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Basic trainees, Ellen Koerting, left, and Chelsea Brown, with 323rd Training Squadron, Flight 134, unsure of what to expect in their new quarters, are a little anxious about moving into the new Airman Training Complex Dec. 14. **Story pages 10-11.**

# Happy New Year Airmen!

By Gen. Mark A. Welsh III  
Chief of Staff

To those of you who spent the holidays deployed, thank you – and I'm sorry you weren't home with your families. I know you understand that what you're doing is important, but I also know that doesn't make the separation any easier. In these days where self-serving agendas seem to be on display everywhere we turn, your willingness to sacrifice for the good of our nation and its citizens still inspires me.

Despite budgetary uncertainty, the fiscal cliff, or whatever else time and circumstances throw at us, I believe 2013 will be a great year for our Air Force! We'll still be doing great work for the nation, we'll still be coming to work with the greatest men and women on earth, and we'll still be taking care of each other. I know each of you will continue to look for new, innovative ways to make us an even better fighting force.

One of the best things about our Air Force is the remarkable heritage we share. As 2012 closed, one of our greatest heroes "flew west" and became a treasured memory. Retired Col. Ralph Parr, a double ace and combat veteran of three wars, passed away peacefully Dec. 7, at age 88.

During the Korean War, in one remarkable 11 day/30 mission stretch, he scored ten confirmed kills and received the Distinguished Service Cross for actions during a particularly harrowing dogfight with 10 enemy MiGs. In Vietnam, he earned the Air Force Cross for extraordinary valor during the Battle of Khe Sanh. In all, he flew 641 combat missions and is the only American aviator to receive both the Distinguished Service Cross and the Air Force Cross. He



Gen. Mark A. Welsh III

also wore the Silver Star, 10 Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star and 41 Air Medals. We should all stand a little prouder because we follow in his footsteps.

I think we all share the responsibility to protect the legacy that Parr and so many others built. But the demographics of our Air Force have changed. Images, songs, stories, or "traditions" that are obscene, vulgar, or that denigrate some percentage of Airmen are not the things we value in that proud heritage. I'm a bit surprised by comments I've heard about the recent health and welfare inspection, suggesting it was an attack on fighter pilot culture, a 'witch hunt' to target specific organizations or individuals, or a response to a specific event. None of those comments are true. My intent was two-fold.

First, if we're going to get serious about

preventing sexual assault, we need to get serious about eliminating environments conducive to sexual harassment or unprofessional relationships. Both are leading indicators of sexual assault and other behavior and performance issues.

Second, the Air Force succeeds because of the professionalism and discipline of our Airmen. We have a significant number of Airmen who feel they have to "go along to get along" by ignoring pornographic images, workplace comments, or other material that makes them uncomfortable. That's simply not the Air Force we want to be. Every Airman is critically important and every one of you deserves to be treated with respect. Anything less reflects a lack of discipline and a failure to honor our values. It also marginalizes great Airmen, degrades mission effectiveness and hurts unit morale. We simply can't, and won't, tolerate it. Of course, that's easy for me to say – only you can make it reality. As always, I need your help.

In a couple of weeks, I'll send you a CSAF Vector for 2013. In it, I'll let you know where I think we're headed in some key areas and also lay out a few things I think I owe you over the next year – like what the Air Force values for promotion (hint: the list starts with job performance), my thoughts on performance reports and any required adjustments, etc.

Thank you again for all you do, and for choosing to serve in our great Air Force. Don't let the talk of sequestration distract you from the importance of what you do every day. We'll still need to come to work in 2013 and we'll continue to provide America with one of its greatest asymmetric advantages. It's an honor to serve beside you.

Got airpower?!

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### AAHC FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland African American Heritage Committee's annual fish fry is Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arnold Hall Community Center.

The \$8 plate includes fresh fried catfish, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw and bread.

For more information, contact Shirley Jones (JBSA-Lackland) at 210-671-1750, Master Sgt. William Jones (59th Medical Wing) at 210-292-4477, or Gregorio Armand (Bldg. 171) at 210-395-8275.

### MLK EVENTS AT JBSA-LACKLAND

A memorial service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King is scheduled for Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m., at Freedom Chapel.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Stuart Perryman, Maranatha Bible Church executive pastor.

For more information, contact Angie Lee at 210-671-4208, Senior Airman Britney Smith at 210-292-7400, or Tech. Sgt. Yeleen Neeley at 210-671-4995.

A celebration event of Dr. King is Jan. 19, 6 p.m., at the Kelly Field Club. The event includes music, dinner and dancing.

Retired Maj. Gen. Alfred K. Flowers will be the guest speaker for the formal/semi-formal affair.

For tickets or more information, contact David Hill at 210-355-1775 or Al Harris at 210-364-9066.

### JUDO FITNESS INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Sensei Roy Eby will be doing a Judo Fitness Instructor Course that is great for Judo practitioners and unit PTLs looking to improve their unit's fitness and resiliency skills. The 40-hour course will be offered beginning Jan. 28 through Feb. 1, 7 a.m. each day, at the Medina Fitness Center on the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Training Annex. No fitness or martial arts experience is needed.

Judo incorporates functional fitness by conditioning the body to safely move through all three planes of motion. Judo also incorporates the five components of physical fitness: muscular strength, endurance, cardiovascular, area circumference and flexibility. Additionally, judo builds resiliency by training the student to be mentally tough, as well as socially and spiritually connected.

For more details, call 210-671-0566. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 23.

# DLI student epitomizes Wingman concept during medical emergency at NASA

By Emily Purificato  
DLI English Instructor

The bond developed between two international students was forever sealed because of what happened during a Defense Language Institute-English Language Course Field Studies Program weekend trip to Houston.

Maj. Wael Mahmoud Thabit Saidin (Egyptian army) showed a fellow student, Maj. Krunoslav Skupnjak (Montenegro army), the true meaning of being a wingman during a tour stop at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

These officers had been classmates for three months, but neither could have predicted that this weekend trip would involve a medical emergency and a three-hour hospital stay for Skupnjak.

Well into a tour at NASA's space center, Dan Vega, Field Studies Program lead escort, was informed that Skupnjak had become seriously ill. Skupnjak was escorted to the center's infirmary where his vital signs were checked. He was monitored by the staff for 20 minutes.

Though his vital signs appeared normal, he was nervous and clammy.

Vega decided not to take any chances and asked the bus driver to transport the student to the nearest hospital.

NASA provided a wheelchair to transport him to the bus. While Skupnjak was wheeled to the bus, Saidin approached and insisted on pushing the wheelchair.

"I am in his class and we have been together for a long time," said Saidin after being told he didn't have to help. "It is my responsibility to take care of him. He is my friend."

From that moment, Saidin stayed by Skupnjak's side. He loaded his friend onto the bus and helped him off when they arrived at Houston's Christus St. John Hospital.

Saidin wheeled Skupnjak to the emergency room, provided vital information about his classmate to hospital staff and helped fill out medical forms. When Saidin was offered the opportu-



Photo by Spencer Berry

Maj. Wael Mahmoud Thabit Saidin (Egyptian army), showed the true meaning of being a wingman by leaving the Houston/NASA weekend tour and staying by Maj. Krunoslav Skupnjak's (Montenegro army) side during his entire hospital stay.

nity to return to the tour group he insisted on staying with his classmate.

Even while everyone else went to eat, Saidin stayed behind ready to provide assistance. After three hours, Skupnjak's condition improved and he was released from the hospital.

When asked why he felt obligated to stay with Skupnjak in the hospital, Saidin said, "It was my responsibility because he is my classmate. We have been in class together since Oct. 24. I also believe he would have done the same for me."

"In a wartime condition, you will always try to look out for your friends or comrades," Saidin added. "Although we were on a weekend tour, it is better to sacrifice my fun for my friend and help him deal with an unfortunate situation."

Skupnjak was amazed that Saidin stayed with him during the entire ordeal.

"For the first time in my life – I was surprised," said Skupnjak. "He

showed great friendship. Now we've developed a close relationship. Our friendship will continue to follow-on training and beyond."

For his sacrifice and for demonstrating the U.S. Air Force's wingman concept, Col. James Garrett, DLI-ELC commandant, presented Saidin with a commander's coin at the Nov. 30 DLI graduation.

"It was an honor receiving the coin from the commandant," Saidin said. "I really appreciated receiving the coin in front of my countrymen, other international students, graduates and the DLI staff. Hopefully it sends a message to my countrymen and others that we should always look out for each other."

Saidin and Skupnjak were scheduled to graduate at the end of December and will attend follow-on training at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The two officers from different nations have more in common now. They are classmates, wingmen and friends.

***AETC updates:*****Travel restrictions to Mexico**

By Mike Joseph  
Senior Writer

Air Education and Training Command has issued more stringent travel restrictions to Mexico following an advisory by the U.S. State Department.

AETC revised its previous general order in early December after a late November travel warning by the State Department because of security concerns and increased violence in Mexico.

**The updated order prohibits:**

- All non-official travel to or through any portion of Mexico located within 50 statute miles of the U.S.-Mexico border;
- All non-official travel to the states of Coahuila, Chihuahua, Durango, Jalisco, Michoacán, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, Sinaloa, Sonora, Tamaulipas, and Zacatecas; and
- Travel across the U.S.-Mexico border by ground through an off-limits area to reach a non-restricted area.
- Additionally, personnel may not leave a cruise ship docked in off-limits ports of call or an air terminal in off-limits locations during transit to an unrestricted area.

Approval from the first lieutenant colonel (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps) or commander (Navy, Coast Guard) in a service member's chain of command is required for all non-official travel to unrestricted areas of Mexico prior to departure. Current unrestricted locations include resort areas on the Yucatan peninsula such as Cancun and Cozumel, and

several resorts on the Pacific Coast of Mexico.

"It's important to understand the risk involved," said John Ortega, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland installation anti-terrorism officer. "Since 2006 through late 2012, more than 47,000 people have been killed by drug warlords fighting among themselves. There have also been over 25,000 people who have gone missing during that time."

The restrictions apply to all active duty service members, reserve component and Air National Guard personnel in Title 10 status, and Department of Defense service members assigned to AETC installations and/or units. The updated policy also includes AETC civilian employees, AETC dependents and AETC contractors when traveling in an official capacity. It is strongly urged that all AETC civilian employees, dependents and contractors abide by these restrictions when traveling for non-official purposes.

Emergency non-official personal travel to prohibited areas in Mexico is possible with the approval of the first colonel (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps) or captain (Navy, Coast Guard) in a service member's chain of command along with theater and country clearance.

However, travel for leisure or vacation purposes to prohibited states is not considered emergency travel and will not be approved.

"The requirements are to insure

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# DIAMOND SHARP



**Tech. Sgt. Clayton Shaw**  
*37th Training Support Squadron/Military Training Support Flight*  
**Duty title:** Assistant Flight Chief  
**Time in service:** 16 years  
**Hometown:** Masontown, W. Va.



"Tech. Sgt. Clayton Shaw is deserving of this award for his efforts during the Christmas Exodus 2012. He was the sole point of contact for the 37th Training Group and worked tirelessly to ensure that all Airmen exited the base and arrived safely at the San Antonio International Airport in time for their flights without incident. He coordinated with airport personnel and, for the first time in several years, was instrumental with arranging airport officials to come onto Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in order to assist Airmen by printing boarding passes and pre-checking luggage a day prior to departure. Checked luggage was picked up and delivered to the airport for security screening without charge to the Airmen. The flawless coordination of the departure of Airmen who were going home for the holidays would not have been possible without Shaw's attention to detail and tireless managerial skills. Shaw also worked with the U.S. Navy and 324th Training Squadron to include them in this endeavor, ensuring their Airmen and Sailors were taken care of for Exodus. He is truly deserving of this award and his dedication has not gone unnoticed."

**- Master Sgt. Tiwanda Griffin,**  
*First Sergeant, 37th Training Support Squadron/Military Training Support Flight*

**Airman 1st Class Antonio Hamilton**  
*502nd Air Base Wing Comptrollers*  
**Duty title:** Accounting Technician  
**Time in service:** One year, eight months  
**Hometown:** Childersburg, Ala.



"Airman 1st Class Antonio Hamilton is leading the way for the 502nd Air Base Wing Comptrollers. His dedication ensured that Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland met the Air Education Training Command's Suspense of Nov. 30, 2011. Hamilton's ability to master accounting tasks led to him being a critical team member during the 502nd Air Base Wing's 2012 fiscal year-end close out. He received a coin from the 502nd Air Wing deputy comptroller and acclamation from the AETC director of Financial Management Plans and Programs as "the best end of year close out in eleven years!" Hamilton's dedication to duty reaches beyond his organization to the local community. He has rallied his peers to be involved in building homes for Habitat for Humanity, worked the stock room at the local food bank and led 12 other volunteers to serve over 850 meals at Haven for Hope. Hamilton sets up, coordinates and organizes events for fellow Airmen to get involved. Hamilton is clearly a Diamond Sharp Airman!"

**- Master Sgt. Brian Tilton,**  
*First Sergeant, 502nd, 802nd, 902nd Comptroller Squadrons*

**Staff Sgt. John Poole**  
*543rd Support Squadron*  
**Duty title:** Unit Education & Training Manager  
**Time in service:** 13 years, one month  
**Hometown:** Strong, Ark.



"Staff Sgt. John Poole always demonstrates outstanding dedication and commitment to the 543rd Support Squadron and his community. Poole guided 49 Airmen in five- and seven-level upgrade training, assuring their training was completed, documented, and that the Airmen were awarded their skill levels promptly. Poole relentlessly monitored our squadron's Total Force Awareness Training and confirmed that 98 percent of our members accomplished Air Force fundamental training. He also assisted the unit deployment manager by monitoring our Expeditionary Skills training, which ensured our Airmen were trained prior to deploying. Poole hosted training meetings with all squadron training managers and even taught Air Force-mandated courses such as the Air Force Training Course. He also headed up the Shiner Beer Run by recruiting four volunteers and supporting over 12,000 half-marathon and 5K runners. This event raised \$18,000 towards the "Boot Campaign," a non-profit that promotes tangible ways for Americans to show their appreciation to the troops, cultivates awareness of the challenges they face, and raises funds for military programs. Poole's many distinctive actions make him particularly deserving of this award."

**- Master Sgt. Sherlock Walker,**  
*First Sergeant, 543rd Support Squadron*

**Airman 1st Class Stephen Viehweg**  
*772nd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron*  
**Duty title:** Contracting Specialist  
**Time in service:** Two years  
**Hometown:** Hattiesburg, Miss.



"Airman 1st Class Stephen Viehweg arrived at the 772nd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron in April 2011 after completing technical school at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Viehweg's current responsibilities include administrative modifications for the Air Force Civil Engineering Center's \$3 billion Worldwide Planning, Program, and Design contract. His efforts enable environmental, military construction, military family housing, and facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization programs of interest to the government worldwide. Viehweg and his family live the ultimate wingman core values, as was displayed recently during trying times for another Air Force member. Viehweg and his family opened their home and cared for a fellow Airman's children, until that member returned from temporary duty. Viehweg always brings a positive attitude and a helping hand to all members of our Air Force team. He is truly Diamond Sharp."

**- Senior Master Sgt. Durward Jackson,**  
*772nd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron, Squadron Superintendent/First Sergeant*

**Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hurt**  
*26th Operations Support Squadron*  
**Duty title:** NCOIC, Computer Systems  
**Time in service:** Nine years, five months  
**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas



"Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hurt is the epitome of what an Airman represents in the U.S. Air Force and one of the most dedicated and driven NCOs in the 67th Network Warfare Wing. Hurt recently completed an 18-month tour as executive assistant to the command chief of the 67th NWW, where she managed six Wing-level programs and earned an Air Force Commendation Medal. She was instrumental in the stand-up of the first-ever Wing Coordination Center as the communications project manager charged with planning/overseeing the installation of equipment valued at \$20,000. Her efforts centralized the Wing's command and control of 21 geographically-separated units in five different areas of operations. Hurt managed the Wing's emergency management program, fueling two exercises to assess the Wing's disaster response plan in preparation for the upcoming AFSPC consolidated unit inspection. Her recommendations/fix actions were adopted by the Wing/CC and resulted in standardized contingency operations across three groups. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree, and then entered an Education Psychology graduate degree program completing four semester hours with a stellar 4.0 GPA. As vice president of Security Hill's 5/6 Council, Hurt briefed Air Force policies and standards during professional military education courses and organized 28 volunteers to host a holiday party for 90 foster kids in the community. Hurt's team raised \$1,000 and 160 gifts for this event. Finally, Hurt was presented the Top-III Shining Star Award by the Security Hill Top-III for all of her hard work and dedication."

**- Master Sgt. Clifford Lawton,**  
*Additional Duty First Sergeant, 26th Operations Support Squadron*

**Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Autumn Norunner**  
*341st Training Squadron*  
**Duty title:** Team Chief  
**Time in service:** 12 years, three months  
**Hometown:** Browning, Mont.



"Navy Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Autumn Norunner's leadership abilities make her a valuable asset to the 341st Training Squadron. She is a conscientious and dependable professional whose knowledge of the Military Working Dog program is ranked well above her peers. Her dedication to managing instructors and providing quality instruction in a joint-service environment has made a significant impact on producing force multipliers to battlefield commanders. She coordinated the daily "high risk" training with two joint service instructors and has certified and graduated 12 Military Working Dog students in patrol and detection tactics training. In addition to her duties as Team Chief Petty Officer, Norunner was a key player in the outcome of the Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office Inspection of the Navy Master-at-Arms "A" School command. Petty Officer Norunner is the embodiment of Diamond Sharp: top notch appearance, leadership, and professionalism."

**- Master Sgt. Paul Zavitz**  
*Additional/Acting First Sergeant, 341st Training Squadron*



# Free Mediation Services Help Resolve Local Legal Disputes

By E. Stephanie Hebert

Legal Assistance Attorney, 802nd MSG/JA

Unless you were taught how to identify, address, and resolve conflict, you may not have the necessary skills to resolve a dispute on your own. The Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center, or DRC, offers free mediation services to the public in cases involving a wide range of legal issues.

Divorce, child support, consumer, real estate, auto repair, neighbor complaints, and landlord-tenant issues are just a few of the types of disputes resolved by the DRC on a daily basis.

Mediation enables you to participate in the problem-solving process, discuss your feelings about the dispute, and have the other party listen. Finally, through your participation in the process, you acquire skills to resolve your own disputes in the future.

So how does mediation actually work?

Both people involved in a dispute arrive at the mediator's office with a commitment to try to resolve their issue. The parties may be asked to discuss the issues in the same room, but may request that they be separated in different rooms as well. If that's the case, the mediator will go back and forth between the two rooms to discuss the issues with each party individually. The mediator represents

neither side, but acts as a neutral third party.

Some mediators are lawyers, but some are not. Regardless, all DRC mediators are required to take at least 40 hours of basic mediation training. The mediator's primary job is to facilitate an agreement that is acceptable to both sides. He or she does this by listening, restating important points, and offering suggestions and observations about the arguments made by both parties.

A mediator, because of his or her impartiality, can often recommend solutions to problems that neither party was able to suggest beforehand. Assuming that you are successful in settling your dispute, a written agreement is prepared by the mediator before you leave the mediation site.

The only information that can later be disclosed to a court is that your case was or was not settled in mediation because the information disclosed and the offers of settlement made in mediation are completely confidential.

Trial is always an option, but it's risky and expensive. There's no risk in mediating a dispute and it's free through the DRC. You'll need the agreement of both parties in order to mediate, so if one party is unwilling to participate mediation is not an option. However, a judge will likely order mediation once a lawsuit is filed.

The Bexar County DRC offers its in-take and mediation services in the evening hours, and has Spanish-speaking mediators if needed. If you are interested in free mediation services, you can visit the DRC website at <http://www.bexar.org/drc> and download an application for services at <http://www.bexar.org/drc/Pre-Intake090428.pdf>.

If you'd like general information about the mediation process, or would like a copy of the applicable Texas statutes, please schedule an appointment to meet with a legal assistance attorney at the 802nd Mission Support Group/Judge Advocate's office by calling 210-671-3362.

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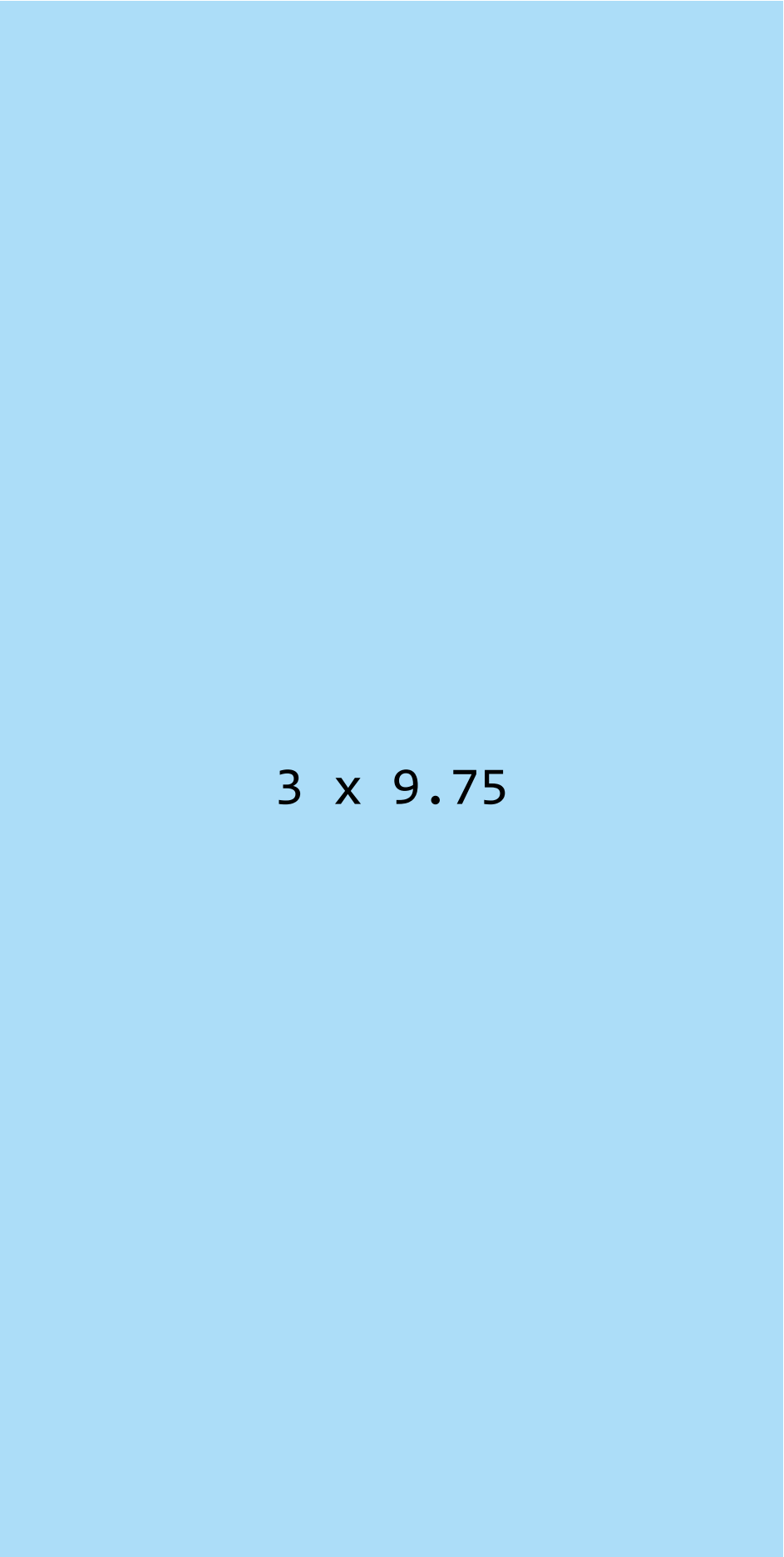
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**BMT HONORS**

Congratulations to the following 74 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 741 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated Jan 4:

**320th Training Squadron  
Flight 061**

Brandon Cosselman  
Gerold Harbin, Jr.  
Joseph Nobles II  
Clemson Thompson  
Christian Torres  
**Flight 062**  
Shelby Adney  
Crystal Shryock

**321st Training Squadron  
Flight 067**

Justin Armbruster  
Thomas Baxter  
Shane Beck  
Martin Dominguez  
Dylan Jansen  
Zackary McGrew  
Michael Rich  
Richard Robbins

Hunter Stewart  
**Flight 068**  
Lauren Kata  
Elizabeth Mazzaro  
Deanna Radtke

**322nd Training Squadron  
Flight 073**

Dallas Benavides  
Heath Fire  
Tyler Templin  
**Flight 074**

Timothy Arroyo  
Matthew Gallant  
Jason Paul, Jr.  
Steven Perry  
Dustin Sevilla  
Donald Wagner II  
Colby Youngren

**323rd Training Squadron  
Flight 063**

David Baldwin  
Thomas Burchwell  
Dwayne Cox  
Justin Etheredge  
Tyler Jenks  
Cody Morton  
Stuart Parker

Ian Presley  
Andrew Rojas-Marquez  
Yia Thao  
**Flight 064**

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Jordan Pense  
**Flight 071**

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Levi Brubaker  
Jonathan Happe  
Christopher Kirk  
Trevor Nourse  
Javier Rodriguez  
Alec Skinner  
**Flight 072**  
April Bennett  
Ashley Duropan  
Celestia Gonzales  
Christine Miller  
Jordan Zoroya

**326th Training Squadron  
Flight 069**

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Kevin McKenzie II  
Daniel O'Connor  
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Flight 065**

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Joshua Simpson  
Jacob Sullivan  
Brandon Teetor  
**Flight 066**  
Johnathan Atsinger  
Drake Bowald  
Randall Brown, Jr.  
Corey Kain  
Octavio Rivera-Sanchez  
Richard Schultz  
Winston Spears  
Travis Tarrant  
Zachary Winningham

**Top BMT Airman**

Joseph Nobles II,  
320th TRS, Flight 061

**Most Physically Fit**

**Male Airmen**  
Gabriel Ryan,  
323rd TRS, Flight 064  
Dillon Demers,

331st TRS, Flight 066  
Jauni Avant,  
321st TRS, Flight 067  
Jonathan Nevarez,  
320th TRS, Flight 061  
**Female Airmen**

Alexandra Pavlich,  
320th TRS, Flight 062  
Elizabeth Mazzaro,  
321st TRS, Flight 068  
Melissa Miller,  
323rd TRS, Flight 072  
Shelby Adney,  
320th TRS, Flight 062  
**Male Flights**  
320th TRS, Flight 061  
322nd TRS, Flight 074  
323rd TRS, Flight 063  
**Female Flights**  
323rd TRS, Flight 072  
320th TRS, Flight 062  
321st TRS, Flight 068

**Top Academic Flights**

331st TRS, Flight 066  
322nd TRS, Flight 073  
322nd TRS, Flight 074  
323rd TRS, Flight 063  
331st TRS, Flight 065

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# OUT with the OLD, IN with the NEW



By Mike Joseph  
Senior Writer

The 323rd Training Squadron established a new era in basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland by moving into the first Airman Training Complex Dec. 14.

The opening of ATC No. 1 and Dining/Classroom Facility No. 1 are the first new recruit housing facilities on base in 36 years. The new buildings are mission-specific facilities designed to house, educate, train and feed 1,200 recruits at any given time.

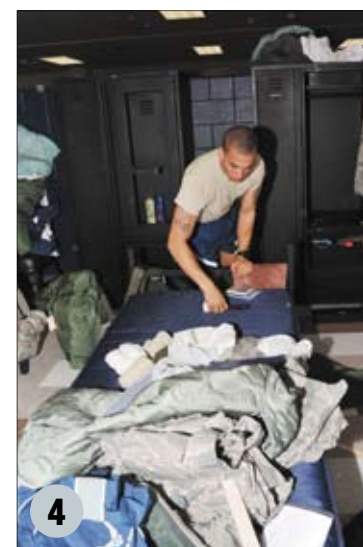
The training complex and dining facility are initial completions in a two-phase, \$900 million construction project to centralize basic training facilities begun three years

ago. The first phase comprises the east campus – four ATCs and two DCFs – as the Air Force begins relocating trainees from the eight Recruit Housing and Training buildings scattered around base.

"I'm especially excited for our military training instructors," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Greenwood, 323rd TRS commander. "They're moving from an RH&T that's on life support to the ground floor of something great and amazing for our young Airmen."

Tech. Sgt. Justin Cook, 323rd TRS military drill and ceremonies NCO, agreed.

"Because the buildings are mission specific and from the efficiencies created in their design, we are going to have better trained Airmen," said Cook about the new facilities.



Photos by Alan Boedeker

1. Tech. Sgt. Ricky Alaniz, a military training instructor with the 323rd Training Squadron, briefs trainees on the differences of the security drawer at the new complex.

2. Basic Trainee Corey Wade rolls his shirts as he 'reassembles' his clothing drawer in the new Airman Training Complex during his first night there.

3. Staff Sgt. Matthew Henderson, a military training instructor with the 323rd Training Squadron, Flight 114, briefs trainee Joshua Delapp on the proper display of the M4-rifle.

4. Basic Trainee John Gilkerson has his work cut out for him. His rack must be made, security drawer set up, wall locker inspection-ready and shower taken prior to lights out during the first night the trainee spent in the new complex.

5. Basic Trainees Matthew Moore and Justin Mason with the 323rd Training Squadron, Flight 114, encounter a situation as they prepare their beds during the first night at the new complex. The racks at their previous complex had a metal spring foundation which held the linens and blankets in place. The new racks have only a metal plate foundation with nothing to secure the linens.



Basic trainees file into the new 323rd Training Squadron Airman Training Complex Dec. 14.

**BMT HONORS**

Congratulations to the following 84 Airmen for being selected as honor graduates among the 850 Air Force basic military trainees who graduated Dec. 28:

**321st Training Squadron****Flight 047**

Dustin Alger  
Garrett King  
Steven Lowrance, Jr.  
Jordan Miller  
Roy Patterson  
Matthew Stephens

**Flight 048**

Daniel Cornwell  
Nicholas Martin  
Samuel Moody  
Jimmie Pike

**Flight 055**

Samuel Roberts  
Dalton Yeager

**Flight 056**

Patrick Brault  
Tyler Bredman  
Jay Corea  
Trenton Franks  
Colton Holmes  
Jeffrey Kemper

Cristian Ramirez

Ryan Smith

Thomas Wright

**322nd Training Squadron****Flight 053**

Javon Bryant

Robert Clark

Nathan Hoskins

Christopher Huey

Zebulon Long

Seth Maxwell

Isaiah Moore

Bradley Nilhas

Austin Parker

Joshua Todd

**323rd Training Squadron****Flight 057**

Ian Desilva

Dylan Hardegree

Sean Leonhard

Paul Sparks

Devin Vigus

Schuyler Williams

**Flight 058**

Raven Lopez-Holguin

Christina Mattiace

**324th Training Squadron****Flight 059**

Goku Cloud

Daniel Kuma

**Flight 060**

Sean Powers

Eric Ramsey

Anthony Webber

**326th Training Squadron****Flight 049**

Jason Dwyer

Michael Jones

Levi Kincaid

**Flight 050**

Casey Benner

Maria Kelley

Jyllisa Mabion

Sofia Shank

**331st Training Squadron****Flight 045**

Austin Belanger

Clay Booth

James Brazill

David Chorpenning

Andrew Drake

Travis Heard

Tyler Hummell-Mcguire

Joshua Knight

Jacob McMahel

Kristoffer Miller

Matthew Thrash

**Flight 046**

Maren Almstedt

Cassandra Love

Kasey Phipps

**Flight 051**

Marcus Buckley

Brian Fiscus

Vaughn Hansen

Marcus Harlow

Eric Hogencamp, Jr.

Oscar Mares

Nathaniel Perry

Eric Raab

Cameron Robinson

Glenn Stutts

Dmitry Tumanov

**Flight 052**

Keith Bighorn

Samuel Fogleman

Paul Kirkpatrick

Aaron Montoya

Andrew Nauman

Justin Rosenthal

Justice Stiggins

Nicholas Watts

**Top BMT Airman**

Ryan Smith,

321st TRS, Flight 056

**Most Physically Fit**

*Male Airmen*

Jonah Phillips,

323rd TRS, Flight 057

Kristoffer Miller,

331st TRS, Flight 045

Sean Burgoon,

331st TRS, Flight 051

Tanner Curtis,

321st TRS, Flight 055

*Female Airmen*

Emma Gettier,

323rd TRS, Flight 058

Ryley Harriman,

323rd TRS, Flight 058

Jenna Carr,

322nd TRS, Flight 054

Clarissa Rawlins,

331st TRS, Flight 046

*Male Flights*

321st TRS, Flight 056

321st TRS, Flight 047

323rd TRS, Flight 057

*Female Flights*

323rd TRS, Flight 058

322nd TRS, Flight 054

326th TRS, Flight 050

**Top Academic Flights**

331st TRS, Flight 051

331st TRS, Flight 045

322nd TRS, Flight 053

321st TRS, Flight 056



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## LOCAL BRIEFS

### THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE

The Lackland Thrift Shop's monthly INside and OUTside bag sale is Jan. 12, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The thrift shop is located in One Stop, Bldg. 5460, on the corner of Walker and Selfridge Avenues.

For information, call 210-671-3608 or visit [www.lacklandosc.org](http://www.lacklandosc.org).

### AARP SAFE DRIVER PROGRAM

The Lackland Retiree Activities Office is sponsoring an AARP safe driver program Jan. 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Freedom Chapel.

Participants receive a certificate, which makes them eligible for a discount on automobile insurance. The course is good for three years.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members with their membership card and \$14 for non-members. For additional information, contact the RAO at 210-671-2728 or B.J. Laymon after 1 p.m. at 210-671-4208.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Give Parents a Break/Parents Night Out is Jan. 25, 7-11 p.m., at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland

Youth Center, Bldg. 8420, and the Lackland Child Development Center, Bldg. 8206.

For information on the programs, call the Youth Center at 210-671-2388 for ages 5-12 or the Lackland CDC at 210-671-3675 for ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

### AAHC ANNUAL GOSPEL FEST

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland African American Heritage Committee's annual gospel fest is Feb. 9, 6 p.m., at the Gateway Chapel.

The program is free and open to the public.

For details, contact Shirley Jones at 210-671-1750 or Tech. Sgt. Anna Ricks at 210-671-7699 or email [anna.ricks@yahoo.com](mailto:anna.ricks@yahoo.com).

### LOSC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club scholarship applications are available online at the LOSC website. High school students or spouses of military officers and enlisted personnel permanently assigned to JBSA-Lackland are eligible. The application submission deadline is March 1, 2013. To download the application, visit <http://www.lacklandosc.org>.

### GOSPEL CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland African American Heritage Committee needs singers of all ages for its 2013 gospel choir. The choir will perform Feb. 9 at the Gateway Chapel. Active duty or retired military members from any branch, civilians and dependents are eligible to participate.

Rehearsals, at Gateway Chapel, are scheduled for Jan. 11, 5:30-7 p.m.; Jan. 14, 5:30-6:45 p.m.; Jan. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.; Feb. 4, 5:30-6:45 p.m.; and Feb. 8, 5:30-7 p.m.

For details, contact Shirley Jones at 210-671-1750 or Tech. Sgt. Anna Ricks at 210-671-7699 or email [anna.ricks@yahoo.com](mailto:anna.ricks@yahoo.com).

### 802ND LRS SUPPLY TRAINING

The 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's Equipment Accountability Element conducts three customer supply training classes on the third Tuesday of each month in the second floor conference room of Bldg. 5160.

The classes and start times are Block I General Supply Training at 8 a.m., Block II Bench Stock Training at 8:45 a.m., and Block III Equipment Custodian Supplemental/Refresher Training at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call Ray Holland or Rain Virgino at 210-925-1140/2514.

### 802ND LRS CUSTOMER SERVICE

The 802nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Customer Service is the primary focal point for all supply-related questions, concerns, complaints, Zero Overpricing Program and Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office transactions.

For details, contact customer service at 210-671-2575/3611/3801, 925-1490/1049/1048, or email [802lrs.customerservice@lackland.af.mil](mailto:802lrs.customerservice@lackland.af.mil).

### DENTAL PROGRAM SEEKS PATIENTS

Dunn Dental Clinic is currently screening patients for dental care limited to surgical treatment of gum diseases and defects.

All eligible Department of Defense beneficiary categories will be screened for potential treatment as teaching cases, including dependents of active-duty members and retirees.

Patients who have been informed by a general dentist that they require extensive periodontal therapy, such as advanced gum treatment or gum

surgery, are eligible for evaluation. Routine dental cleanings are not accepted.

To schedule an evaluation appointment, call 210-671-9364 or have your dentist email the periodontics department at [aegdperio@gmail.com](mailto:aegdperio@gmail.com).

### EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland offers an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to Department of Defense civilian employees and their families on a wide variety of personal issues.

The EAP seeks to help employees define problems and recommend problem-solving resources. It is a voluntary and private service that offers an off-base location for employees and their families to seek assistance from a certified counselor.

All contacts are confidential and at no cost to employees for up to five sessions. If additional assistance is needed, referrals will be made with consideration of the employee's health plan and/or financial needs.

A help line and services are available 24/7, 365 days a year.

To contact a counselor, call 210-213-6454.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Christian

#### Catholic

*Monday-Friday:*

#### Freedom Chapel

Daily Eucharist, 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday:*

#### Freedom Chapel

Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation after Eucharist

*Sunday:*

#### Freedom Chapel

Religious Ed., 9 a.m.

Eucharist, 11 a.m.

#### Orthodox

#### Reader's Service

*Sunday:*

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel

(Classroom)

8 a.m.-10 a.m.

#### Protestant

*Saturday:*

#### Gateway Chapel

Seventh-Day Adventist

Service, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

*Sunday:*

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel

Liturgical Service, 8 a.m.

#### Freedom Chapel

Contemporary Service,  
9:30 a.m.

Gospel Service,  
12:30 p.m.

Children's Church provided

Religious Ed., 11 a.m.

*Wednesday and Thursday:*

Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Protestant family Sunday school, a one-hour youth and adult Christian Bible study, every Sunday at Freedom Chapel, 11 a.m. For details—contact Freedom Chapel at 671-4208.

*Sunday:*

#### Hope Chapel

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8-10 a.m.

#### Islamic

*Friday:*

Global Ministry Center,

Bldg. 7452

Jummah Prayer,

12:45-1:45 p.m.

*Sunday:*

Religious Ed., 9-11 a.m.

#### Jewish

*Friday:*

#### Airmen Memorial Chapel

Sabbath Eve Service, 4 p.m.

*Sunday:*

Religious Ed., 12:30 p.m.

#### Wicca

*1st Tuesday of each month:*

#### Freedom Chapel

Room 8, San Antonio Military

Open Circle, 6 p.m.

*Sunday:*

Arnold Hall, Bldg. 5506

12:30-2:30 p.m.

#### Buddhist

*Sunday:*

#### BMT Reception Center

Bldg. 7246, 2nd Floor

10 a.m. to noon.

#### Eckankar

*Every first, third,*

*fifth Saturday:*

#### Gateway Chapel

12:30-1:30 p.m.

#### Baha'i

*Every first, third,*

*fifth Sunday:*

#### Gateway Chapel

11 a.m. to noon

#### Church of Christ

*Sunday:*

#### BMT Reception Center,

Bldg. 7246, 2nd Floor

7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

#### Christian Science

*Sunday:*

#### BMT Processing Center,

Bldg. 5725, 1st Floor

7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

## JBSA-LACKLAND

### KEY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Air Force Aid Society             | 671-3722     |
| Airman & Family Readiness Center  | 671-3722     |
| Airman's Attic                    | 671-1780     |
| Base Post Office                  | 671-1058     |
| Bowling Center                    | 671-2271     |
| DEERS                             | 800-538-9552 |
| Exceptional Family Member Program | 671-3722     |
| Family Child Care                 | 671-3376     |
| Legal Office                      | 671-3362     |
| Library                           | 671-3610     |
| Medical Appointment Line          | 916-9900     |
| MPF ID Cards                      | 671-6006     |
| Outdoor Recreation                | 925-5532     |
| TRICARE Info                      | 800-444-5445 |
| Thrift Shop                       | 671-3608     |

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| Enlisted Spouses' Club  | <a href="http://www.lacklandesc.org">http://www.lacklandesc.org</a>       |
| Force Support Squadron  | <a href="http://www.lacklandfss.com">http://www.lacklandfss.com</a>       |
| Lackland ISD            | <a href="http://www.lacklandisd.net">http://www.lacklandisd.net</a>       |
| Officers' Spouses' Club | <a href="http://www.lacklandosc.org">http://www.lacklandosc.org</a>       |
| JBSA Public website     | <a href="http://www.jbsa.af.mil">http://www.jbsa.af.mil</a>               |
| My Air Force Life       | <a href="http://www.MyAirForceLife.com">http://www.MyAirForceLife.com</a> |

For more details, contact Freedom Chapel - 671-4208 • Gateway Chapel - 671-2911 • Hope Chapel - 671-2941

# What's Happening

## Family Support Events

### JAN. 11

#### BMT SPOUSE, PARENTS SEMINAR

The Air Force Basic Military Training spouse and parents seminar begins at noon in the BMT Reception Center, Bldg. 7246.

The seminar provides information on the Air Force and its benefits to family members of graduating Airmen.

For additional information, call 800-973-7630 or 210-671-4057.

### JAN. 14

#### FAMILY READINESS BRIEFING

A mandatory family readiness briefing for personnel who are deploying is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The briefing is for personnel who are deploying longer than 30 days, or who are going on remote assignments.

For more information on the mandatory briefing, call 210-671-3722.

### RETURN, REUNION SEMINAR

A return and reunion seminar is from 2:30-3 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The seminar is an informal forum for family members who wish to talk about their individual experiences and the stress caused by deployment-related separations.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

### JAN. 15

#### AMVET REPRESENTATIVE

An American Veterans national service officer is available by appointment only to help with disability claims from 8 a.m. to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For details, call 773-354-6131.

### PRE-SEPARATION RETIREES' CLASS

A mandatory counseling class for retiring personnel is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

## Monthly Meetings

### ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Enlisted Spouses' Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.lacklandesc.org](http://www.lacklandesc.org).

### OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

The Lackland Officers' Spouses' Club meets monthly. For dates and times, or more information, visit [www.lacklandesc.org](http://www.lacklandesc.org).

### MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Military Council of Catholic Women meets the first Friday of the month, 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Chapel. For information, call 210-671-4208.

**On the web** [www.lacklandfss.com](http://www.lacklandfss.com)

Participants will be briefed on benefits, services and complete Department of Defense Form 2648, a prerequisite for attending the three-day Transition Assistance Program seminar.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

### DISABILITY TAP SEMINAR

A disability transition assistance program seminar is from 11:30 a.m.

to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For details, call 210-671-3722.

### JBSA-LACKLAND EFMP CLASS

A class about the Exceptional Family Member Program at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 210-671-3722.

### JAN. 16

#### VA CLAIMS PROCESS

A Veterans Administration representative will discuss the VA claim process in a workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The class will cover VA benefits, how to fill out VA forms, the Power of Attorney process, and the VA claim processing time frame.

For more information, call 210-671-3722.

### AWANA CLUBS MEETING

Awana Clubs, a Bible-based children and youth ministry offering games and challenges, meets from 6-8 p.m. at Freedom Chapel.

For details, contact Freedom Chapel at 210-671-4208.

### JAN. 17

#### PRE-SEPARATION CLASS

A mandatory counseling class for personnel voluntarily separating is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Airman

and Family Readiness Center.

Attendees will be briefed on benefits, services and complete Department of Defense Form 2648, a prerequisite for attending the three-day Transition Assistance Program seminar.

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people can travel safely to Mexico," Ortega said, "with 'safely' being the key word. If you travel to Mexico for whatever reason, official or non-official, your chain of command has to be informed and involved."

Staff Sgt. Shannon Fulmer, JBSA-Lackland's anti-terrorism office noncommissioned officer in charge, said personnel should contact their unit security managers or anti-terrorism representatives to begin the approval process.

Once the process has started, Fulmer said the anti-terrorism office would supply the necessary information.

"We have specific briefings for specific states," he said. "We also provide information on how to contact the U.S. embassy, the consultant, local police or local hospital should an emergency arise."

For more information about official and non-official travel to Mexico, contact the JBSA-Lackland Anti-Terrorism Office, Bldg. 5275, at 210-671-5926.

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