the project was generated from leaders at JB-SA-Randolph, but was supervised by Moscoso and Staff Sgt. Arthur Shaw, 902nd SFS NCO in charge of plans and pro-

The Fallen and Defender Wall is displayed in the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Law Enforcement building. The wall displays profiles of nine security forces Airmen who have been killed in action since 2005: eight in Iraq and one in an airport in Germany. The wall was completed Nov. 9.

Photo illustration by Joshua Rodriguez



grams, who completed the wall Nov. 9.

"It's a representation of who we are, not only as members of the Air Force, but also as defenders of the nation," Shaw said.

The wall, which is open to viewing by visitors as requested, will remain permanently in JBSA-Randolph's law enforcement building.

In addition to honoring a few of the Air Force's fallen Airmen, Moscoso found practical and earnest meaning behind the squadron memento, echoed in a security forces prayer placed in the center of the wall.

"It also shows that we shouldn't be complacent in our jobs and in our lives," he said. "We are in a dangerous career field, so we can't be complacent in what we do."

To schedule a viewing, call the security forces front desk, Bldg. 235, at 652-5700.

Photo illustration by Joshua Rodriguez and Maggie Armstrong

Above: Staff Sgt. Eric Simmons, 902nd Security Forces Squadron Police Services, stands at the command dedication of their Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Defenders Wall Dec. 6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

Right: Airmen from the 902nd Security Forces Squadron bow their heads during the invocation of their Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Defenders Wall Dec. 6.

Photo by Joshua Rodriguez



Fallen Defenders*

Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Jacobson

Staff Sgt. Brian McElroy

Tech. Sgt. Jason Norton

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard Chavis

Staff Sgt. John Self

Senior Airman Jason Nathan

Staff Sgt. Travis Griffin

1st Lt. Joseph Helton, Jr.

Senior Airman Nicholas Alden

**The Fallen Defenders are listed in chronological order according to date of death.*

Military ambassadors chosen for 2013

Military ambassadors from the Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard service members will represent their respective services at San Antonio-area community events, including nearly 150 activities associated with Fiesta San Antonio. They also participate in parades and visit local schools, nursing homes and retirement facilities throughout the year.



**Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Von Palacio
and Sgt. 1st Class Ishmah C. Bailey**

Palacio is assigned to Company B, 232nd Medical Battalion, as an advanced individual training platoon sergeant who trains, mentors and develops the Army's future fighting force by providing excellent leadership and training. Bailey is with the Army Medical Department Center and School Noncommissioned Officer Academy as a senior small group leader. His job is to supervise and manage both internal and external course processes that provide training for 1,200 Soldiers annually. He also provides counseling and mentorship for 12 small group leaders.



**Sgt. Angela Marie Sanchez
and Sgt. Deyvi Gomez Mondragon**

Sanchez is assigned to the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion as a career planner, where she counsels, screens and administratively processes Marines concerning career progression, retention, special duty assignments and incentives. Mondragon is an administrative specialist and the color sergeant for the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion in San Antonio. He oversees the battalion defense travel system, liaisons with city banks as the unit agency program coordinator and performs at all ceremonial events, i.e. joint service and standard Marine Corps ceremonies.



**Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Gina A. Martinez and
Cryptologic Tech Interpretive 2nd Class William J. Cruz**

Martinez is a San Antonio native and instructor at the Medical Education and Training Campus on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. She was also selected as the first clinical site coordinator at the Baptist Medical Center and was the Navy Ambassador for the Respiratory Therapy Program for the new enlisted clinical sites in the San Antonio area. Cruz is assigned to the Navy Information Operations Command in San Antonio and is widely recognized as a subject matter expert in the joint operations arena.



**Staff Sgt. Leslie Hernandez
and Capt. Aaron Lee Eggers**

Hernandez is an Aerospace Medical Service Apprentice Assistant Course supervisor for the 59th Training Squadron at the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. She instructs more than 300 medical technicians annually, as well as training and assessing more than 240 preceptors. She also creates schedules for 28 clinical areas and provides course administration support. Eggers is the chief of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Integration at the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. He oversees full spectrum intelligence integration into organizing, training and equipping Air Force intelligence personnel.



**Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Joseph Gribbins and
Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Sara S. Santos**

Gribbins works as a recruiter at the U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Office in San Antonio. Santos is assigned to the Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit-Texas and deploys aboard Coast Guard or Navy surface assets to analyze, process and disseminate intelligence to support tactical, operational and national decision makers.

SPORTS - HEALTH - FITNESS



Photo by Joshua Rodriguez

Christian Eidenschink, Randolph High School Ro-Hawks basketball player, passes the ball to his teammate, Bryan London, in a game against the Robert G. Cole High School Cougars Jan 11. at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Ro-Hawks soar toward successful season

By Robert Goetz
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The Randolph Ro-Hawks boys basketball team has soared to one of its best starts ever – three tournament championships and 18 victories in its first 21 games.

Chalk it all up to experience.

“We have a lot of guys who know what we’re trying to do,” veteran head coach Tim Gendron, who has led Randolph since 1997, said. “That really makes a difference.”

The Ro-Hawks’ roster features nine seniors, including seven who have attended Randolph since their freshman year. Not only are they entrenched in Gendron’s system, they possess the skills to successfully execute it.

“Our athleticism and quickness allow us to play pressure defense in the half court,” Gendron said. “Our goal is to create havoc for your offense so your best shooters won’t have the ball in their hands where they want it.”

He said Randolph’s multiple looks on defense “confuse the other team.” As a result, the Ro-Hawks have held every team they have played this season under 50 points, including Cole, Hondo and Lutheran, the only squads to defeat them.

Gendron, whose teams have won 340 games, said this year’s squad, which stands

5-1 in District 29-2A, doesn’t have the “star power” or height of previous teams, including the 1999-2000 Ro-Hawks who finished 26-5, but are blessed with depth, athleticism and defensive prowess.

“We don’t have a dominant scorer,” he said. “We have different guys all capable of scoring.”

They include two players who have the most varsity experience: 6-2 post Tyre Jones, an inside-outside threat who is also a top rebounder, and 5-10 shooting guard Gage Belyeu, a 3-point marksman.

Gendron said Jones’ propensity for drawing double teams allows open looks for Ro-Hawks waiting in the wings, exemplified by a stretch of two 3-pointers and three 2-point shots knocked down on five consecutive possessions during a recent victory over the Marion Bulldogs.

The Ro-Hawks’ floor general and “defensive coordinator” is 5-9 point guard Shaun Jackson, one of three sophomores on the varsity team.

“He coordinates the defense for us,” Gendron said. “We put pressure on our point guard to get everybody to change defense, so the other team is constantly off-balance.”

Other starters are 6-2 sophomore post Bryan London, also one of the team’s top rebounders, and 6-2 senior forward Leo Blount.

Gendron can also rely on his deep bench, which includes 6-2 forward Christian Ei-

denschink, a senior transfer from Germany whose 3-point range and size allow him to play three positions.

“He has been a terrific addition,” the coach said. “He struggled to grasp the system at first, but he’s continuing to improve and be more comfortable on the floor.”

Nick Carlson, a 5-10 senior, can also play three positions – point guard, shooting guard and small forward – and Damani Phillips, another 5-10 senior, is “Mr. Versatility,” according to Gendron.

“He can play all five positions,” he said.

Gendron also extended kudos to new assistant coach Elliott Ortiz, who succeeded long-time coach Jerry Gonzalez.

“We were blessed to replace a good coach with another good coach,” he said.

Gendron called Ortiz, a 2006 Randolph graduate, “the smartest kid I’ve ever coached.”

“He has been instrumental in helping me on the bench, making adjustments,” he said. “He understands everything we do.”

The Ro-Hawks enter the second round of district competition starting Tuesday, when the Brooks Academy Bengals visit the Randolph campus.

Their ultimate goal is the same as always.

“Our goal is to win district and play basketball in March,” Gendron said.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph

Sports BRIEFS

Golf tournament

JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts an MLK Jr. Golf Tournament Monday. Tee times are 7-9 a.m.; entry fee is \$10, plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4570.

Bowling Center celebrates MLK Jr.

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center celebrates MLK Jr. Saturday through Monday with a special bowling rate of \$2.50 (excluding Thunder Alley) per game, per person with \$2.25 shoe rental for the entire weekend. For more information, call 652-6271.

Run/Bike/Run event

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts its annual Run/Bike/Run event 7 a.m. Feb. 2 at Eberle Park.

Camp Bullis hunting

Archery hunting season for deer is open 5:30 a.m. to dark Friday-Sunday at Camp Bullis. Hunters must have a preselected permit to hunt deer. For more information, call 295-7577.

In observance of
Martin Luther
King Jr.'s birthday,
the JBSA-Randolph
Rambler Fitness
Center will be open
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday.



TRICARE: Reserve Select, Retired Reserve must switch to electronic premium payments to avoid suspension of coverage

By Kevin Dwyer
TRICARE Management Activity

TRICARE beneficiaries covered by TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve must switch to electronic premium payments. If they don't make the change, they risk having their coverage suspended.

There are currently 9,206 TRS and 110 TRR plans which have not been switched, according to Bill Thresher, TRICARE Regional Office-South regional director.

"There is still time for our TRS and TRR members to comply and avoid a break in TRICARE coverage," Thresher said, noting that the original deadline for people to switch was Dec. 31. "Folks actually will not be dropped from the program until Feb. 1."

TRICARE will now only accept monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card, or by recurring electronic funds transfer from a linked bank account. To avoid confusion, beneficiaries should verify that their bank sends EFT

payments electronically.

Beneficiaries can contact their regional or overseas contractor to set up automatic payments and get more information. Contact information is available online at <http://www.TRICARE.mil/contacts>.

The Defense Manpower Data Center has sent email messages to current TRR and TRS members, and new beneficiaries are informed in their welcome package information.

Electronic payments make it easy for members to pay their premiums on time, ensuring continuous coverage

for beneficiaries. When beneficiaries don't pay their premiums it results in suspension of coverage.

TRS and TRR are premium-based health plans. TRS is available for purchase by qualified members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and their families; and TRR can be purchased by qualified retired Reserve members, their families and qualified survivors of deceased retired Reserve sponsors.

For more information about TRS or TRR, go to <http://www.tricare.mil> or call 808-2725.

CHIEF from P4

Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., AETC commander, offered words of encouragement and confidence in the chief's future success at a recent event, bidding farewell to the chief and his family.

"I do think that people will look back on this as a very extraordinary time in history," the general said. "I certainly think that the experience the Codys have had here at the Air Education and Training Command is important. If you were to ask me what kind of experience I think the next chief master sergeant

of the Air Force should have, a tour here would be very near the top of my list."

As the chief prepares to leave Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, he conveys his thanks to all who have touched his and his family's lives.

"The entire tour here has been memorable for both Athena and me, along with our daughter Danielle, but the most memorable experience for us has been the opportunity to spend time with Airmen and their families," Cody said.

"The dedication and commitment displayed by the AETC team is inspiring and simply put, amazing. The

'First Command' impacts every Airman in our Air Force, and by this very nature every family member also. There is no question this is a tremendous responsibility that is not lost on anyone in this command.

"We certainly would have liked to spend more time with our Airmen throughout the command. While we were fortunate to visit and spend time with many, we missed some and everyone is important. Please know that," he concluded. "Both Athena and I would like to personally thank all the Airmen and their families of AETC for all they've done, do, and will do...you're all just amazing."

2013 Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Black History Month Events

*(Primary POCs for all events: Maj. Mario Verrett - 652-4527;
Tech. Sgt. Lethosha Shepherd - 652-7129)*

Taste of Soul – Soul Food Tasting

Feb. 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

JBSA-Randolph Youth Center gymnasium

Ticket price: \$7.00

Career Day

Feb. 7, 3:30-5 p.m.

JBSA-Randolph Youth Center

3-on-3 basketball tournament

Feb. 8, 1-6 p.m.

Rambler Fitness Center

Library book reading

Feb. 13, 10-11 a.m.

JBSA-Randolph Library

4th Annual Legacy Ball

Feb. 15, 6-11 p.m.

J.W. Marriott Hill Country

For tickets, visit www.4th-annual-legacyball.eventsbot.com/

Ticket sales end Feb. 7

Poster Contest

Feb. 21

Randolph Elementary School
(Grades 3-5)

Gospel Fest

Feb. 24, 3-7 p.m.

JBSA-Randolph Chapel 1

5K Fun Run/Walk

Feb. 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

JBSA-Randolph Eberle Park