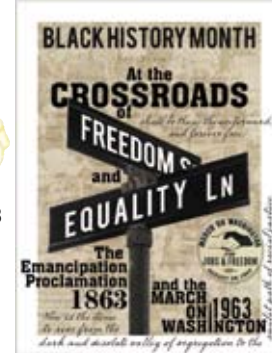


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Army Nurse Corps celebrates 112th Anniversary

Saturday marked the 112th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps.

Army nurses have stood shoulder to shoulder with Soldiers, providing care not only to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, serving and retired, but also to their families.



The Corps was established Feb. 2, 1901, and is the oldest military nursing corps in the United States and the first women's component in the armed forces.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Donna A. Brock and I want to take this opportunity to thank members of the Army Nurse Corps as they celebrate 112 years of faithful service to our Army and for influencing the 'Health' and impacting the 'Lifespace' of our patients," said Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, Army Surgeon General and commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command, in a message sent out recently.

"Feb. 2 marks more than a century of sacrifice and dedication to our Nation by the Army Nurse Corps. We are extremely proud of the contributions made by Army Nurses," the general said. "We wish you the best as Army Medicine transforms from a healthcare system to a system for health. Serving to Heal ... Honored to Serve!"

Both men and women have served as Army nurses since 1775; however, the Nurse Corps did not become part of the Army Medical Department until 1901 when the Army Reorganization Act was passed and became law.

The ANC has seen many changes in its first 110 years. The 1906 San Francisco earthquake sent Army nurses on their first of many civil relief

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Army commanders from Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador and security leaders from Panama arrive at U.S. Army North Jan. 30 as part of U.S. Army South's Central American Regional Leaders' Conference. See story on Page 3.

ARSOUTH, partner nations discuss solutions to regional threats

By **Eric R. Lucero**
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South hosted, on behalf of the U.S. Army, senior military and security forces leaders from five partner nations for the annual Central American Regional Leaders' Conference at ARSOUTH headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

The meeting provided the respective armies and security forces' leaders a forum to engage in open dialogue, facilitate the understanding of mutual regional security issues and discuss potential collab-

orative solutions.

The overall objective of the conference is to promote peace and stability in Central America through mutual understanding, partnership and cooperation.

"This conference allowed us to have a frank and open discussion and interactive session with these [military leaders] and I think they have come away with a much better understanding of the common threats and challenges that we all face," said Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim, ARSOUTH commanding general.

Attending the conference were Guatemalan Maj. Gen. Hellmut

Rene Casados, the chief of staff for the Guatemalan national defense; Honduran Brig. Gen. Freddy Santiago Diaz, the commander of the Honduran army; Nicaraguan Maj. Gen. Oscar S. Balladares, the chief of staff for the Nicaraguan army; Panamanian Commissioner General Frank Abrego, the director general of the Panamanian Servicio Nacional de Fronteras (National Border Service); and Salvadoran Brig. Gen. Rafael Melara, the chief of staff for the Salvadoran army.

"This conference has helped us to better understand the challenges

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'Reveille' and 'Retreat': If you hear it, here's what to do

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Jose A. LugoSantiago
Joint Base San Antonio/502nd Air Base Wing

One of our oldest and most solemn military traditions is to honor our flag.

When we think of our flag for example, all of us come together as Americans and reflect on those values we hold dear: Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

On military bases all around the world, we are afforded this solemn opportunity to come together as Americans and reflect with the playing of "Reveille" and "Retreat."

"Reveille" and "Retreat" play every day to signal the beginning and end of the duty day. This is our opportunity to reflect and show gratitude.

Throughout Joint Base San Antonio, you will hear "Reveille" at 5 a.m. daily at JBSA-Lackland, 5:30 a.m. at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and 6:30 a.m. at JBSA-Randolph. This signifies the beginning of the duty day.

The end of the duty day is announced with "Retreat" at 5:30 p.m. daily at all JBSA locations. During this time, you will hear retreat, followed by the national anthem, or at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, retreat followed by "To the Colors."

During these times, all of us are required to



Photo by Benjamin Faske

Army Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ricks, Marine Sgt. Maj. Gary Tolar, Navy Master Chief Petty Officer James Perry, and Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Jose LugoSantiago salute the United States flag at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Feb. 1 to showcase the customs and courtesies associated with the playing of "Reveille" and "Retreat."

afford the appropriate courtesies. So what is the appropriate courtesy?

Each of the services' command senior enlisted leaders at JBSA came together to discuss this very same question. Here is what all of us as great professionals should be doing.

Sgt. Maj. Gary Tolar, inspector-instructor for the U.S. Marine Corps 4th Reconnaissance Battalion said, "Personnel in uniform and outside must face the flag (or the music if the flag is not visible) and salute during

The next time you hear "Reveille" or "Retreat," go ahead – do the right thing. Show you're a professional – a proud heir of a rich military heritage.

the raising and lowering of the flag. Specifically, on the first note of the national anthem or 'To the Colors,' members in uniform must render the hand salute."

Command Master Chief Petty Officer James Perry from Navy Medicine Education and Training Command said that members must hold their salute until the last note of either the national anthem or "To the Colors."

Regarding courtesies while in civilian attire and while outdoors, face the flag (or the sound of the music) and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

Drivers in vehicles during "Reveille" (when the flag is being raised), or "Retreat," should pull the

car to the side of the road and stop.

What to do while the vehicle is at a complete stop differs among the services. Members are expected to follow the customs of their services.

For example, JBSA senior enlisted leaders for the Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force stated the expectation for vehicle occupants is to sit quietly until the last note of the music has played or the flag is fully raised or lowered.

Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, the U.S. Army North and Fifth Army's senior enlisted leader, said Army personnel are expected to stop the vehicle as well, but then Army personnel should exit the vehicle and render the same courtesies as all the services do when a service member is outdoors.

If indoors during "Reveille" or "Retreat," there is no need to stand or salute. However, everyone must stand during the playing of the national anthem before a showing of a movie while in the base theater.

Courtesies to our flag are not only a venue to honor our flag, but are also a sign of our professionalism.

The next time you hear "Reveille" or "Retreat," go ahead – do the right thing. Show you're a professional – a proud heir of a rich military heritage.

Scan with Smartphone app to access the Joint Base San Antonio website at www.jbsa.af.mil



Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of Feb. 5

CURRENT LEVEL* = 653.9'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

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

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



Weekly Weather Watch

	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13
San Antonio Texas	74° Partly Cloudy	71° Isolated T-Storms	79° Isolated T-Storms	68° Partly Cloudy	65° Few Showers	66° Sunny
Kabul Afghanistan	44° Sunny	43° Sunny	42° Sunny	42° Mostly Sunny	47° Partly Cloudy	48° Mostly Sunny

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

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Basura Bash 2013

The 3rd Annual Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Basura Bash will be held at Salado Creek Park from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 23, with volunteer check in at 8 a.m. and a safety briefing at 8:45 a.m. The annual cleanup of Salado Creek is held in conjunction with the city-wide cleanup effort for the tributaries of the San Antonio River. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves, hat and sunscreen. People can bring their own cleanup gear, such as waders, trash-grabbers, nets, etc. All participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian onsite and drop-offs will not be allowed. All participants must have a military ID or CAC and sign a waiver to participate. Volunteers can register online at <http://www.basurabash.org>. For more information, call 221-4251 or 808-9624.

Late patient bills transferred to U.S. Treasury for collection

As of Jan. 30, at the direction of the U.S. Army Medical Command chief of Staff, patient medical bills less than \$100,000 and more than 90 days past due will be transferred to the U.S. Treasury Department for collection. To avoid bills being transferred to the U.S. Treasury, patients with a balance due should contact the San Antonio Military Medical Center Uniform Business Office at 916-8562 to make payment arrangements. Patients unable to pay the balance in full may request a repayment schedule of not less than \$50 per month, and not longer than 36 months. Payments may be made by check, money order, cash or credit card. Once overdue medical bills are transferred, the hospital will no longer be able to accept payments or negotiate a repayment plan. The patient will be required to contact the U.S. Treasury Department's FedDebt Division at (888) 826-3127 to settle their debt with the U.S. government. In addition, the U.S. Treasury Department will apply fees, penalties and interest to debt transferred for collection.

Claims Office Self-Service Kiosk

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Claims Office has installed a self-service kiosk at its

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Military leaders from throughout the Americas visit U.S. Army North

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Military leaders from Central America visited U.S. Army North Jan. 30 as part of the Central American Regional Leaders' Conference, hosted by U.S. Army South, in a cooperative effort to establish closer ties between militaries and to improve coordination on common issues.

In the morning, international students from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, based in Fort Benning, Ga., visited Army North to learn about the mission and structure of the U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command.

"The visit allowed us to highlight Army North's role in defending the homeland in depth through security cooperation with our neighboring countries – Canada and Mexico," said Maj. Albert Marckwardt, Mexico branch officer, ARNORTH.

"For the students, equivalent to the U.S. Army ranks of major and lieutenant colonel, it was also an opportunity to understand how we support civilian authorities at the tactical and operational level."

Students from Panama, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Canada, Belize and Mexico learned about the com-



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, greets army commanders from Central America during a visit Jan. 30 to Army North.

mand's unique missions and discussed regional efforts with hemispheric partner nations to combat transnational criminal organizations.

In the afternoon, arriving from Army UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters at ARNORTH's helipad, military leaders from Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador and Panama's director of its National Border Service toured Army North's historic Quadrangle, attended command briefings and heard from Oscar Salinas Jr., assistant chief of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, who touted the success Army North has had working with the Mexican land

and air forces, known as SEDENA, or Secretaria de la Defensa Nacional.

"The Border Patrol's new strategic plan focuses on integration with federal, state, local and foreign partnerships," Salinas said.

"The collaboration between Army North and SEDENA is one example of this integration."

While WHINSEC students have visited Army North in years past, the visit of Army commanders from Central America to Army North was unique.

"This is probably the first time we've worked this closely with Army South and with Central American army commanders, and this

greater dialogue is a healthy thing," said Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

"We've been building our interactions over the years – and we want it to continue," Caldwell said.

Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, ARNORTH deputy commanding general for operations, discussed the importance of building relationships and fostering communication in combating transnational criminal organizations.

"They're going to move to the path of least resistance," Wiggins said. "A solution without

Central America, South America, Canada and Mexico gives them a gap.

"The adversary we're dealing with is very smart. (If we) protect the land and water, (then) they use ultra-lights and tunnels."

Progress has been made, but there is more to be done, and Army North needs to foster relationships with other nations like it has done with Mexico, Wiggins added.

"We are getting back into a cooperative state," he said. "The synergy we have created with SEDENA has blossomed into something where relationships have carried the day."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins (right) hugs Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV during Wiggins' welcome ceremony at Army North's historic Quadrangle Jan. 31. Wiggins comes to Army North from Fort Hood, where he served as the commanding general of First Army Division West. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Wiggins is Army North's deputy commanding general for operations.

ARNORTH welcomes back Wiggins as DCG of operations

Story by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
ARNORTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army North welcomed back one of its own during a ceremony at Army North's historic Quadrangle Jan. 31.

Maj. Gen. Perry Wiggins, who previously served as ARNORTH's deputy commanding general from April 2009 to October 2011, rejoins the command after serving as the commanding general of First Army Division West at Fort Hood. He now serves as the deputy commanding general for operations.

"The Army sent me back to the same job I had before to see if I could do it right this

time," joked Wiggins.

This will be the second time Wiggins has served with Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, Army North's commanding general and the senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

They previously served together when Caldwell was the commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and Wiggins served as the 82nd Aviation Brigade commander. "I always wanted to work for Lt. Gen. Caldwell again," he said.

Wiggins, the son of an Air Force senior noncommissioned officer, was commissioned into the infantry in 1983 after

graduating from Mercer University. In 1987, he branch transferred to the Aviation Corps. He is qualified to fly several different Army aircraft.

"Wiggins has distinguished himself as a leader," said Caldwell, who hosted the ceremony.

He participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as a company commander. As the battalion commander of 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, he served in Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo.

Wiggins participated in Operation Desert Fox, Operation Desert Thunder and Operation Southern Watch as a member

of the Air Force's 93rd Air Control Wing; and he served as a commander of the 82nd Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Caldwell said Wiggins is uniquely qualified to be part of the Army North team.

"In 2009, we did just three training events with Mexico," Caldwell said. "Today, we're doing more than 100 a year.

"Much of that is thanks to Perry Wiggins. He's a fluent Spanish speaker, so he was comfortable traveling down to Mexico ... and embarking on an amazing outreach program with our partners in SEDENA (Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional, the Mexican Secretariat of National Defense). All of us in U.S. Army North have benefited from Wiggins' trips to Mexico."

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location in Building 153 on Wilson Way. The desktop terminal is for any service member, Army civilian or family member needing assistance in submitting their claim online via the Defense Property System website. For more information, call 221-2161/1973 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Army Dental Corps Birthday Ball

The U.S. Army Dental Corps Birthday Ball takes place at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Double Tree Hilton, 502 W. Cesar E. Chavez. Cost is \$65 per person and reservations should be made by Thursday. Call 221-0823 for more information.

Large Troop Formations in METC Campus Area

Motorists on Garden Street in the Medical Education and Training Campus area can expect large troop movements during meal times. Motorists are advised to expect delays and avoid the area if possible as troop formations head to the new DFAC for meals. In the near future, the Schofield Road access control point will be moving back near the railroad tracks and will open up other routes around the METC campus.

Spouse's Club scholarships

Applications for the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area College Scholarship are being accepted. The Spouses' Club will award scholarship funds for the 2013-2014 academic year to select students with military affiliation to assist them with college expenses. Graduating high school students, dependent undergraduate students continuing their education and spouses who are current members of the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area as of Dec. 1 are eligible to apply. Applications need to be post-marked no later than Feb. 28. For more information, go to the "Scholarship" area on the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area website at <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Spouse's Club Welfare Funds

Applications for the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area welfare funds are being accepted. Any non-profit organization that supports the welfare of the Armed Forces and their

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Serving as ambassadors a family affair at Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency

By **Wayne Amann**
Air Force ISR Public Affairs

When Capt. Aaron Eggers of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency headquarters was tabbed as a 2013 Fiesta Military Ambassador, he made history.

His selection marked the first time in the 25 years of the Fiesta Military Ambassador Program, an offspring of a former military ambassador followed in their parent's footsteps.

Eggers father, then Capt. Art Eggers, was a 1990 ambassador representing the Electronic Security Command, an early iteration of the current Air Force ISR Agency.

Since 1988, the Fiesta Military Ambassador Program has showcased service members from all branches.

It's designed to enhance the military's im-

age in the San Antonio community by displaying the professionalism of its active-duty troops.

The program also educates the public about the value of the world's greatest military to the national security.

"When I was selected, I was beaming with pride," the younger Eggers said. "When I tell my father the news, it'll create a stronger bond from sharing that experience."

When the younger Eggers, a former enlisted Korean linguist now the chief of ISR integration at the agency headquarters, was assigned to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, his dad suggested he see if the ambassador program still existed.

"As the new guy, I thought I wouldn't stand a chance," Aaron said. "But when I saw the call for nominees and the eligible ranks ... I figured this was my



Photo illustration by **George Serna**

Former Capt. Art Eggers (left, circa 1990) and his son, Capt. Aaron Eggers of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, are the first father/son ambassadors in the 25 year history of the Fiesta Military Ambassador Program. The younger Eggers has been selected to represent the Air Force in San Antonio in 2013.

only shot."

Art is glad his son followed through.

"Aaron will serve proudly and carry on the legacy I started 23 years ago," he said. "He'll make you and me proud at Fiesta and other events in 2013."

The military ambas-

sadors are prominent participants during Fiesta, San Antonio's annual 11-day celebration, held each April, to honor the memory of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto.

More than three million people, including

600,000 out-of-towners, attend the 100-plus events.

It's called the "Party with a Purpose," because 100 local non-profit organizations and military units create the events. The ambassadors also attend various pre- and post-Fiesta events in and around the Alamo City.

The younger Eggers, a third-generation Airman who was born at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., sees his stint as a military ambassador as a golden opportunity few blue suiters are afforded.

"I know I can help tell the Air Force story with confidence," he said. "Being able to help form [the public's] understanding and impression of the Air Force and the overall mission of Joint Base San Antonio will prove

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And, the award goes to ... 502nd Comptroller Squadron takes top Air Force awards

By **Lori Newman**
JBSA-FSH News Leader

The 502nd Air Base Wing Comptroller Squadron has several reasons to celebrate, including winning a pair of Air Force-level awards for Financial Analysis Office of the Year and Financial Services Office of the Year.

The squadron also garnered numerous indi-

vidual awards at the Air Education and Training Command level and from the Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

"Our comptrollers are truly deserving of recognition as they led the wing to an amazing fiscal year closure and continue to guide us through these difficult times," said Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint

Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander.

"These awards reflect the combined efforts in financial service and financial analysis teams from all three comptroller squadrons."

The 502nd ABW Comptroller Squadron is one of the largest financial management organizations in the Air Force. Their scope of re-



sponsibility includes accounting for about \$500 million or 25 percent of the total AETC budget.

The Financial Services Office responsibilities include all military pay for the Air Force and Army and Air Force civilian pay, as well as travel pay along with many other tasks.

"What makes these awards so unique is that during this whole time-

frame we were taking three separate comptroller squadrons and merging them into one squadron," said Vaughn Caudill, deputy director of the 502nd ABW Comptroller Squadron.

"We have three different groups coming together trying to figure out what the best practices are and how to

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LEARNING LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL



Photo by Jade Fulce

U.S. Army Installation Management Command headquarters employees listen to management consultant Harvey Coleman discuss "Realizing Your Leadership Potential" at the Installation Management Academy Jan. 24. Coleman is founder of Coleman Management Consultants, Inc., which assists organizations in utilizing their human resources.

ARNORTH CAISSON GOES ROLLING ALONG HOUSTON STREET



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Members of the U.S. Army North's Caisson Platoon parade down Houston Street Saturday during the Western Heritage Parade and Cattle Drive in downtown San Antonio. The parade is the official kickoff of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, which runs through Feb. 24 on the grounds of the AT&T Center and Freeman Coliseum.

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that our region faces,” said Melara. “It has also helped us to build upon the relationships our region shares with the United States.”

During the conference, each commander had the opportunity to provide a presentation on their respective country’s challenges and unique solutions.

Through various forums, the leaders discussed commonalities to issues facing the region, which allowed them to explore reasonable approaches in the areas of security, countering transnational threats and building partner nation capacity.

“The presentations and discussions by the leaders here will be helpful in finding ways to counter transnational threats in our region,” Diaz said.

“One army alone cannot stop this threat. Instead, we need the support of the countries in our region to be able to be successful.”

During the conference, the leaders traveled to Camp Mabry to receive a presentation on the mission and capabilities of the Texas Military Forces, and to learn how the units work with the U.S. Border Patrol to counter illicit trafficking.

The reciprocal nature of Army South’s efforts in the region have led to increased interaction and participation of partner nations in humanitarian engagements like Beyond the Horizons, peacekeeping operations exercises like Peacekeeping Operations-Americas, and security exercises like Fuerzas Aliadas PANAMAX.

“This was a resounding success due to the willingness of the coun-



Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Maj. Gen. Frederick S. Rudesheim (head of table), the commanding general of U.S. Army South, leads a discussion during the first day of the 2013 Central American Regional Leaders’ Conference at the Army South headquarters on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Jan. 29.

tries of Central America to come here and discuss the threats we all face together,” Rudesheim said.

“This is just a stepping stone in what I hope to be a continuing effort to communicate, to share information and to meet in future sessions to discuss

what we’ve been able to accomplish, so this is not just episodic, but rather an ongoing effort to build upon our progress in the region.”

“Strengthening our relationships with the armies from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras

and Nicaragua and the security forces of Panama through this conference will have lasting effects on the peace and stability for the U.S. and in the region,” said Maj. Jeff Lopez, the Army South Central America desk officer.

U.S. Army South, as a flexible, agile and responsible component command for U.S. Southern Command, executes several key leader and army-to-army engagements throughout the year.

Key leader visits, professional exchange programs, and conducting various multinational exercises all help to nurture trust and collaboration.

“This conference is a key mechanism in ensuring that our partnership in the region remains strong and enduring,” Lopez said.

“Our countries, as well as those throughout Latin America, face several non-traditional challenges that threaten security and stability,” Lopez added.

“By discussing common threats and potential solutions in a forum like this, we can learn valuable lessons from each other.”

CAKE CUTTING KICKS OFF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Kevin Zimmerman, retired Soldier and author, cuts the cake after his remarks at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange Friday to kick off African American/Black History Month. The event was the first of many being held throughout the month on JBSA. There is another observance scheduled 11 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Road-runner Community Center, Building 2797. The guest speaker will be Dr. Merline Pitre, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences of Texas Southern University. Entertainment will be provided by Robin Farland, followed by a food sampling. For more information, call 602-0207.

Photo by Lori Newman



WOUNDED WARRIOR POLICY DIRECTOR VISITS



Photo by Marsha Huffman

Judith Markelz (left), director of Warrior and Family Support Center, and Rosye Cloud, policy director for Veterans, Wounded Warriors and Military Families, at the Warrior and Family Support Center Jan. 28. Cloud also visited with wounded warriors at the Center for the Intrepid and San Antonio Military Medical Center. She serves on the National Security and Domestic Policy Councils in Washington D.C. and coordinates White House interagency initiatives.

AETC media award winners announced

Three members of the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston public affairs staff were recently recognized at the 2012 Air Education and Training Command Media Contest.

First place in the "News Article" category went to News Leader editor Steve Elliott for an article titled "Community celebrates 102nd anniversary of military flight."

In the "Series" category, first place went to

staff writer Lori Newman for her three-part series titled "Spouse Caregivers: Adapting to a new role."

First place in the "Photojournalism" category was then-associate editor Leslie Shively, for her article titled "Going live: Realistic training takes the fight to the enemy." Shively presently serves as editor of the JBSA-Lackland Talespinner newspaper.

There were several other local winners in the AETC Media Contest.

At the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center public affairs office on JBSA-Lackland, Staff Sgt. Corey Hook took home first place in the "Documentation (Combat or Non-Combat) Photograph" and "Sports Photograph" categories.

From the Headquarters AETC Safety office at JBSA-Randolph, Tim Barela from Torch Magazine won first for "Feature Article" and was also chosen as "Air Force Civilian Print Journalist

of the Year."

Also from the Torch, Tech. Sgt. Samuel Bendet was first in the "Portrait/Personality Photograph," "Pictorial Photograph" and "Picture Story" categories. David M. Stack of the Torch took first in "Graphics Layout and Design."

In the broadcast division, Tech. Sgt. Harry Kibbe from Air Force Recruiting Service, JBSA-Randolph, was first in the "Television Spot Production" category.

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beneficial."

The vivid memories that await him may linger like they have for his father.

"I was so thrilled to

represent HQ ESC and the Air Force during all the festivities," Art said. "It was great going out as a group of nearly 20 representing San Antonio's military at the time.

"Each function was fabulous, but the River

Parade was the most fun," he recalled. "We had our own Air Force country band on the barge playing the old Bob Wills' San Antonio Rose. I felt like a rock star the entire Fiesta 1990."

The younger Eggers

hopes to make his own memories.

"If I can make an impression on even one of San Antonio's youth to seriously consider joining the Air Force," he said, "then I've served well as an ambassador."

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missions. When the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, the Army had 4,093 nurses.

By 1918, 21,460 Army nurses were serving in base, evacuation and mobile surgical hospitals around the globe as well as on hospital trains in France and transport ships carrying the wounded across the Atlantic Ocean.

This began nurses' involvement in en route care of wounded Soldiers.

By 1945, 57,000 Army nurses were on active duty and continuing their tradition of advancing nursing practice worldwide. They were involved in developing the concept of post-operative recovery wards in Europe and in providing airborne en route care from combat zones in fixed wing aircraft.

During America's wars in Korea and Vietnam, Army nurses advanced their practice through trauma care specialization, including triage and resuscitative services. They also supported helicopter ambulance transportation from battle locations.

Today, nearly 40,000 individuals represent the Triad of Army Nursing: Active Component, Reserve Component and National Guard officers, non-commissioned officers, enlisted and civilians.

The ANC continues to be part of every major conflict that the United States has taken part in and serves as a critical factor in the outcome of the health of our service members and their families.

(Sources: Army Medical Command, Army Nurse Corps, Army.mil)

IRS kicks off 2013 tax season

By Lea Crusberg
Internal Revenue Service Media Relations

The Internal Revenue Service opened the 2013 filing season Jan. 30 by announcing a variety of enhanced products and services to help taxpayers prepare and file their tax returns by the April 15 deadline.

New and expanded services for taxpayers this year include a redesigned IRS.gov website that's easier to navigate and improved service options, including more video-conferencing assistance sites and additional social media tools.

In addition, the IRS has stepped up its enforcement efforts to protect taxpayers from refund fraud and identity theft.

The IRS began accepting and processing most individual tax returns after updating forms and completing programming and testing of its processing systems to reflect the American Taxpayer Relief Act that Congress enacted Jan. 2.

The vast majority of taxpayers can file now, but the IRS is continuing to update its systems for some tax filers. The IRS will begin accepting tax returns from people claiming education credits in mid-February while taxpayers claiming depreciation deductions, energy credits and many business credits will be able to file in late February or early March. A full list of the affected forms is available on <http://www.irs.gov>.

This year, taxpayers have until April 15 to file their 2012 tax returns and pay any tax due. The IRS expects to receive more than 147 million individual tax returns this year, with about 75 percent projected to receive a refund.

Last year for the first time, 80 percent of all individual returns were filed electronically. E-file, when combined with direct deposit, is the fastest way to get a refund. Last year, about three out of four refund filers selected direct deposit.

The best way for taxpayers to get answers to their questions is by visiting <http://www.irs.gov>. Last year, the website received a record 340 million visits, a 17

percent increase over 2011.

This year, the redesigned website makes it easier than ever for taxpayers to get to key forms and vital information. The front page also has links to redesigned pages to help with everything from refunds to specific tax issues as well as easy access to taxpayer-friendly videos on the IRS YouTube channel.

Through the IRS website, taxpayers can access Free File, which provides options for free brand-name tax software or online fillable forms plus free electronic filing. Everyone can use Free File to prepare a federal tax return.

Taxpayers who make \$57,000 or less can choose from about 15 commercial software providers. There's no income limit for Free File fillable forms, the electronic version of IRS paper forms.

People making \$51,000 or less usually qualify for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for free tax preparation and electronic filing.

This year, the IRS is doubling the number of sites where taxpayers can get assistance through two-way video conferencing. During 2012, the program's first year, about 14,000 taxpayers received assistance at 13 locations.

Following a strong response to the virtual assistance program, the IRS plans to roll out 14 new sites. A list of the 27 available locations is on <http://www.irs.gov>.

For tax law questions or account inquiries, taxpayers can also call the IRS toll-free number 800-829-1040 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time) or visit a taxpayer assistance center. Taxpayers should check <http://www.irs.gov> for the hours and services offered at the location they intend to visit.

For the third year, the IRS will offer IRS2Go, its smartphone application, which enables taxpayers to check on the status of their tax refund and obtain helpful tax information.

The IRS2Go app, available for Apple and Android users, has been downloaded more than 800,000 times and used by taxpayers millions of times.

More helpful information is available through IRS social media platforms, including YouTube, where viewers can watch more than 100 short, informative videos. They are available in English, Spanish, American Sign Language and other languages.

The IRS also has several twitter feeds available for taxpayers in English and Spanish at @IRSnews or @IRSenEspanol. And @IRStaxpros covers news for tax professionals.

The IRS only uses social media tools to share public information, not to answer personal tax or account questions. And the IRS reminds taxpayers to never post confidential information, such as a Social Security Number, on social media sites.

Even with the Jan. 30 opening of the tax season, the IRS expects to issue refunds within the usual timeframes. Last year, the IRS issued more than nine out of 10 refunds to taxpayers in less than 21 days, and it expects the same results in 2013.

After taxpayers file a return, they can track the status of the refund with the "Where's My Refund?"

tool available on the IRS website.

New this year, instead of an estimated date, "Where's My Refund?" will give people an actual personalized refund date after the IRS processes the tax return and approves the refund.

Initial information will generally be available within 24 hours after the IRS receives the taxpayer's e-filed return or four weeks after mailing a paper return.

The system updates every 24 hours, usually overnight. There's no need to check more than once a day.

To use the "Where's My Refund?" tool, taxpayers need to have a copy of their tax return for reference. Taxpayers will need their Social Security Number, filing status and the exact dollar amount of the refund they are expecting.

Taxpayers should remember that while most tax refunds are issued within 21 days, some tax returns need additional time to be reviewed. As part of that effort, the IRS has put in place stronger security filters this filing season to protect against refund fraud and identity theft.

Stopping identity theft



and refund fraud is a top priority for the IRS, and the agency's work on identity theft and refund fraud continues to grow. For the 2013 filing season, the IRS has expanded these efforts to better protect taxpayers, help victims and detect refund fraud before it occurs.

The effort includes stronger screening filters for incoming tax returns, increased IRS Criminal Investigation activity and expanded partnerships with local law-enforcement officials and financial institutions. More information is available in IRS Fact Sheet 2013-2.



JBSA-FSH Military Tax Center opens for business

The Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Center are trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service and ready for customers.

The main MTAC on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is located at the 502d MSG Staff Judge Advocate at 2271 Reynolds Road.

At the San Antonio Military Medical Center, the MTAC is located in the basement in conference room L-44-6. Tax returns are prepared on a "by appointment only" basis and appointments can be

made starting Jan. 22.

The vast majority of tax filers – more than 120 million households – were able to start filing tax returns beginning Jan 30. Taxpayers will receive their tax refunds much faster by using e-file with direct deposit.

To schedule an appointment at Reynolds Road location, call 295-1040. To schedule an appointment at the SAMMC location, call 916-1040.

Internal Revenue Service to accept returns claiming education credits by mid-February

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that processing of tax returns claiming education credits will begin by the middle of February.

Taxpayers using Form 8863, Education Credits, can begin filing their tax returns after the IRS updates its processing systems. Form 8863 is used to claim two higher education credits – the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Lifetime

Learning Credit.

The IRS emphasized that the delayed start will have no impact on taxpayers claiming other education-related tax benefits, such as the tuition and fees deduction and the student loan interest deduction. People otherwise able to file and claiming these benefits can start filing now.

As it does every year, the IRS reviews and tests its systems in

advance of the opening of the tax season to protect taxpayers from processing errors and refund delays.

The IRS discovered during testing that programming modifications are needed to accurately process Forms 8863. Filers who are otherwise able to file but use the Form 8863 will be able to file by mid-February.

No action needs to be taken by the taxpayer or their tax profes-

sional.

Typically through the mid-February period, about 3 million tax returns include Form 8863, less than a quarter of those filed during the year.

People claiming the student loan interest deduction on the Form 1040 series or the higher education tuition or fees on Form 8917, Tuition and Fees Deduction can file now. Forms that will be able to be filed later are listed on <http://www.irs.gov>.

Updated information will be posted on <http://www.irs.gov>.

(Source: Internal Revenue Service)

IRS adds Tumblr to its list of social media platforms

The Internal Revenue Service has added Tumblr to its list of social media platforms. People who want tax information now have another way of accessing helpful tax tips, videos, podcasts and more at Tumblr.

Tumblr (<http://www.tumblr.com/>) is a microblogging platform where users access and share text, photos, videos and other information from their browser, smartphone, tablet or desktop.

The IRS plans to use Tumblr to

help share information about important programs to help taxpayers, such as late tax law changes, the Earned Income Tax Credit and Free File. The Tumblr site also makes it easy for partner groups and others to share tax information from the IRS.

"Tax issues touch a wide range of people who use information in many different ways. The IRS Tumblr site provides a new avenue for taxpayers and partner groups to get and share

important tax information," said IRS Communications Director Terry Lemons.

"The new Tumblr platform is part of a larger effort at the IRS to get information to taxpayers when and where they want it."

The IRS' growing social media presence already includes YouTube, where viewers can watch IRS channels for short, informative videos in English, Spanish, American Sign Language and other languages. The IRS You-

Tube channels have more than 100 videos, which have been viewed more than 3.1 million times.

In addition, more than 61,000 people follow the IRS twitter feeds. The latest tax information is available at @IRSnews or @IRSenEspanol. @IRStaxpros covers news for tax professionals, @RecruitmentIRS provides updates for job seekers, and the Taxpayer Advocate Service has information available @YourVoiceAtIRS.

Look up the IRS on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/IRS> and the Taxpayer Advocate Service at <https://www.facebook.com/YourVoiceAtIRS>.

To protect taxpayer privacy, the IRS only uses social media tools to share public information, not to answer personal tax or account questions. It advises taxpayers to never post confidential information, like a Social Security number, on social media sites.

Tax credit can benefit low-and moderate-income workers

By Lea Crusberg
Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service wants to raise awareness about a tax credit that could mean thousands of dollars to working families in Texas. Last year, more than 2.5 million families in the state received the Earned Income Tax Credit, with an average amount of \$2,576.

One-third of the eligible population changes each year as their financial, marital and parental statuses change. Although an estimated four out of five eligible workers and families get the credit, one in five still miss out on it, either because they don't claim it when filing, or don't file a tax return at all.

The EITC varies by income, family size and filing status. People can see if they qualify by visiting irs.gov and answering a few questions using the EITC Assistant. In tax year 2011, over 27 million eligible workers and families received nearly \$62 billion total in EITC, nationwide.

Workers, self-employed people and farmers who earned \$50,270 or less last year could receive larger refunds if they qualify for the EITC. That could mean up to \$475 in EITC for people without children, and a maximum credit of up to \$5,891 for those with three or more qualifying children.

Unlike most deductions and credits, the EITC is refundable. In other words, those eligible

may get a refund from the IRS even if they owe no tax.

The EITC provides a financial boost for millions of hard-working Americans.

However, the IRS reminds taxpayers that even though most federal tax refunds are issued in less than 21 days, many factors can affect how long it may take for taxpayers to get their refunds.

It is also possible that a tax return could require additional review and therefore take longer to process. Taxpayers can track the status of their refund with the "Where's My Refund?" tool available for use on the www.irs.gov website.

To get the EITC, workers must file a tax return, even if they are

not required to file, and specifically claim the credit.

Those eligible for the EITC have free options to file a tax return to claim the credit:

Free File on www.irs.gov: Free brand-name tax software walks people through a question and answer format to help them prepare their returns and claim every credit and deduction for which they are eligible. The program also allows people to file electronically for free, using Free File Fillable Forms (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Access-Free-File-Fillable-Forms-Here>), which are online versions of our paper forms designed for taxpayers comfortable preparing their own returns.

Free tax preparation sites: EI-

TC-eligible workers can seek free tax preparation at thousands of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly sites. To locate the nearest site, taxpayers can search <http://www.irs.gov> or call the IRS at 800-906-9887. Taxpayers can also find VITA/TCE sites by calling their community's 211 or 311 line for local services.

IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers: EITC-eligible workers can seek free assistance in IRS locations across the country. Locations are listed online at <http://www.irs.gov>. Hours and services offered vary by location and should be checked before visiting. More information on EITC and detailed eligibility rules are available at <http://www.irs.gov/eitc>. IRS partners should also visit EITC Central at <http://www.eitc.irs.gov> for helpful resources.

FORT SAM HOUSTON BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRING SOLDIERS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Soldiers and family members thanked nine Soldiers for their service to the nation during a retirement ceremony Jan. 31 at the historic Quadrangle. From left, the retirees are: Lt. Col. Brett A. Challenger, U.S. Forces Korea; Maj. Melissa Lee, 187th Medical Battalion; Maj. Demetria L. Glover, U.S. Army South; Sgt. Maj. Daniel Cuevas Jr., U.S. Army North; Master Sgt. Aaron Jones, 32nd Medical Brigade; Master Sgt. Gary Hollins, 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary); Sgt. 1st Class Tara Bryant, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Liza Whitney, 926th Medical Detachment, Fort Benning Ga.; and Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Thompson, ARSOUTH. Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, presided over the ceremony. Caldwell said the central theme in all of the Soldiers' careers was commitment. "They have a commitment to our profession and to our nation," Caldwell said. "Throughout their journey, they grew and developed both professionally and personally, making themselves better people and key members of our Army team."

AWARDS from P6

make this work for Joint Base San Antonio."

"The squadron were going through a huge transition, dealing with manpower issues and have had three different directors over this past fiscal year," said

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Guyer, superintendent of the 502nd ABW Comptroller Squadron.

"Our folks have stepped up and have done even better than in the past."

"We are supporting the Airmen, whether they are out on the flight line or training the military

dogs," Caudill said.

"Our real mission is to take care of all those folks who are out there and to ensure that every Army and Air Force civilian is paid correctly and on time.

"That's the end result; we are servicing our customers."

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS INCLUDE:

AETC-Level Awards

Lt. Col. Scott Thompson
2nd Lt. Aleks Reid

502nd ABW
502nd ABW

Comptroller of the Year
Financial Officer of the Year

Alamo City Chapter/American Society of Military Comptrollers

Maj. Sean Casperson

U.S. Army Medical Command

Accounting/Finance

Sandra Akana

U.S. Army North

Accounting/Finance

2Lt. Aleks Reid

502nd ABW

Accounting/Finance

Earl Anders

Headquarters AETC

Acquisition/Cost Analysis

Karl Devlin

ARNORTH

Acquisition/Cost Analysis

Capt. Leria Diaz

AETC

Budgeting

Arturo Rivas Jr.

AETC

Budgeting

Christopher Underwood

502nd ABW

Budgeting

Patrick Reynolds

ARNORTH

Comptroller

Lt. Col. Scott Thompson

502nd ABW

Comptroller

Nicole Cavazos

AF Civil Engineer Center

Contractor Support

Carol Wood

AETC

Financial Systems

Staff Sgt. Matthew Wester

802nd Comptroller Squadron

Financial Systems

Nicole Morrow

AETC

Intern/Trainee

Victor Stansberry

MEDCOM

Resource Management

Paul Sortor

AETC

Resource Management

Jacqueline Nonnon

902nd Force Support Squadron

Resource Management

Suzanne Meyer

AFCEC

Resource Management

502nd ABW Military Pay Team

Team

937th Training Group trio win AETC awards

By Col. Annata R. Sullivan
Commander, 937th Training Group

Three 937th Training Group NCOs were recently selected for Air Education and Training Command awards. The 937th TRG is located on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Tech. Sgt. Maisha Granda, a dental lab instructor at the Medical Education and Training Campus, was selected as the 2012 Outstanding Dental NCO of the Year for AETC.

She was instrumental in training 110 tri-service dental laboratory technicians with a 98 percent pass rate in the Basic Dental Lab Program.

She also supported the dental lab national exam by proctoring eight hours for 15 candidates, which was vital to maintaining the dental lab's program accreditation. Granda



Tech. Sgt. Maisha Granda

was also selected as the 37th Training Wing's NCO of the Quarter.

Tech. Sgt. Jesus Y. Herrera won the AETC Air Force Cardiopulmonary Laboratory NCO of the Year for 2012.

Herrera is the educational program director for the Air Force cardiopulmonary course at METC and manages



Tech. Sgt. Jesus Y. Herrera

the \$4 million, 1,300-hour clinical training program. He leads 12 instructors and 81 Airmen through the 30-week Phase II program, delivering 81 technicians to 18 military training facilities, while exceeding annual course production by 9 percent.

Under his direction, 2,900 Community Col-



Courtesy photos

Tech. Sgt. Brianna L. Hunt

lege of the Air Force credits were awarded and was instrumental to the 1,000-hour course re-write, authoring 550 questions, 400 lesson plan pages and ensuring researched based curriculum was taught to 74 students annually.

Additionally, he provided advanced care during four hyperbaric

dives, more than 11 hours, to significantly decrease the mortality potential for 13 critical patients.

Herrera is one of only 15 in the Air Force to have earned the national registry in respiratory care, acing clinical simulations and the exam to add credibility to his impressive instructor credentials.

METC surgical technology instructor Tech. Sgt. Brianna L. Hunt was selected for the Air Force Surgical Service NCO of the Year for 2012.

As the interim course supervisor, she led 15 joint-service staff, 75 students and oversaw \$2.8 million in resources for training while sustaining 100 percent productivity. She developed 624 hours of joint curriculum and correlated 702 tri-service training requirements to align service specific training measurements.

Hunt developed teach-

ing points for 38 surgical cases and helped raise pass-rates by 25 percent.

As one of the 502nd Air Base Wing alternate Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, she trained 2,400 Airmen and led 14 victim advocates for 16 assault responses, enhancing awareness and safety on Joint Base San Antonio.

Additionally, Hunt was selected by the 37th Training Wing commander to represent the wing at a Capitol Hill meeting with eight delegates to raise awareness of military issues. She was also selected as the 937th Training Group Squadron NCO of the Quarter and Group NCO of the year.

The 937th Training Group is the largest of only two medical training groups in the Air Force. It consists of four squadrons that conduct 168 basic and advance medical courses, and graduates nearly 8,000 students a year.

Army installations will continue to hire critical career fields

Army installations will continue to hire the critical career fields from firefighters to child care workers, Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, announced Jan. 29.

Headquarters, Department of the Army recently provided guidance regarding a department-wide hiring freeze and release of term and temporary civilian personnel.

In that guidance, authority to approve exceptions to the hiring freeze is delegated to commanders of Army

commands, Army service component commands, direct reporting units and the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army for Headquarters, Department of the Army and its field operating and staff support agencies. The above authority delegates hiring authority to the IMCOM commanding general.

"I am authorizing the hiring to continue in the following program areas to ensure we continue to provide programs and services in support of critical missions, national security, safety of human

life and the protection of private property," Ferriter said.

Garrisons are given approval to hire firefighters, security guards, civilian police, air traffic controllers, lifeguards, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program staff (permanent and term), Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program counselors, and – regardless of funding source – Child, Youth and School Services staff in accordance with IMCOM Command and Headquarters, Department of the Army hiring guidelines.

"Because of the important nature of installation management business, we will review hiring requests at each garrison and can make additional approvals to ensure critical missions continue," Ferriter said.

"We have spoken with every garrison commander or deputy and command sergeant major throughout IMCOM this week to ensure they understand the importance our mission" the general added.

"The Army leadership remains committed to providing the best possible support to Soldiers, families, civilians and our Soldiers for life."

(Source: IMCOM Public Affairs)



Graphic by Lino Espinoza

The Joint Base San Antonio mobile application provides basic information about the primary JBSA locations. The mobile application, called "JBSA," is now available for download through the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

COLE HONORS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Courtesy photo

Each month, Cole Middle/High School recognizes one student from each grade level for his/her outstanding attitude, citizenship, and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The recipients for January are (front row from left) 12th grade, Hayley Morrill; 7th grade, Sha'unn Tolar and 6th grade, Johabian Alfonso. From left in the back row are: 8th grade, Noah Cardenas; 11th grade, Natalie Garza; 10th grade, Olivia Oliver and 9th grade, Kevin Crouch.

QUEEN OF THE MILITARY BALL



Courtesy photo

Robert G. Cole High School senior Amber Stout (left) celebrates with her brother, JROTC Cadet Staff Sgt. Christian Stout, after being crowned the queen of the school's 45th annual JROTC Military Ball held at the Holiday Inn-Riverwalk Jan. 26. Amber is a fourth-year cadet in the Cougar Battalion and Company A commander. After graduation, she will be attending Texas Christian University on an Army ROTC scholarship.

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES FEB. 11-16

**Fort Sam Houston Elementary
School**
Feb. 14

Lifetouch Class group photos

Feb. 15

College/university T-shirt day
Progress reports go home

**Robert G. Cole Middle and
High School**

Feb. 11

Boys golf tourney at Canyon Springs,
8:30 a.m.

Cole Winter C Awards, Cole Gym, 7 p.m.

Feb. 12

Boys junior varsity/varsity basketball
vs. Marion, 6/7:30 p.m.

Feb. 15

Girls NEISD golf tourney at
Brackenridge, 7:30 a.m.

Middle school dance, middle school
mall, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 16

Girls NEISD golf tourney at
Brackenridge, 7:30 a.m.

INSIDE THE GATE

Warfighter and Family Readiness Volunteer Fair

Today, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Warfighter and Family Readiness Center, Building 2797, meet volunteer agencies, learn what opportunities are available, and how to register as a volunteer. Call 221-9848 or 221-2336.

African-American Heritage Month 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Today, 1-6 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center. Call 565-3736, 565-4904 or 652-2525.

Friday Night Jazz & Wine

Today, 8 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. The evening will feature jazz pianist David Benoit and saxophonist Paul Taylor. Doors open and cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$35, plus a nominal service fee and \$45 at the door. Visit <http://goo.gl/RFmGK> or ArmyMWR.com to purchase tickets. Call 466-2020.

FSH museum director, author appearance

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Base Exchange, Building 2420, 2831 Henry T. Allen. John Manguso, former director of the Fort Sam Houston Museum, will be signing copies of his book titled "Images of America: Fort Sam Houston."

Mardi Gras, Merengue Zumba

Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus, Building 1369, Williams Road. The cost of the two-hour class is \$12 and includes a T-shirt and snacks. Call 808-5709.

'Love To Read' For Valentine's Day

Saturday, 2-3 p.m. Celebrating Valentine's Day, the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 122, Harney Path, hosts "Love to Read," featuring heart-warming stories, fun games and Valentine crafts for preschool and young readers. Call 221-4702.

Valentine's Couple's Golf Tournament

Sunday, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. The two-person scramble is open to male and female golfers. The fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The fee includes greens fees, shared cart rental, food and prizes. Call 222-9386.

Army Pride

Monday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Elementary School. Call 221-0349.

Access Level 1

Tuesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Saving and Investing

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Helping Us Grow Securely Playgroup

Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Middle school Teen Center, Building 2515, for children up to age 5. Call 221-0349.

Pre Deployment Planning Training

Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1829.

Effective Anger Management Skills

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Red Cross, Building 2650. This is a six-part class. Call 221-0349.

Immigration Services

Tuesday, noon-2 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Budgeting

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

Access Level 2

Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Family Readiness Support Assistant Training

Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call

221-0946 or 221-1829.

Overseas Orientation

Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-1372 or 221-9698.

Bringing Baby Home

Wednesday and Feb. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

First Termer Financial Readiness

Wednesday, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2380.

Excel Level 1

Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Talent Showcase

Singers, musicians, poets, circus acts, storytellers, dancers, actors and comedians are invited to show their stuff at "Believe," a talent showcase Feb. 16, 6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Practices are underway 5 p.m. Saturday at the Roadrunner Community Center. Family-friendly acts are welcome. Sign up at any Child, Youth & School Services facility with one act per contestant. Call 221-4871.

Murder is a Game at the Harlequin

Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Feb. 16, dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652 Harney Road. Call 222-9694.

Exotic Hunts

Hunts are 4-8 p.m. on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis and continue Friday through Sunday evenings until Feb. 17. Permit-holding hunters should call Thursday morning no earlier than 8 a.m. for a reserve stand. Hunters seeking a second or third day may call beginning at noon for any stands which have not been selected. Walk-in hunters not permitted. Call 295-7577.

Teen Resilience Workshop

Feb. 19, 4 to 5 p.m., Building 2620 on the corner of Schofield and

Scott Road. Call 808-6089 or visit <http://www.csprep.army.mil>.

African American/Black History Month Observance

Feb. 20, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. The guest speaker is Dr. Merline Pitre. There will be entertainment by Robin Farland and a food sampling. Call 602-0207.

Hearts Apart

Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Military and Family Readiness Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0946 or 221-1820.

BOSS Members Meeting

Feb. 20, noon at the BOSS Room in the Benner Barracks. The group which offers service members recreational activities and volunteer opportunities meets regularly every other Wednesday at noon. Call 295-6867 or 221-3949.

Intramural Golf Coaches Needed

DoD cardholders interested in coaching intramural golf will meet Feb. 20 and 27 and March 6, noon-1 p.m. at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Team rosters are due March 6 and the league gets underway March 18. Call 808-5710 or 221-7173.

3-D Archery Shoot

Feb. 23-24, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at JBSA-Camp Bullis. There are 30 targets at 5-55 yards on a different course each month. The competition categories are novice to expert, shooting in groups from 3-5 people. The fun shoot is \$10 per person and the competition shoot is \$15 per person. Call 295-7577.

Polar Bear Aquathon

Feb. 23, 2 p.m., JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center, Building 3300, Williams Road. The event includes a 500 meter swim in a heated pool and a 5-mile run with three categories including men, women and a two-person relay. The cost is \$20 per person. To register, visit http://www.fortsammwr.com/image/OfficialForms/Run_Registration-Form.pdf. Call 221-3593.

Teen Poetry Slam

Feb. 23, 6 to 9 p.m., Military and Family Readiness Center, Building 2797, for teens 13 to 18

years old. Open to military ID card holders. Call 221-0349.

African-American Heritage Month Gospel Fest

Feb. 24, 3-7 p.m., JBSA-Randolph Chapel 1, call 565-3736, 565-4904 or 652-2525.

Military Saves Week Feb. 25 to March 1

For more information on Military Saves Week or help planning to improve your financial future call the Financial Programs at JBSA-Lackland at 371-3722; JBSA-Randolph at 652-5321 or JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at 221-2380.

African-American Heritage Month 5K Fun Run/Walk

Feb. 28, 7:30-8:30 a.m., JBSA-Randolph Eberle Park. Call 565-3736, 565-4904 or 652-2525.

SKIESUnlimited Classes

SKIESUnlimited classes for children ages 18 months to 18 years include Tae Kwon Do, private piano lessons, creative dance and ballet/tap. Call 221-3381 for dates and times.

HIRED! Program

Apprentices can sign up for the 2013 HIRED! Winter Term, March 25-June 15, for opportunities to work at the Force Support Squadron facilities and activities on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Registration forms are available at the Middle School Teen Center, and at Parent Central. Application deadline is March 1. Call 221-3183.

Air Force Arts & Crafts Gallery

The 2013 Air Force Arts & Crafts Gallery Program requests submissions from artists, craftsmen and photographers in the armed forces and their family members around the world. Adults, teens ages 13-17 and youth ages 6 to 12 may submit 2- and 3-D art, photography and digital art. Three entries are permitted per person per category. Entries must be dropped off at the JBSA-Lackland Arts & Crafts Center, 1441 Patrick St., Building 7041. Call 671-5508 or visit <https://www.usafservices.com/ArtsCraftsGallery.aspx>.

Golf Course Survey

Joint Base San Antonio is

gathering feedback on its golf courses to improve operations and better meet the needs of patrons. The survey is online at <http://2013JBSAGolfCourseSurvey.questionpro.com>

Central Post Gym Reopens on JBSA-FSH

MWR patrons have a new fitness center at their disposal on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with the reopening of the Central Post Gym, Building 961, Patch Rd. The gym is open from 5 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and closed weekends and holidays. Call 221-3593.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office

The ticket office has discount tickets for San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo through Feb. 24 are \$44; Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10 through 14, are \$14 for plaza seating and \$44 for second-row floor seating. Discounted tickets for the Spurs regular season games are also available. The ticket office is located in the Sam Houston Community Center and is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The ticket office will reopen Saturdays in spring 2013. Call 808-1378.

Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 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.

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.

Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing

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information, call 723-8574 or print brochure at <http://randolphroadrunners.info/>.

JROTC All-Army Drill Meet

More than 700 Army Junior ROTC cadets will take part in the All-Army Drill Meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Henry B. Gonzalez Conventions Center, 200 E. Market Street. Free parking is available at the San Antonio Federal Courthouse Building, 655 E. Durango Blvd. Top five winners will represent the 5th Brigade Army ROTC at the Army national competition April 6 at Fort Knox, Ky. For more information, call 295-2014.

Federal Veterans Employment Information Symposium

The free symposium is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at Texas A&M University-San Antonio Campus Auditorium, 2601 Louis Bauer, Brooks City Base. This symposium is designed for outreach to federal hiring managers, HR professionals, federal employees, transitioning military service members, military veterans, military spouses,

and those with disabilities. The objective is to accelerate and refocus on the President's veterans employment initiatives, facilitate and restructure federal agencies interpersonal relations, and influence group dynamics to work in partnerships to increase hiring opportunities and ratios in the southern region. Call 916-9252 or 916-7322.

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 Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited to attend. Call 539-1178.

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. Call 671-3686.



FOR SALE: Full-size black canopy bed with mattress, still in plastic, with vanity, \$300; solid oak bunk bed with drawers, stairs and mattress, \$300; large entertainment stand, smoked glass and wood, \$225; full-size washer and dryer set, \$200; 10 foot by 13 foot multicolored shag area rug, \$100. All items are six months old and in great condition, prices negotiable. Call 426-2599.

FOR SALE: Dog crates, new, one for large dog, one for small dog; new seat covers for Dodge RAM 1500/2500, misty grey, \$48; Oakley sunglasses, new, iridium, 99 percent UV protection, includes hard case, \$76; new pro bike helmet, medium size, \$35; color TV and other items. Call 313-0061. **FOR SALE:** New Rascal wheelchair, \$700 obo. Call 661-3765.

Griffin golf tourney

Volunteers from the 401st Military Intelligence Battalion hosts a golf tournament at the Olympia Hills Golf Course, 12900 Mount Olympus, Universal City March 8. Check-in from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Tournament starts at 8 a.m. Registration deadline is Feb. 22. Entry fee of \$70 each includes a barbecue brisket and chicken lunch. Prizes awarded for the longest drive and the closest to the pin. Call (703) 725-4630.

Hill Country Retreat Walk and Bike Events

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club is hosting two 5k and 10k walks and one 25k bike event Saturday starting at Del Webb's Hill Country Retreat Resort Center, 4505 Del Webb Blvd. Events start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. For

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licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. Call 221-3828.

Parent Central Customer Service

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. for registration and 12:30 to 1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Parent Central is located in Building 2797, on Fort Sam Houston. Call 221-4871.

Before and After School Care Registration

Register your child for before and after school care at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Center or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston 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 at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open to all DOD cardholders and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and the third Saturday of each month. Consigned items are taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. Call 221-5794/4537 or click on <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Pet Consult Services Available

The JBSA-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing. Call 671-3631/2245.

Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support Squadron Education and Training Office offers a variety of military testing, including Professional Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense Language Proficiency testing. PME Testing is conducted on Tuesdays, CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests are scheduled on an as-needed basis. To schedule military

testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 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.

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

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.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sundays

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

Dodd Field Chapel
Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan

10:30 a.m. - Gospel

**Army Medical Department
Regimental Chapel**

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade
Collective Service

**Brooke Army Medical
Center Chapel**

Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.
11:01 - Contemporary
"Crossroads"

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel
4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

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

ISLAMIC SERVICE

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

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

BUDDHIST SERVICES

1 p.m. - Buddhist Services,
Sunday, AMEDD

*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>.*

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families located at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis is eligible to apply. All information necessary can be found at <http://www.scfsh.com/> under the "Welfare" button on the left of the page. The application form is available for download and contact information is provided. Applications must be submitted by April 1.

U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations Tip Line

Report crime or suspicious activity to the anonymous tip line by text message, online or download the smartphone app. Text AFOSI at 274637 (CRIMES) or visit <https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtips.aspx?agencyID=1111> or <http://www.osi.af.mil>.

Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

The Army chief of staff and

the acting secretary of the Army established the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline to give Soldiers and their families a place to share their concerns on the quality of care received. It also provides Army senior leadership with a valuable tool to determine if appropriate resources are devoted to solving medical-related issues in timely and comprehensive fashion. The hotline is available around the clock at 1-800-984-8523, DSN 421-3700 or via email at wfsupport@amedd.army.mil.

Customer Care Center at CPAC

People looking for job information can visit the new customer care center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 144, 2438 Stanley Road. Army civilian employees can also receive assistance with resetting passwords for the Electronic Benefits Information System or completing employee beneficiary forms. For more information, call 221-1425.