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Fiesta salute

Military ambassadors representing the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force join Gen. William R. Looney III, commanding general, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, this year's Fiesta military coordinator, participated in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade April 21. Military members from Fort Sam Houston and other local military installations took part in a variety of Fiesta events last week. The San Antonio Fiesta, which takes place in April each year, is a city-wide celebration of San Antonio's rich and diverse cultures. For more Fiesta coverage, see Pages 14 and 15.



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College awards graduate-level credits to military public health students

By Cheryl Harrison
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Texas A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health recently entered into an agreement that not only benefits students, it is a positive benefit for the military, civilian and academic communities.

Soldiers studying in the Community Health Practices Branch of the Department of

Preventive Health Services in the Academy of Health Sciences can now earn graduate-level college credits for selected courses that are currently part of their military public health training.

This co-joined effort fosters a working relationship that positively impacts the AMEDDC&S public health professional curriculum and creates an additional avenue to cutting-edge data, roles and practices of public health practitioners. It expands the possibilities for research

"The material we teach is high-quality material taught to high-quality students."

*Lt. Col. James Sheehan
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project collaboration and increases the opportunities for students to interact with an additional group of distinguished public health professionals and professors as well as providing a critical link to non-clinical public health resources.

Students are now able to earn between six and nine graduate-level credit hours. Courses include Epidemiology, Public Health Policy and Management, and Public

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440th Soldiers ready to give gift of life overseas

By Esther Garcia
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

The mission of the 440th Blood Support Detachment is to provide collection, manufacturing, storage, and distribution of blood and products to division,

corps, echelons above corps, medical units and to other operations.

Eleven Soldiers assigned to the 440th are more than prepared to do this mission as they deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

On Saturday, family, friends, and co-workers gathered at the Roadrunner Community Center to say farewell to these Soldiers during the deployment ceremony.

Lt. Col. Ronald Krogh, battalion commander, 61st Multifunctional Medical

Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas, and guest speaker, said, "It is time for the 440th to go to Afghanistan to do the blood mission; a small group of people doing an incredibly important

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More BRAC construction to begin in May

By Minnie Jones
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The projects that will begin in May include the construction of two Medical Instructional Facility buildings, a METC Headquarters administration building and a 4,800-person dining facility.

The Directorate of Public Works has announced that several construction projects are scheduled to begin on Fort Sam Houston in early May with some anticipated interruptions to traffic and inconveniences to residents.

The construction projects are part of the Medical Education and Training Campus complex that falls under the San Antonio's Base Realignment and Closure Program, which directs joint education and the relocating of several medical training and administrative taskings to San Antonio.

The projects that will begin in May include the construction of two Medical Instructional Facility buildings, a METC Headquarters administration building and a 4,800-person dining facility.

The Medical Instructional Facility buildings, known as MIF 1 and MIF 2, will be used for training military personnel in the areas of radiology, pharmacy, biomedical equipment, dental technicians and nuclear medicine technologists. MIF 1 will be 142,000 square feet and MIF 2 will total 125,000 square feet of floor space; both buildings will be constructed in phases to allow a seamless transition of students and instructors from other locations to here, without an interruption in training.

During the MIF construction, contractors will be installing construction gates around the site, along Hardee and Scott Roads. Construction workers will be using the "Old Scott" gate for entry and exiting and will require Hardee Road to be closed. This will restrict residents living in the Harris Heights military hous-

ing area and require them to drive or walk around the site, which can cause delays of 15 minutes or more. Construction is scheduled to be completed September 2010.

Another area slated for construction is the METC Headquarters administration building that will be a two-story structure, approximately 23,000 square feet, and will house about 82 Navy and Air Force management support personnel. The construction

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NCO Week

The following events will be held in celebration of NCO Week:

- Esprit de Corps NCO Run at MacArthur Field Friday at 5:30 a.m.
 - NCO Dining-In at Sam Houston Club Friday at 6 p.m.
- For more information, call Master Sgt. Carlisie Jones at 221-6860.

Days of Remembrance

The 2008 Days of Remembrance Victims of the Holocaust observance will be held Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797 on Stanley Road. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Gus Cunningham at 221-6326.

BNCOC change of responsibility

The Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course will hold a change of responsibility for outgoing 1st Sgt. Richard Watson and incoming 1st Sgt. Warren Fulwood Monday at 4:30 p.m. outside Building 1397.

Road closure

Effective Monday Williams Road and Service Road 33, which ends at Binz-Engleman Road, will be closed for the construction of the METC dormitories. A portion of Binz-Engleman Road will be closed between Garden and Williams Roads. The closures are in effect until completion of the dormitories in fiscal 2010.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The post community is invited to show their appreciation for volunteers by attending the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call the Army volunteer coordinator at 221-2418.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

U.S. Army South will sponsor several events in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The opening ceremony will be held Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Army Community Service, Building 2797; a volleyball tournament will be held May 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center; and an Expo will be held May 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the commissary parking lot. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Megan Grant at 295-6800. To request reasonable accommodations for a disability, call 221-0218.

ISR 1 training

A mandatory orientation training for Installation Status Report, Infrastructure points of contact will be held May 8 from 7:30

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Warriors in Transition receive Purple Hearts at BAMC

Story and photo by Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center



Family, friends and Brooke Army Medical Center medical staff gathered for a Purple Heart Ceremony April 22 at the BAMC fourth floor auditorium to honor nine Warriors who were injured in Iraq.

According to Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center and Great Plains Regional Medical Command, taking care of healing and rehabilitating Warriors in Transition is only part of what the BAMC medical and civilian staff does for its Warriors. Gilman said the other half of a Warrior's care is being a part of a significant event in their lives.

"It's gratifying as a commander and the staff to be a part of the Purple Heart Ceremony," Gilman said. "Taking care of warriors is more than a job; it's being a part of this significant event."

The Purple Heart is an American

(From left) Pfc. Cody Cook, Pfc. Thomas Caudill, Spc. Sean Moore, Spc. Adrian Delacruz, Spc. David Corley, Sgt. Cyrus Thompson, Sgt. Daniel Porter and Lt. Col. Raymond Rivas were honored April 22 during a Purple Heart Ceremony at Brooke Army Medical Center.

decoration and the oldest military decoration in the world awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

The honorees were:

Lt. Col. Raymond Rivas, a civil affairs officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, 13th Corps Support Command, was injured Oct. 12, 2006, by incoming mortars and an indirect fire hit while working on Tallil, Forward Operating Base. He sustained a fractured knee and other combat injuries.

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New pharmacy opens to support Warriors, Families

Story and photo by Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center

A passionate advocate with a love for Soldiers, Family and Brooke Army Medical Center, Col. Thirsa Martinez has a motto: Let's take care of our Warriors.

"She takes on the responsibility of making sure that it happens, executes and implements it to the standards," said Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of BAMC and Great Plains Regional Medical Command, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Warrior Pharmacy April 14.

Gilman references the work that Martinez and the Department of Pharmacy did to create a dedicated pharmacy and team for the Warriors in Transition and their Families.

The pharmacy team consists of a pharmacist and two technicians to

staff the WT pharmacy co-located within the Urgent Care Pharmacy outside of the Emergency Department. Pharmacy hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on weekends.

The mission of the pharmacy will be to enhance each patient's understanding of their medications, such as how medications should be taken, what interactions are possible, what side effects to look for, what are the warning signs when a medication isn't taken as prescribed, what to avoid, and how to refill their medications.

"We've all heard it countless times: 'Do you have any questions for the pharmacist?'" said Martinez, director of the Department of Pharmacy. "Most of us politely say no and walk away, even though we might be clueless about this new medication."

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Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Brooke Army Medical Center and Great Plains Regional Medical Command, and Col. Thirsa Martinez, director of the Department of Pharmacy at BAMC, cut a ribbon April 14 signifying the opening of the Warrior Pharmacy, which was designed to create more real-time with the Warrior and their Families for medication therapy.

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to 11:30 a.m. in Evans Theater, Building 1396. The training is required for activities required to do an ISR and complete ISR 1 evaluations. No reservation is needed, but commanders are asked to e-mail judy.barta@us.army.mil with contact information. Unit representatives may bring additional personnel to support unit infrastructure evaluation. For more information, call Barney 'Judy' Barta at 295-4922 or e-mail Judy.Barta@us.army.mil.

Safety Day

The Army Medical Department Center and School, with support from U.S. Army North, U.S. Army South, U.S. Army Garrison, Brooke Army Medical Center and the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade, will host a Fort Sam Houston Safety Day event May 20 from 12 to 4 p.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. All AMEDDC&S and Fort Sam Houston tenant organizations and their Families are invited to attend. Safety Day is designed for units to promote and emphasize safe operations, vehicle maintenance, summer hazards and safe driving. Vendors will display the latest personal protective and safety equipment and interactive activities.

Parking lot repaving project

Phase II of the parking lot paving project along Stanley Road should be completed this week with continued weather cooperation. The contractor plans to rope off the next section, phase III, Monday or Tuesday. That phase goes from the end of the newly paved section to the temporarily closed Worth Road. Drivers should find fresh asphalt to park their vehicles on Monday or Tuesday. Affected vehicles will find the parking area roped off with orange fencing; patience is requested. According to the contractor, the project is moving along "swimmingly" and the anticipated completion of Phase III will be July, weather permitting.

Correction:

The photo caption on Page 12 in the April 24 News Leader was incorrect. The caption should have read:

"Flint Topics" Twan Williamson reaches for the ball held by "Amps" Adrian Garcia during the finals of the Wheelchair 3-on-3 Basketball game held April 14. The Amps won 5-4.



FSH Tax Assistance Center closes with ceremony

Story and photo by Minnie Jones
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Military Tax Assistance Center celebrated its closing with leaders thanking Soldier and civilian volunteers for their time and contribution to the center during a ceremony April 24 at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

The Tax Assistance Center had two locations staffed with 21 volunteers that consisted of 16 Soldiers, three civilian volunteers and one civilian temporary hire. One center was located at Fort Sam Houston on Liscum Road behind the Staff Judge Advocate's office and the other at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Prior to staffing the tax center, volunteers had to complete an intense, two-week tax preparation course



Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw (right), commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, congratulates Capt. David Perrone, officer in charge, Military Tax Assistance Center, on a job well done during the closing ceremony April 24. Martha Matthews, Internal Revenue Service tax consultant for military training and guest speaker at the event, looks on.

given by the Internal Revenue Service. "The biggest difference this year as compared to previous years is that

each preparer was capable of preparing the more complex tax returns whereas before it was typical to have one preparer who keys into a particular area. This year we made sure that every preparer was adequately trained to prepare the more difficult, diverse, and complex types of returns, and I think we did a heck of a job," said Capt. David Perrone, Military Tax Assistance Center officer in charge.

"We all did some really fine work here," said Col. Karen Judkins, Staff Judge Advocate. She thanked all the volunteers who pulled double duty in support of the tax center.

"It was a real group effort," said Judkins, noting the help

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mission providing blood for an entire theater. Every Soldier, Sailor, Airmen, Marine that gets injured that needs blood, that blood is passed through these Soldiers' hands."

Krogh said the 440th is capitalizing on new technology and replacing one of their units, the 932nd, that has

been there for the last two rotations.

"We started out with only five Soldiers, then eight, but due to increased technology and new equipment we are now able to do platelet collection. We don't have to ship as much whole blood in theater since they are now able to collect it there and it saves time since blood is only good for five days."

"And they can also do frozen blood, so with the increased technology and new equipment we are able to source out more Soldiers. Now we are up to 11," said Krogh.

Krogh added these 11 Soldiers are trained, ready, ready to deploy, and they will stay busy.

"We are back here to support you and your family in the rear while you are forward doing your mission," concluded Krogh.

Spc. Jaime Barbosa, from El



Photos by Esther Garcia

Eleven Soldiers assigned to the 440th Blood Support Detachment prepare to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Their mission is to provide blood, the gift of life, to injured Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen.

Paso, Texas, said he plans to stay busy while in theater, doing his job and taking courses online. "I hope to get promoted and be better prepared when I return."

"It is hard to leave when you have a Family, but I know my wife is in good hands and we will be seeing each other soon," said Barbosa.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the Army Song performed by the Army Medical Command Band.



Shylah Prewitt, 3 years old, hugs her mother Spc. Jessica Prewitt, 440th Blood Detachment, following the deployment ceremony at the Roadrunner Community Center April 19. When asked where her mother was going Shylah said, "She is going to Afghanistan because the people are in trouble, she is going to put people in time out."

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from the Installation Management Command, which funded the temporary-hire position. "This is the first year IMCOM really stepped up to the plate in terms of putting money in to help us out," said Judkins, "I appreciate it."

Judkins also thanked Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding officer, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, for his support in encouraging units to provide volunteers to the tax centers.

Volunteers provided free tax advice, preparation and electronic filing services to the Fort Sam Houston Community, seeing about 60 people a day and saving Fort Sam Houston servicemembers, Family members and retirees more than \$700,000 in tax preparation fees.

"... collectively as a team,

with all our Soldiers and civilians working together and giving back to the community and being productive, their efforts saved our community \$700,000; that's very impressive," said Czerw.

Combined locations processed 4,057 tax returns this year with approximately 25 percent of those returns processed for Wounded Warriors.

Martha Matthews, Internal Revenue Service tax consultant for military training and guest speaker at the event, said, "I want to congratulate the Fort Sam Houston Legal Office here, for sponsoring the program and for everything that they have done for the Fort Sam Houston community to help their people get their tax returns done free."

During the ceremony, volunteers received various awards for their efforts in making the center a success.

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site is located on Harney Road near the Harlequin Dinner Theater and Building 902. Construction is not anticipated to affect traffic, and the project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2009.

The construction of a two-story, 4,800-person dining facility, another component of the METC complex, will also

begin in May, with the site of this construction on the south side of W.W. White Road between the library and the 32nd Medical Brigade Gym, Building 1281 on Garden Road. Construction is scheduled to be completed April 2010.

For more information regarding BRAC construction, call John Hudson, civil engineering technician, Directorate of Public Works, at 295-4747.



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Environmental and Occupational Health. This opportunity potentially shortens the length of a master of public health degree completion by one semester. This could also be an incentive that promotes completion of an MPH, thus keeping more military public health professionals beyond their initial term.

Texas A&M students also benefit from the affiliation. They have access to a large body of practicing public health professionals with experience in humanitarian aid, infrastructure rebuilding, civil affairs, and managing public health programs on military installations around the world. They will have additional avenues to large amounts of data and expanded possibilities for research project collaborations, practicum experiences and graduate student projects.

The new affiliation between the AMEDDC&S and Texas A&M will make significant contributions toward meeting present and future needs, individually and collectively, in the rapidly changing world of public health.

The need for affiliation was underscored by the rapidly changing body of knowledge and skills required of Army public health nurses, physician's assistants, veterinarians, physicians, environmental science officers, entomologists, and health physicists. Exposure to the latest in core public health skills, health policy, and management enables students to plan, develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate a broader range of public health interventions across all ecological levels.

Leaders from Community Health Practices Branch believe that while they orient their material to military populations, the foundations of public health taught at this institution will allow a new graduate to translate these experiences into any setting. As public health becomes more sophisticated, the guidelines become useful tools, as is the case with any other set of clinical compe-

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tencies, to ensure that the Army Medical Department is training the highest quality public health professionals as well as keeping pace with their civilian counterparts and the latest technology.

"The material we teach is high-quality material taught to high-quality students," said Lt. Col. James Sheehan, chief, Community Health Practice Branch, Department of Preventive Health Service, AMEDDC&S.

The Principles of the Military Preventive Medicine Course is designed to provide AMEDD officers with the skills and knowledge to function in preventive medicine specialty areas at an entry level. The course is tailored to provide uniquely different training to six specialty officer groups: Army public health nurses, environmental science/sanitary engineers, medical corps/veterinary corps/physician's assistants, entomologists, nuclear medical science officers and audiologists.

The groups are divided into two distinct tracks, the clinical track, which includes APHN and MC/VC/PA, and the science track, which is environmental science/sanitary engineers, ENTO, NMSO and audiologists, each focusing on the specific skill sets required by the specialties represented within the track.

The course content includes the following areas:

- Epidemiology
- Operational preventive medicine
- Humanitarian assistance
- Health risk communication
- Control of communicable and infectious diseases
- Community health assessment
- Medical entomology
- Industrial hygiene
- Sanitary engineering
- Health physics
- Occupational and environ-

mental science

Preventive medicine core topics provide a broad overview of each of the specialty areas for all students, preparing them to function as part of a multi-disciplinary team, and focuses on topics that are common to all the preventive medicine specialties. Additionally, each track receives instruction in specialty-specific topics, preparing them to function independently at an entry level within their specialties. A three-day field training exercise at the end of the course tests students' comprehension of their roles and responsibilities within the preventive medicine community.

The nine-week course is taught three times per year with about 30 students per class. Eight weeks of study is at the AMEDDC&S, with the students visiting the dining facilities, water and sewer treatment plants and San Antonio metropolitan health department.

The last week of the course is held in the field at Camp Bullis for three days with a real-world scenario based exercise. In the field the students must go from a simple base camp scenario to a safe environment. Counterparts at A&M have found this scenario interesting and are looking at a similar use in their course.

"Working with A&M we get the benefit of their expertise, and they have identified things we teach that they would like to incorporate into their curriculum to enhance their courses," said Sheehan. "This is a win for the Soldier because they are getting a semester worth of graduate school without any output of additional time or money. It is also a win for the Army because when the Soldier goes back to finish their degree we get the Soldier back sooner from long-term health education."

PURPLE HEART from P3

Sgt. Daniel Porter, an infantryman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, was injured March 27. While on mounted patrol, his vehicle was hit by an explosively formed projectile, resulting in his combat injuries.

Sgt. Cyrus Thompson, a heavy-wheeled transport operator with the 418th Transportation Co., was injured Feb. 10. While in a convoy moving toward Baghdad International, his 15-ton vehicle drove over an anti-tank mine, resulting in a back injury, hearing loss and other combat injuries.

Spc. David Corley, an infantryman assigned to 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry, 1st Armored Division, was injured Jan. 3. A native of Lufkin,

Texas, Corley was on a company mission with his platoon when he received direct enemy fire resulting in his combat injuries.

Corley also received the combat infantryman badge. Considered a badge of honor, the CIB is presented to Soldiers who have participated in active ground combat while assigned as a member of an infantry or Special Forces unit, brigade or smaller size, during any period after December 1941.

Spc. Adrian Delacruz, an infantryman assigned to B Co., 1st Bn., 21st Inf., was injured Feb. 8. A native of El Paso, Texas, Delacruz was on mounted patrol when his vehicle was struck by an IED resulting in a broken jaw, fractured back and broken ankle. Delacruz also received a CIB.

Spc. Sean Moore, an infantryman assigned to B Company, 1st Bn., 14th Inf.,

2nd Brig. Combat Team, 25th Inf. Div., was injured March 30. While performing his duties as a Stryker driver, his vehicle encountered an IED resulting in his combat injuries.

Pfc. Thomas Caudill, a tanker assigned to Grim Troop, 2nd Bn., 3rd Armor Cavalry Regiment, was injured Feb. 10. While driving on patrol, Caudill's vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device resulting in loss of consciousness, concussion and nerve damage.

Pfc. Cody Cook, a power generation equipment repairer, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Maintenance Platoon, was injured March 14. A native of Amarillo, Texas, Cook was performing duties at the border checkpoint when an IED exploded, resulting in burns and other combat injuries.

PHARMACY from P3

According to Martinez, the Warrior Pharmacy was designed to drill down more real-time with Warriors and their Families for their medication therapy.

Its logo is "Know your Medicine; Know Your Pharmacist."

Some of the areas which the WT pharmacist will address with the Warriors are:

- To check for herbals or other dietary supplements purchased on the outside against prescribed medication therapy.
- To know that medicine is essential.
- To read the label affixed to the bottle.
- To understand the safety precautions.
- To use the information present on the label.
- To know what's in the medicine.

• To read the medication labels to understand the active ingredients in the medicine.

• To learn about both the generic and brand names, for example, acetaminophen is Tylenol.

• To count the doses and follow the doctor's instructions when taking medication.

Most important, said Martinez, "alcohol and drugs do not mix!"

"Our pharmacists play a vital role in our health care, besides being the expert in the preparation and dispensing of medications," Martinez said. "Pharmacists can help achieve the best result for medication therapy."

Martinez added Warriors should always carry their current medication list with them at all times and never leave home without it. "It can save lives if they are away from the hospital."



Trudy Isenberg Collection, USHMM Archives

Germans pass by the broken shop window of a Jewish-owned business that was destroyed during Kristallnacht in Berlin, Germany, November 1938.

'The Night of Broken Glass'

Fort Sam to observe Holocaust Remembrance Day Friday

By Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Crown
Great Plains Regional Medical
Command Equal Opportunity Adviser

A contributing and one-time prosperous group of people from German society, who had been living under discrimination and persecution for the past five years, were unexpectedly torn from their homes on a cold, rainy October night in 1938 and loaded into railroad boxcars.

More than 15,000 Polish-born Jews, bearing only a suitcase full of their past, were extradited to the Polish border where they were stranded with no means to survive the harshest of conditions.

Herschel Grynszpan, who was living in Paris and was the son of one of the deported couples, received a letter from his sister describing these lewd acts and was instantly infuriated. This infuriation prompted Grynszpan to take

action and let the world know of the events taking place in Nazi-led Germany. He purchased a pistol and proceeded to the German embassy where he shot and mortally wounded German diplomat Ernst vom Rath Nov. 7, 1938.

This news spread quickly. Adolf Hitler and Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels finally had the opportunity they were awaiting for to change the nature of their persecution of the Jews from one of economical and social harassment to that of a physical one involving beatings, imprisonment and murder. The Holocaust had begun.

On the night of Nov. 9, 1938, riots broke out throughout Germany and Austria focusing on inflicting total devastation to the Jewish community. Nazi Storm Troopers took to the streets arresting thou-

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sands of Jews, the majority of them wealthy merchants and young adult males. The madness resulted in more than 1,350 Jewish synagogues burnt to the ground or vandalized, 7,000-plus Jewish businesses obliterated and thousands of Jewish homes ransacked.

Ninety-one Jews were murdered over the course of these two days as women and children were robbed, raped and beaten. Thirty-thousand Jews were rounded up and sent to concentration camps where several were randomly chosen to be beaten to death.

This event was to become known as Kristallnacht, or the Night of Broken Glass; symbolic of the many broken windows that remained among the destruction of the synagogues, businesses and homes of the Jewish people – symbolic of the many broken dreams, families and spirits.



Trudy Isenberg Collection, USHMM Archives

A synagogue burns in Ober Ramsttdt during Kristallnacht. The local fire-department prevented the fire from spreading to a nearby home but made no attempt to intervene in the synagogue fire.

The U.S. Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. Holocaust Remembrance Day is Friday and the theme this year is "Do Not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht 1938."

The Dental Activity will host a commemoration Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Army Community Service building on Stanley Road. The event is open to the public. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Guster Cunningham at 221-6326.

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Sports

All-Army Chess Championship

The 2008 All-Army Chess Championship will be held May 11 to 17 at Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. This competition is open to all U.S. Army active duty who are also a U.S. Chess Federation-rated member; 12 players will be selected and funded by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. All players must apply online or download the application and fax to 703-681-7249 or DSN 761-7249. There is no on-site registration. For more information or to apply, visit www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/chess or call 703-681-7204, DSN 761-7204.

Boxers wanted

Boxers are needed for upcoming matches. Boxers must be registered and training 30 days prior to an event. People interested in participating in future events, call the Intramural Sports Branch at 221-3185 or e-mail eart.young@us.army.mil. For more information, call 221-3185.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month volleyball

In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month a volleyball tournament will be held May 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all interested military, family members and civilian teams. The registration deadline is May 2. For more information, e-mail Tray Stephens at tstephens9@satx.rr.com.

Cole Middle School basketball camp

A Cole girl's basketball camp for students in sixth through eighth grade will be held June 9 to 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the new Cole High School gym. Students who pre-register by May 16 will pay a \$50 per student registration fee and receive a free T-shirt. After May 16 the registration fee will be \$60 per student and fees are non-refundable. Students will receive registration confirmation by mail. For more information or to register, call Tara Bates at 368-8729 or e-mail Coach Guerrero at cguerrero@fshisd.net.

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Hooked on fishing

Using soft plastic jerk bait for bass

By Staff Sgt. Brent Homan
Fort Hood Warrior Transition Unit

FORT HOOD, Texas — In the mind of an avid angler, bait talk needs no explanation. To the novice or uninformed, words like stink bait or stick bait conjures up images of a world of unpleasantries or may raise questions like, 'what the heck does that mean?'

For those who plan to hit the waters and try first hand an attempt to catch a fish, here is everything you need to know about stick bait.

There are multiple techniques to use when fishing with soft plastic jerk bait, often called "stick bait."

Stick bait was originally developed for finesse fishing, for large mouth bass. However, it quickly became versatile bait, useful for most situations and almost any species of fish. The stick bait has a bait fish appearance, thick middle, slender head, and pointy tail. Because of the weight and mold, it casts well, sinks fast, stays at the desired depth and displays incredible action with just a twitch of the rod. It can be fished several different ways; all the techniques will cause it to have the

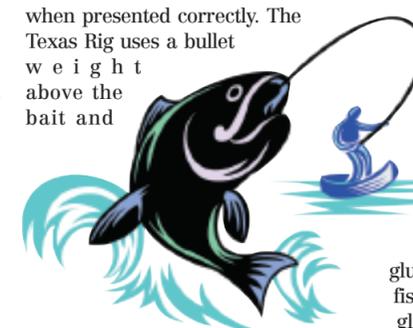
injured bait fish appearance.

Wacky style - The way to employ this technique is by starting with a solid setup. It is recommended a fisherman use a medium heavy worm rod, a bait casting reel, 12 to 20 pound fluorocarbon line, and a 3/0 hook. Hook the bait through the middle or slide an O-Ring over it, then slide the hook in between the soft plastic and the O-Ring. Using an O-ring keeps the bait from getting torn up and makes the bait last longer. Once rigged, cast it out and let it sink to the bottom. Give it a light twitch, then be patient and wait. Twitch it periodically, but be ready, strikes often happen as the bait is sinking.

Nails are a great asset to have in the tackle box when fishing wacky style. Put a nail in the rear of the bait so it will sink backwards, for instance under docks, into brush or lay downs. Also try putting the nail in the middle, under the hook, to make it sink faster and give more flutter on the down fall. One other pointer, make sure to use finishing nails so they can be easily cut with wire cutters.

Texas Rig - This set up is not as common for the stick bait, but it will produce fish

when presented correctly. The Texas Rig uses a bullet weight above the bait and



the 3/0 hook is a good hook to use. Insert the hook into the tip of the bait 1/4 inch and then turn 180 degrees to bury the point into the middle giving it a pencil like appearance in the water.

Now rip the bait through grass, flats or over secondary ledges 8 to 12 feet deep and pitch it into wood cover.

Try using super glue on the hook when fishing Texas Rig. The glue prevents the soft

plastic from sliding down and balling up on the hook while ripping through weeds, brush or timber.

Carolina Rig - This rig is very common in the world of fishing. To set it up, slide on a

bullet weight, about one half to one ounce, tie on a swivel, then a two to three foot leader of line with a 3/0 offset shank hook. Place the hook into the bait the same as the Texas Rig. This is commonly used in deeper water and the C-rig should be dragged on the bottom. It is a slower technique and requires patience.

Colors - In murky or stained water or on overcast days use darker colors. On sunny days when in clearer water use flashier colors. For use in any type of conditions it is recommended to use watermelon.



Photo by Phil Reidinger

Steve Clouse (center), San Antonio Water System vice-president of production and treatment operations, recognizes Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Superintendent Gail Siller, school board members Eustace Lewis, Jeannie Warren and Jane Crow and Board President Keith Toney during the monthly board meeting Tuesday. Clouse congratulated the school district as the first in the San Antonio region to use recycled water for campus grounds irrigation.

SAWS honors FSHISD for water conservation

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is first public school system in region to use recycled water for irrigation

SAN ANTONIO – After nearly seven years of planning, San Antonio Water System has turned on the purple, recycled tap water at two Fort Sam Houston campuses. San Antonio Water System is honoring the Army post's school district for its commitment to conservation.

"Fort Sam Houston Independent School District uses 31 acre feet of water a year for irrigation," said Steve Clouse, SAWS vice president of production and treatment operations. "That's more than 10 million gallons of recycled water that we provide to them for use in their landscaping and athletic fields. That saves enough water to supply more than 30 families for a year."

Fort Sam Houston is already a huge customer of SAWS recycled water for its cemeteries and golf course. But for the first time last week, Robert G. Cole Middle and High Schools began using SAWS recycled water exclusively to nourish the greenery on campus.

"We realize how important it is to conserve water and how big a role we can play in doing so," said Fort Sam Houston ISD Superintendent Dr. Gail Siller. "As soon as we decided to build a new school I knew it was the perfect time to update our grounds and infrastructure to support using recycled water."

Fort Sam Houston ISD spent two years and nearly \$140,000 to retrofit and expand its existing pipe network. In all, more than 35 thousand feet of recycled water pipe lie below the two schools.

Although recycled water is already widely used around town at parks, green belts and golf courses, Fort Sam is the first public school district in the San Antonio region to integrate SAWS recycled water into the irrigation of landscaping and athletic fields.

Since 1992, SAWS, a municipally owned utility, has provided leadership in managing and developing water resources in the San Antonio region. Water and wastewater services are provided to more than 1 million consumers in the San Antonio area.

(Source: SAWS News Release)

Energy conservation can save money

If housing residents use less energy in the home it adds up to saved money on utility bills.

Saving energy also means protecting the environment and reducing the risks of global climate change.

Heating and cooling in the home uses more energy and drains more energy dollars than any other system in the home. The average family spends more than \$1,000 a year on energy bills, much of which goes to heating and cooling. Typically, 58 percent of a monthly utility bill goes for heating and cooling. No matter what kind of cooling system a home may have, money can be saved and comfort increased.

Watch your temperature

The key to the home's energy efficiency is, in part, tied to how and at what degree the thermostat is set. Variations in temperature do make a difference, and can affect monthly bills. Follow these simple tips to save energy and to help lower utility bills:

- Set the thermostat during the summer at 78 to 80 degrees, for optimal comfort and efficiency, and check the room temperature with a thermometer. For every degree cooler than 78 to 80 degrees, expect cooling costs to increase 7 to 10 percent per degree. Consider installing a programmable thermostat that will raise or lower temperatures in the home to reduce energy consumption when the home is unoccupied or while sleeping. When properly used, a programmable thermostat can save as much as \$150 a year in energy costs.

- Clean or replace furnace air filters quarterly or as needed. Check filters monthly, especially during heavy use months. If the filter looks dirty, change it. At a minimum, change the filter every three months. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the

system work harder to keep air warm or cool — wasting energy. A clean filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system — leading to expensive maintenance and early system failure. Exchange filters at the Maintenance Office, Building 3882, or at local housing community centers.

- Keep exterior doors and windows closed.
- Purchase gaskets that are placed under the cover plates of light switches and electrical outlets on exterior walls. This can cut down on air leakage by as much as 20 percent. Lincoln Military Housing will install the gaskets upon request.

- Clean air registers as needed; make sure they're not blocked by furniture or drapes.

- For added comfort in occupied rooms, use fans. Fans use a very small amount of energy and help circulate conditioned air. A fan can make a room feel 4 to 8 degrees cooler than the actual room temperature.

- Use kitchen, bath, and other ventilating fans wisely; in just one hour, fans can pull out a houseful of warmed or cooled air. Turn fans off within 20 minutes after cooking or bathing.

Water conservation

The second largest area that consumes energy in a home is hot water heating.

Hot water heating accounts for 13 percent of a home's energy usage. Here are a few tips that will reduce the amount of energy needed to heat the water and save on water consumption as well:

- Have leaky faucets fixed. Leaks of only one drop per second add up to 60 gallons per week.

- Install flow restrictors on sink faucets and shower heads to reduce hot water usage.

- Run the dishwasher with full loads.

- Whenever possible, use the warm or cold wash cycle on the washing machine, rather than hot.

- Do not leave hot water running when shaving, brushing teeth or rinsing dishes.

Flip the switch

Lighting accounts for 10 percent of a home's electrical consumption, here are a few ways to conserve energy and

keep a home well-lit:

- Turn off lights when they are not needed.

- Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, which are more efficient than incandescent bulbs and provide the same lighting output. Light bulbs can be exchanged at the self help store, Building 3882, or the community centers by bringing in the old bulbs.

- Use dimmer switches and lower wattage bulbs.

- When arranging furniture, avoid placing a lamp near a thermostat. The heat from the lamp will give the thermostat false readings.

City Public Service offers a Peak Saver program that can help in saving electricity and lowering the bill. To participate

in the program, people must agree to allow CPS Energy to remotely access the central air conditioner to cycle compressors off for approximately 10 minutes each half-hour between 3 and 7 p.m. Monday

through Friday from May through September. This helps CPS Energy manage peak electric demand and the temperature increase inside the participant's home is generally no more than two degrees.

The Peak Saver Program offers households a free Honeywell programmable thermostat installed at no charge. Participants can save 10 percent or more on their heating and cooling costs by using a programmable thermostat. The thermostat can also be accessed from anywhere via the Internet to change settings up to four times a month. To join the waiting list for the Peak Saver program, call toll-free 866-222-7645, apply online at www.cpsenergy.com or print an application.

For more information, call Lincoln Military Housing at 270-7638 or e-mail ftsamhouston-questions@lpsi.com or [ista](http://ista.com) at www.ista-direct.com.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)

Military joins city-wide Fiesta activities



The Army Medical Command Band marches down Broadway Street during the Battle of Flowers Parade Friday. The band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Douglas Paarmann, supported numerous Fiesta activities during the 10 days of Fiesta in San Antonio to include three major Fiesta parades.



Photos By Esther Garcia

Army Medical Department Center and School Command Sgt. Major Howard Riles; Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Fort Sam Houston and AMEDDC&S; Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, commander, U.S. Army Medical Command and Army surgeon general; (back row) U.S. Army Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Class and Garrison Commander Col. Wendy Martinson join the leadership of Army North, Army South, Brooke Army Medical Center and Installation Management Command-West at the Pilgrimage to the Alamo April 21. The solemn procession begins at auditorium circle and ends with a ceremony at the Alamo honoring the heroes of the Alamo.



Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School; Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center; Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, commander, U.S. Army Medical Command and Army surgeon general; Spc. Charles Dominquez and Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Parnell, Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom Warriors; and the Army Medical Command "Latino" Band wave to the crowd during the Texas Cavaliers River parade April 21. Sharing the barge with Fort Sam Houston is celebrity KJ97 disc jockey Randy Carroll and his mascot.

Riding on the military float, Fort Sam Houston military ambassador Staff Sgt. Howard Markel is joined by Air Force ambassadors representing Lackland and Randolph Air Force Base and Brooks City-Base at the Battle of Flowers parade Friday.



Matthew Herrera, 2 years old, is Fiesta pinned by Air Force ambassadors Senior Airman Vikas Kumar and Tech. Sgt. Angela Swanson at the Palo Alto College Fiesta event April 24.

Col. John Cook (right), commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, visits with El Rey Feo, Fernando Reyes and members of his court at the Fiesta Brigade Run in the early morning hours of April 17. Fiesta Royalty to include the Texas Cavaliers and Fiesta queens were invited to meet more than 2,000 32nd Med. Bde. Soldiers at MacArthur Parade Field. The event provides an opportunity for the Soldiers to see what Fiesta in San Antonio is about. Fiesta Royalty then joined students for breakfast at Rocco Dining Facility and passed out Fiesta medals to the Soldiers.



The Joint Service Color Guard, representing the Armed Forces, march down Broadway Street during the Battle of Flowers parade Friday. The Joint Service Color Guard, coordinated by U.S. Army South, Army Medical Department Center and School and Brooke Army Medical Center supported all major Fiesta parades and numerous Fiesta activities in the community.



Fort Sam Houston Military Ambassador Staff Sgt. Howard Markel visits with Claude Mayer at the Fiesta Gartenfest April 24. Military ambassadors representing the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force attended more than 60 Fiesta activities during the 10 days of Fiesta in San Antonio.

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., wows the crowd with their intricate and precision rifle routines. The drill team performed at the river parade party hosted by the Texas Cavaliers for the military and their Families. The Army Medical Command Dixieland Band also provided entertainment prior to the parade. All guests were treated to food, drinks, river parade medals and programs compliments of the Texas Cavaliers and their sponsors.



New paper recycling bins available

By Lori Newman
Special to the News Leader

C6 recently became the recycling company for Fort Sam Houston. The company placed about 20 large green recycle containers throughout the post for the convenience of recycling paper.

The bins can be used by anyone on post but keep in mind they are for paper only. Cardboard cannot be put into the containers; only paper such as newspapers, magazines, and copier paper. They do not need to be tied or bundled.

Another thing to be aware of is that wooden pallets are not to be placed in refuse containers or stacked beside or near them. Wooden pallets need to be brought to Building 4055 by the warehouse area. There is a 40-yard dumpster where pal-

lets can be placed and anyone can use this dumpster as well.

Pick-up days and locations for paper recycling this month are: Tuesday and May 20 at the Medical Supply Warehouse, Building 2640; Brooke Army Medical Center Dental Headquarters, Building 1029; Occupational Health, Building 1001; Maintenance Facility, Building 4055; Army Medical Department Center and School, Building 4011; Military Personnel, Building 2263; latrine, Building 2256; the administration building, Building 122; the Post Office, Building 368; and the parking lot of Building 2017.

The following locations will be picked up May 13 and 27: Building 4191 in the warehouse area; the rear dock of Building 4196, the contracting building parking lot, Building 4197;



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Several paper recycling bins have been placed in various areas around Fort Sam Houston.

Troop Medical Center, Building 1279; Dunlap Hall, Building 1394; barracks, Buildings 902 and 929; Academy Health, Building 2840; Medical Command administration, Building 2792; and the Bowling Center, Building 2521.

The pick-up schedule will continue at the locations listed above every other Tuesday.

For more information, call Pat Seader at 295-4813.



Courtesy photo

Cole Junior ROTC cadets Christina Gonzales, Jene Matthews and Jessica Bagg spread gravel over a weeded area during their annual service learning project April 6.

Cole cadets project helps no-kill shelter

By Cadet Capt. Katie Stonecipher
Battalion Public Affairs Officer

The cadets of Robert G. Cole High School's Junior ROTC Cougar Battalion conducted their annual service learning project at the Converse Animal Shelter April 6. A service learning project is an annual requirement for all Army Junior ROTC units. Cole's project this year was determined by input from all members of the Cougar battal-

ion. More than 25 cadet volunteers cleared and placed sod in overgrown areas, cleaned dog kennels and painted the shelter's cat area.

Joining the cadets were four adult volunteers from First Command Financial who provided all financing for the equipment and supplies that were needed to carry out the project. The project was four hours of nonstop work and culminated with high praise from the shelter's staff and director.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Weekly Campus Activities – Monday through May 10

Teacher Appreciation Week

Cafeteria note from all campuses: beginning May 15 for the remainder of month, all meals must be paid at time of purchase or covered by funds in the student's meal account. Please make sure there is enough money in your student's account to cover the remaining days.

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Wednesday

National School Nurse day

May 9

Fifth grade field day at Cole
Spirit day

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Monday

Seventh grade field trip to San Antonio Zoo

National Honor Society meeting in Ms. Malcom's room, 12:50 p.m.

Cougar Pride council budget meeting in Cougar Den, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

AP Spanish Language exam, 8 a.m.
Middle school awards in Moseley gym, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Sixth and seventh grade Pre /AP Algebra I placement exams in cafeteria, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
AP Calculus exam, 8 a.m.

May 8

12th AP English Literature exam, 8 a.m.
Junior ROTC Spring Awards Ceremony in Moseley gym, 7 p.m.

May 9

AP U.S. History exam, 8 a.m.
State track meet at University of Texas at Austin

May 10

State track meet at University of Texas at Austin

No bumpers allowed Fort Sam Houston youth compete at bowling tournament

By Maj. Curtis Klages
Special to the News Leader

Youth bowlers from the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center recently competed in the 25th Annual Greater San Antonio United States Bowling Congress Youth Championship Tournament at Ponderosa Lanes. The young bowlers ranged in age from 6 to 22 and competed in nine different gender and average-based divisions. The Fort Sam Houston Youth Bowlers received 25 of the 101 trophies awarded. The results for the Fort Sam Houston Youth Bowlers are:

Team Events

Division 5 - 2nd Place, Fort Sam Houston Team 9 - Anthony Luis, Connor Luis, Garrett Luis, Austin Muno

Division 5 - 1st Place, Fort Sam Houston Team 10 - Jacob Stark, Matthew Johnston, David Barto, Brayden Klages

Doubles Event

Division 5 - 1st Place, Anthony Luis and Austin Muno

Division 4 - 1st Place, Jeremy Dean and Jared Vargas

Division 3 - 1st Place, Dallas Mazak and Aidan Dochnal

Division 2 - 3rd Place, Rashad White and William Taliaferro

Singles Event

Division 9 - 1st Place, Velmarie Valderrama

Division 8 - 3rd Place, Laura Ortiz

Division 6 - 2nd Place, Coryne Butler

Division 5 - 3rd Place, Brayden Klages; 2nd Place, Anthony Luis; and 1st Place, Matthew Sutton

Division 4 - 1st Place, Smitt Thirakul

Division 3 - 1st Place, Nathan Giere

Division 2 - 1st Place, William Taliaferro

All Events – Singles, Doubles and Team Scores

Division 6 - 2nd Place, Coryne Butler

Division 5 - 3rd Place,

Anthony Luis; 2nd Place, Matthew Sutton; and 1st Place, Brayden Klages

Division 4 - 3rd Place, Austin Muno; and 1st Place, James McCarary

Division 3 - 2nd Place, Aidan Dochnal

Division 2 - 5th Place, William Taliaferro

Other Awards

Division 9 - High Series, Velmarie Valderrama, 280

Division 5 - High Series, Matthew Sutton, 426

Division 3 - High Game, Aidan Dochnal, 226

The Youth Bowling program at Fort Sam Houston has summer and fall leagues for kids from ages 6 to 22.

The summer league begins June 12 at 3 p.m. Registration for the Summer Youth League will take place May 31 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Fort Sam Bowling Center. The cost is \$5 per week, with each child bowling three games. The Fall Youth League will begin on

Sept. 6 with registration Aug. 30 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Bowling Center. The costs for the Fall Youth League will be \$6. All the games are sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress. For more information, call Mr. Johnston at 657-1363 or the Bowling Center at 221-4420.



Courtesy photo

The Fort Sam Houston Team 10, Division 5 team winners are (from left) Matthew Johnston, Brayden Klages, Jacob Stark and David Barto.



Recreation and Leisure

Post garage sale

A post garage sale will be held Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MacArthur Pavilion parking lot. Participation is free, but sellers must pre-register. A valid Department of Defense ID is required to participate. Participants may bring their own tables or may rent them on-site from the Outdoor Equipment Center. Table rentals will be on a first-come, first-served basis as supplies last. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts, or food and beverage items is not permissible. For more information, visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com or call 221-5224 or 221-5225.

Gun hunter education class

A two-day gun hunter education

class will be held May 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center. The \$15 registration fee is payable on the first day of class. Reservations are required. The class is mandatory for all rifle hunters who wish to hunt on Camp Bullis. Firearms cannot be brought onto Camp Bullis. For more information or to register, call 295-7577 or 295-7529.

Swimming lessons

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will offer Red Cross swimming lessons throughout the summer to youth under age 16. Each eight-day session is \$40 per child, which includes the swimming lessons, a class picture, a swim lesson T-shirt and a certificate of completion. Lessons are conducted in two-week sessions held Monday through Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and 10 to 10:45 a.m. The first session begins June 9; the last session begins Aug. 4. Registration begins Monday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center, Building 3300. For more information, call 221-1234 or 221-4887.

Dining and Entertainment

Mothers' Day Brunch

Take mom to brunch at the Sam Houston Club on her special day,

Mothers Day, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The brunch will feature a chocolate fondue station, complimentary champagne and an international food station. The cost is \$18.95 for non-members, \$15.95 for members and \$7.95 for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 years old and younger eat free. Reservations are encouraged. For reservations or more information, call 224-2721.

Coushatta Casino Resort trip

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Ticket Office and the Sam Houston Club will sponsor a trip to the Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder, La. The bus will depart from the Sam Houston Club June 10 at 7 a.m. and return June 11 at 10 p.m. The cost is \$49 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, overnight hotel accommodations, continental breakfast at hotel and one \$23 coupon from the casino. Patrons must be at least 21 years old and possess valid photo identification at all times. Make reservations at the ticket office by June 1. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre 'The Star-Spangled Girl'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will present the Neil Simon comedy, "The Star-Spangled Girl" through May 10.

Tickets are \$28 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$31 Fridays and Saturdays. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. for salad bar and cocktails, with a buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. For more information or to make reservations, call 222-9694.

Child and Youth Services

Summer Camp registration

Early on-site summer camp registration for School Age Services and Middle School/Teen will be held Monday to May 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. at School Age Services, Building 1705. Registration for active-duty parents will be held Monday to Wednesday. After May 9, registration will take place at Central Registration, Building 2797, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (after 4 p.m. will be by appointment only). Registration will be ongoing until slots are filled. Patrons must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Children with special needs will require a meeting prior to registration. For more information and a list of required documents, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Parent Advisory Council

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held May 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. PAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Army Community Service

Negotiating conflict

A class on negotiating conflict will be held May 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. Learn to recognize how difficult people think, what they fear, and why they act as they do to help reduce anxiety and stress in difficult relationships. To register, call 221-0349 or e-mail thelma.t.kegley@us.army.com.

Deployment and related parenting challenges

Family members of deployed Soldiers encounter many challenges. Army Community Service will offer help to the military spouses left behind by teaching them ways to maintain a normal routine, provide children with reassurance, and improve parenting skills during Family separation. The training will be held May 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. To register, call 221-0349 or e-mail thelma.t.kegley@us.army.com.

Unit trauma training

A unit trauma training class will

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be held May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training is designed to assist unit leadership, Family Readiness Group leaders, Care Teams, casualty assistance officers, casualty notification officers and community agencies in knowing how to help Soldiers, Families and the unit when different trauma events occur. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Sibling rivalry

Army Community Service is offering a sibling rivalry class May 19 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650 to help parents learn skills to deal with sibling conflicts and how to encourage good feelings between siblings. To register, call 221-0349 or e-mail thelma.t.kegley@us.army.com.

Deployment Planning

Pre- and post-deployment planning training will be held May 20 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training is designed to increase the spouse's ability to face deployments with resilience and strength, allowing easier separations and smoother reunions. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or email samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Family Readiness Group

Army Community Service will offer a Family Readiness Group Key Caller training May 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training will define the responsibilities of the FRG Key Caller and provide information on perform-

ing this role. For more information or to register by calling 221-2705 or email samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Care Team training

The Care Team training class will be held May 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The class focuses on the Care Team's responsibilities and provides guidance on how to handle issues the volunteers will face, such as dealing with the reactions of Families. This training is recommended for casualty assistance officers, casualty notification officers and Battalion Care Team volunteers. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or email samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

The 2008 Military Spouse Appreciation Day will be celebrated May 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, in the auditorium. This event is to honor the husbands and wives of service-members for the significant sacrifices they make for freedom's cause and to show them that they are an integral part of the success of the armed forces. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 221-2705.

Sam Houston Club kicks off Fiesta with Texas Hold'em Tournament

Story and photo by Paul Kotchman
Directorate Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing

Fort Sam Houston Morale Welfare and Recreation hosted the 2008 Texas Hold'em Tournament April 18 at the Sam Houston Club.

Fort Sam Houston is one of 50 installations selected by the U.S. Army Family and MWR Command to host a local Texas Hold'em Tournament. The winners of each local tournament earn the opportunity to compete against each other in a national online tournament May 31.

Tournament check in for the contestants began at 6 p.m. and each contestant was assigned a table and seat number. The first hand was dealt at 6:15 p.m. A total of 72 contestants filled 10 tables to make up the tournament field.

The action heated up quickly and the first contestant was eliminated 15 minutes into the competition.

Quickly, many others followed suit and within an hour and a half, the tournament field had dwindled to five tables.

After a 15-minute break the competition moved rapidly and by 9:30 p.m. eight tournament finalists remained. It wasn't until after 11 p.m. when one person remained from the tournament field.

Marty Jackson, the declared tournament winner, was awarded a \$500 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate and a seat in the national online Army Texas Hold'em Tournament. The other seven finalists received prizes including \$25 and \$75 AAFES gift certificates, Texas Hold'em and Army poker chips with folding poker table tops.

When asked about the overall strategy of the tournament, Jonathan Myers, tournament finalist, replied simply, "Survive and win."

Even though poker is a game of strategy, it truly is determined by the luck of the draw. The event was co-sponsored by the Fort Sam Houston Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program and local sponsors.



Marty Jackson, the winner of the Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation 2008 Texas Hold'em Tournament held April 18 smiles broadly as he holds up his winnings, a \$500 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift card.



Community

Events

Martial Arts demonstration

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation's S.K.I.E.S. Unlimited Program will present the 2008 Super Seminar Tour 50th Anniversary Edition with a Martial Arts demonstration. A kids' seminar will be held Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and the adults' seminar from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center Gym, Building 1630. For more information, call 471-9548.

Stonewall Winery walk

The Selma Pathfinders Volksmarch club will host a 10k and 5k walk Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting at the Woodrose Winery at 662 Woodrose Lane in Stonewall, Texas. The walk will finish by 4 p.m. For more information, call Phyllis Eagan at 496-1402 or e-mail papre1947@yahoo.com.

USO Canteen Dance

The United Services Organization, San Antonio will host a USO Canteen Dance May 9 at the Omni San

Antonio Hotel. The theme of the dance is the 1940s with music performance by the Sentimental Journey Orchestra. Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 10 is \$500. Ticket cost will include a free swing dance class at the USO, free hotel parking, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Attendees are encouraged to wear 1940s period attire or coat and tie. For more information, call 227-9373, ext. 12 or visit www.alamouso.org/events.

Ride for Troops

The Ride for Troops committee will hold its 3rd Annual Charity Ride May 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. The event raises money for Fort Sam Houston's Fisher House. The ride begins at Caliente Harley Davidson and ends at Texas Pride Barbecue, Adkins, Texas. Pre-register by today for \$15. After today the registration fee will be \$20. For more information, e-mail ride4troops@hotmail.com.

Cash and carry sale

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a cash and carry sale May 14, 15 and 16 from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 4192, Bay C, on a first-come, first-served basis. The following items are available for sale: TV armoires, night stands, 30 inch round activity tables, desk chairs, wall mirrors, wall mount headboards, VCRs, computer desk with hutch, recliners, lounge chair with ottoman, executive chairs, golf clubs and bags, 7.2 cubic foot refrigerators and many more items. Cash and personal checks with photo ID will be accepted form of payment. All property must be removed from the warehouse at the time of sale. All sales are final and property is sold as is. For more information or directions, call the DMWR Warehouse at 221-4449 or 221-4950.

Golf tournament

The Sixth Annual Logistics Officers Association Golf Tournament, sponsored by Alamo LOA Chapter of San Antonio, will be held May 16 at 8 a.m. at the Golf Club of Texas, 13600 Briggs Ranch Road. The cost is \$50 per person and includes 18 holes, barbecue lunch, GPS cart and prizes. Officers, enlisted and civilians are welcome. Reservations are due today. For more information or to register, call 1st Lt. Adrian Simental at 671-4155 or e-mail adrian.simental@lackland.af.mil, blair.brockinton@lackland.af.mil or sarah.mcnair@lackland.af.mil.

Tour de Cure

The American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure 2008 will showcase a one or two day ride from San Antonio to Austin via San Marcos May 17 and 18. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at the Pearson (formally Harcourt Assessment). For more information on registration or volunteering, call 829-1765, ext. 6126 or e-mail Erica Rougeau at erougeau@diabetes.org.

Meetings

NCO Wives Club

The Fort Sam Houston Noncommissioned Officers' Wives Club invites all spouses to join them the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call Angie Luna at 333-0821 or 386-8265.

Warrant Officer Association meeting

The Lone Star Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will hold a meeting May 19 at 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chulucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Road, near Loop 410. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officer's and their Family members are invited. For more information, call Juan Gomez at 295-6596,

e-mail juan.gomez@us.army.mil or Jim Gonzales at 666-9818 or e-mail rgonzales879@satx.rr.com.

Volunteer

Seeking host Families

American Field Service USA is seeking Families to host international high school students and teachers from around the world. AFS volunteers support Families and students during their stay. For more information, call Diane Soto at 866-237-8721 or e-mail dsoto@afs.org.

Periodontics patients needed

The Wilford Hall Medical Center Department of Periodontics at Lackland Air Force Base seeks additional patients with specific needs for treatment in the Periodontics Residency program. Applicants must be a retiree, Family member or active duty military and must have been recently determined by a dentist to require periodontal specialty treatment. Eligible patients must obtain a written consult from their referring dentist. This consult may be faxed to "Attention, Periodontics" at 292-5193, or brought directly to MacKown Dental Clinic during normal business hours. The Department of Periodontics provides treatment of the gums and bone support of teeth and implants. For more information, call 292-4773 or 292-7271 Monday to Friday between 12 and 4 p.m.

Volunteers needed for Red Cross

The American Red Cross seeks volunteers for caremobile drivers, data entry, runners, office and more; hours and days are flexible. For more information, call 221-3355.

For Sale Fort Freebies

For Sale: 2000 Ford Explorer, Eddie Bauer Edition, half-ton, with all the extras, power sunroof, leather, grill guard and more, 119K miles, one owner, clean, \$6,995 obo. Call 380-4245.

For Sale: Three-piece living room set, couch, loveseat and chair, good condition, \$980 obo; glass top coffee table, contemporary design, \$175 obo; stylish dressing/decorative mirrors, \$50 each obo. Call 295-2631 or e-mail sanantseller@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Mitsubishi 55-inch TV, Model WS 55313, 1080i Hi-Def, \$600. Call Zory at 222-9953 or 213-9779.

For Sale: New Nintendo Wii Sports console with two-year warranty, \$300; Winnie the Pooh stroller and car seat travel system, blue, \$60. Call 896-8563.

For Sale: Minn Kota Riptide Bow Mount Saltwater Trolling Motor, 55 pound thrust, \$350; Marshall JCM 900, 50-watt amp head, \$450. Call 240-2720.

For Sale: Five-piece German bar, \$400 obo. Call 772-9248.

For Sale: 1982 Ford Econoline van, eight passenger, bucket seats, six cylinder, automatic, stereo, good condition, \$1,900. Call 454-0019.

For Sale: Brown leather queen-size sofa sleeper, excellent condition, \$650. Call 651-6585 or 275-5380.

For Sale: Concession trailer, 6 feet by 12 feet, fully equipped with 220-volt power, three compartment sanitary dishwashing sinks, with separate hand-washing sink, air conditioned, direct-connect potable water source, hot water heater, 15-gallon water tank, 40-gallon waste-

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is close of business Friday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

water tank, shatter-proof windows with health department-approved insect screens, double-lock security, trailer lighting harness, jack-stands and two additional 15-gallon potable water reservoir tanks, passed health department inspections, \$15K obo. Call 221-0781.

For Sale: Hand-carved oakwood furniture set, two rocking chairs, sofa and coffee table, \$500; antique dining set, table and four chairs, \$100; JBL on Stage II loudspeaker dock for IPOD with RF remote, still in the box, \$145. Call 402-6254 or 954-1175.

For Sale: Lovebird and cage, \$25. Call 368-2402.

For Sale: 1992 Ford conversion van, loaded, \$3,495. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Bookcase, 5 feet high by 3 feet wide, \$95; 1990 to 1998

Volvo dash mat, and small - medium air tailgate, \$60 both; Little Tykes bike trailer, tow behind bike or push, \$75; twin stroller, \$125; male Pekingese, 6 months old, \$250. Call 633-3859.

For Sale: Evenflo double stroller, and baby back pack, \$95 both; maternity clothes, size large to 2X, \$2 and up each; computer desk, L-shaped, \$50. male Boston Terrier, 2 and a half years old, \$275. Call 633-2247.

For Sale: King-size bedroom set, headboard, footboard, rails, mattress not included, nine-drawer dresser with mirror and armoire, \$1,100 obo. Call 822-2837 or 288-6697.

For Sale: Twin-size child's loft bed, \$65; Combi Savvy Soho stroller with acoustic canopy, lightweight

and compact, \$50; Singer sewing machine with case, \$15. Call 832-0386.

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