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"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"

Fort Sam dedicated to conservation efforts

By Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

With about 28,000 acres of predominantly wild landscape, Camp Bullis is a hot spot for military field exercises and battle-field training.

While the range remains a go-to place for realistic training, it recently has gained attention, not of the military nature, but for its work with Mother Nature.

Camp Bullis is not just home to a slew of military training missions, but is also home to five federally endangered species, most notably the golden-cheeked warbler.

The tiny bird, which migrates up from Mexico to Central Texas each year, likes to nest in the old, thick growth of oak and juniper so common on Camp Bullis and the surrounding areas.

"Our most recent annual species surveys have estimated about 1,100 warblers at Camp Bullis, one of the bigger populations in the Texas Hill Country," said Chris Beck, Natural

Resources manager, Directorate of Public Works.

Beck is one of several full-time environmental specialists dedicated to protecting and enhancing natural resources at Camp Bullis. They have the challenge of balancing critical military training missions with a delicate ecological system.

"We work closely with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other environmental agencies to ensure we are doing what we need to do in our conservation efforts," said Beck. "We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year directly on conservation measures and research."

Included in the measures is the protection of endangered species like the warbler and the lesser-seen black-capped vireo plus three cave invertebrates, or bugs. However, a growing population of endangered birds can be a showstopper for training in the vicinity.

Part of compliance measures involves designating "core habi-

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Dr. Thomas Conway, vice chancellor and chief of staff, Fayetteville State University, N.C., welcomes a new student, Capt. Delores Martinez, to the U.S. Army-Fayetteville State University Master of Social Work Program Monday during a ceremony at Wood Auditorium.

Ceremony marks start of new graduate program

Story and photo by Olivia Mendoza
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Eighteen Soldiers made history as they were inaugurated into the Army-Fayetteville State University Master of Social Work Program during a ceremony Monday at Wood

Auditorium.

The class is the first in the new graduate program, created through a partnership between the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and Fayetteville State

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Fourth of July 'Salute to the Union'

A display of the 50 state flags will grace the main post flagpole as Fort Sam Houston salutes the 232nd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence July 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the main post flagpole on Stanley Road.

The traditional ceremony will feature a cannon salute to the Union fired in succession for each of the 50 states starting with Delaware. Members of the "Sons of the American Revolution" dressed in

period uniforms will ring a commemorative bell 13 times to commemorate the original 13 colonies which first formed the United States of America.

The U.S. Army Medical Command Band will perform patriotic music before and after the ceremony.

The public is invited to enter Fort Sam Houston from the Walters exit off of Interstate Highway 35 or at the Harry Wurzbach Road entrance.

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The firing battery NCO in charge prepares to signal members of the U.S. Army Garrison Guns and Flags Platoon to fire the cannons during the Fourth of July cannon salute ceremony at the post flagpole last year.



Photo by Esther Garcia

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Great Plains Regional Contracting Office relocates

By Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center

The same world-class customer service and contracting support provided by Great Plains Regional Contracting Office is still available, but in a different location.

Since June 13, the entire GPRCO office moved from the lower level of Brooke Army Medical Center, Room L-65, to Building 2539 on Garden Avenue, across from the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Boat and RV parking lot.

According to Lt. Col. Carmine Taglieri, director of contracting for the Medical Command Great Plains Region and chief of contracting for GPRCO, a number of activities including GPRCO will move to create swing space for the construction.

The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure reconstruction process under way at BAMC.

"Our new location in Building 2539 is slated to be our home until approximately 2011," said Taglieri.

Currently, there are no firm plans for a follow-on move for GPRCO, but the goal is to move back to BAMC once BRAC construction is complete.

The mission of GPRCO is

two-fold. It provides dedicated, direct contracting support to the Great Plains Region for medical supplies, equipment and service needs not provided by other sources. Also, GPRCO provides acquisition business advice and contracting solutions for customers' identified needs.

Customers requesting assistance may call the existing phone numbers. A message will identify any phone number changes. GPRCO's address is still BAMC at 3851

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Director of contracting for the Medical Command Great Plains Region and Chief of contracting for GPRCO

Roger Brooke Drive, but with the addition of Building 2539.

Taglieri said existing phone lines will forward calls and messages to the new phones for about 30 days; however,

GPRCO's e-mail addresses will not change.

For more information, call GPRCO customer service at their new number 221-3134 or e-mail GPRCOCustomerService@amedd.army.mil.

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News Briefs

Gazebo concert

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School, will host a gazebo concert Sunday at 7 p.m. at the gazebo on Staff Post Road.

Firestone grand opening

A grand opening ceremony for the Firestone Complete Auto Care store, 2610 Schofield Road, will be held Friday at 11 a.m. The store officially opened for business Feb. 8.

Independence Day Patriotic Ceremony

The public is invited to attend the 24th Annual Independence Day Patriotic Ceremony, sponsored by The Granaderos & Damas de Galvez, July 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. The program includes readings from the Declaration of Independence, a roll call of the 13 colonies, and a keynote speech by Lt. Gen. Thomas Turner, commanding general, U.S. Army North. Civic and patriotic organizations that would like to participate in the procession and wreath-laying can call Joel Escamilla at 679-9214 or e-mail escamillaj@satx.rr.com.

Mandatory ethics training

Soldiers and civilian employees must take one hour of ethics training as directed by the secretary of the Army. The following classes will be taught in Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841:

- Political ethics today at 10 a.m.
- Acquisition ethics Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.
- Political ethics Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.
- Acquisition ethics Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.

Ethics training can also be taken online at http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_training/2007_AET/index.htm.

For more information, call 221-2373 or 221-0485.

Sewer testing

The Fort Sam Houston Directorate of Public Works is working with a private contractor to test the post sewer system. The contractor is using smoke to detect leaks. DPW advises all personnel who work or reside on Fort Sam Houston that smoke may come out of quarters and government buildings through venting systems. The project is slated to run for about six to eight weeks.

JROTC camp builds leadership

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

More than 260 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets came together at Camp Bullis from high schools all over south Texas, some from as far away as Pharr, Texas, to participate in the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge June 9 to 14.

The summer camp is designed to motivate young cadets to become better citizens through encouragement, interaction and communication.

All of the activities conducted during the camp were geared toward team building and bolstering self-esteem. The activities scheduled for the week included rappelling, rope bridges, physical training, the obstacle course, drown proofing, survival training and the Leadership Reaction Course.

Col. Robert Henson, camp commander, said, "It is all about leadership, it's all about overcoming fear, and it's all about changing the cadets' attitude from I can't, to I've done it."

This was the first time Cadet Pvt. Barry Schneider, from Harker Heights High School, attended the challenge. He said

he joined JROTC to give himself a challenge. He said he wasn't much of a leadership person, so he joined to build his character. When it came to the 65-foot rappel tower, he was doubtful he could do it.

"I really didn't think I could do it (the rappel tower), but I pushed myself to do it. Once I did it – it made me stop doubting myself and gave me confidence to do what I needed to do, and not be scared anymore," said Schneider.

This camp is not only about building leadership and encouraging self-esteem it is also about having fun. Cadet Sgt. Michael Tovar from McCollum High School, San Antonio, said that he learned about leadership and responsibilities at the camp.

"I am having a lot of fun here. I thought it was going to be easy, but it is not," said Tovar, who added the worst part was waking up at 4 a.m.

The Leadership Reaction Course, which was presented toward the end of camp, is a learning facility that develops and evaluates leadership and teaches on-the-spot thinking.

Cadets are broken down into teams and must demonstrate initiative, teamwork,

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Cadets strategically place their ladder and try to escape the enemy's threshold during the Leadership Reaction Course at Camp Bullis. The mission for the cadets is to get across the wall without sounding the enemy's alarm, a difficult task that requires teamwork and effort.



Cadets at the summer camp cross the "one-rope bridge," a bridge constructed with one rope strung between two trees and used to cross rivers, ravines or other low-lying areas.

Changes of Command

San Antonio Recruiting Battalion

The San Antonio Recruiting Battalion will hold a change of command Friday at 10 a.m. at the Old Brooke Army Medical Center Circle.

Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute

Air Force Col. Scott Courtney will relinquish command of the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute to incoming commander Air Force Col. John Mitchell at a change of command ceremony July 3 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle.

Veterinary Command

The Great Plains Regional Veterinary Command will hold a change of command ceremony July 8 at 2 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797.

U.S. Army Dental Command

Col. Larry Hanson will relinquish command of U.S. Army Dental Command to Col. M. Ted Wong July 10 at 8 a.m. at the main post flagpole.

Change of Responsibility

U.S. Army Dental Command

Sgt. Maj. Richard Orona will relinquish responsibility of the U.S. Army Dental Command to Sgt. Maj. Exerline Drumm July 9 at 8 a.m. at the main post flagpole.



Construction update

Concrete being poured

The contractor building the Medical Education Training Center on the corner of Patch and Harney Roads is scheduled to pour concrete for the foundation July 17 at 1 a.m. Large flood lights will be set up and turned on the night of July 16 for the numerous building material deliveries in preparation for construction. Work will continue throughout the day and evening until completed. These dates are tentative and may be moved; however, the work will not take place earlier than July 16.

Warriors awarded Purple Hearts

Story and photo by Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center

Five courageous Warriors in Transition were honored June 16 for their bravery at a Purple Heart ceremony held at Brooke Army Medical Center's fourth floor auditorium.

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, said the Purple Heart honorees help make BAMC staff better, more complete caregivers.

"The American people expect you to get the care you need, the best possible care," he said. "Taking care of the Warriors in Transition, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen, has made BAMC a better organization."

Gilman said these five warriors and those before them have support and encouragement from the BAMC staff in their healing process.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Sandoval, Sgt. Philippe Tourville, Spc. Emanuel Sewell, Spc. Edith Restrepo-Correa and Pvt. Perry Warren

Jr. were awarded the Purple Heart, an American combat decoration 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.

Sandoval, an infantryman serving with A Company, 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, was injured April 4 in Iraq. Serving as a squad leader, Sandoval was conducting a dismounted patrol to clear a route when he encountered an explosive formed projectile resulting in injuries to his lower left leg.

A truck driver assigned to E Co., 94th Brigade Support Bn., 4th Bde. Combat Team, 10th Mountain Div., Tourville was injured March 4 in Iraq. His convoy was hit by an EFP while on a mission resulting in shrapnel and burn wounds to his body.

An automated logistical specialist, Restrepo-Correa was assigned to A Co., 94th Base Support Bn., 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Div., when he was injured April 28 in Iraq. While per-



Purple Heart recipients Pvt. Perry Warren Jr., Staff Sgt. Jonathan Sandoval, Spc. Emanuel Sewell, Spc. Edith Restrepo-Correa and Sgt. Philippe Tourville are honored for their bravery and courage June 16 during a Brooke Army Medical Center Purple Heart ceremony in the hospital's fourth floor auditorium.

forming his duties as a driver, the vehicle encountered a mortar attack resulting in his combat injuries.

Serving in satellite communications, Sewell was assigned to 3-8 Cavalry Regiment, 1/101st Airborne, 1st Armored Div. when he was injured Nov. 14. While on patrol his vehicle

struck an improvised explosive device resulting in his combat injuries.

Warren, an indirect fire infantryman, was assigned to 2nd Bn., 327th Infantry, 1/101st Airborne, 1st Armored Div. when he was injured April 22. During a routine mission, his vehicle

was struck by an IED resulting in a shattered left ankle and other combat injuries. The Dallas native also received the Combat Infantryman Badge, which recognizes Soldiers who personally engage the enemy or are engaged by the enemy during combat operation.

Marine honored for professionalism, courage

Story and photo by Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center

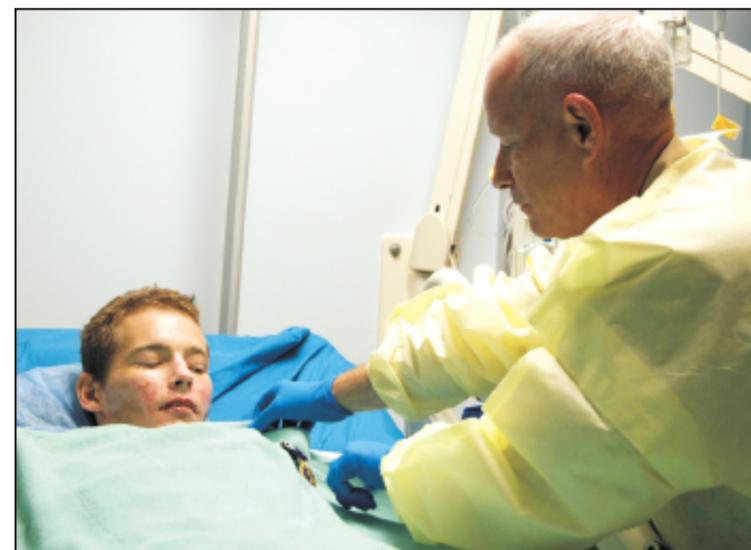
Marine Lance Cpl. Douglas Cianchetta was awarded a Purple Heart on June 18 during a bedside ceremony with family, fellow Marines and Brooke Army Medical Center staff.

Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert Magnus presented the medal, which is given to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

Magnus praised the lance corporal for his professionalism and unwavering courage.

He also noted that Cianchetta's primary goal now is to get healthier, stronger and rehabilitate.

Cianchetta was a rifleman assigned to the Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, when he was injured June 2 in Afghanistan. Cianchetta was conducting combat operations against anti-coalition forces by clearing a weapons cache when he tripped over a booby trap. The trap ignited an explosive material that projected flames onto his body, resulting in his combat injuries.



Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert Magnus awards Marine Lance Cpl. Douglas Cianchetta a Purple Heart on June 18 during a bedside ceremony with family, fellow Marines and Brooke Army Medical Center staff.

4th Recon. Bn. gains new inspector instructor

Story and photo by Elaine Wilson
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Lt. Col. Matthew Cooper assumed command as the inspector instructor, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division from Lt. Col. Mark House Saturday at the historic Quadrangle.

The site, which is the oldest at Fort Sam Houston, was a fitting location for a ceremony steeped in Marine tradition and history.

After accepting the organizational colors, signifying his acceptance of command, Cooper addressed the Marines of the Reserve unit in attendance.

"I had the opportunity to serve with Delta, Echo and Charlie companies a few years

ago in Iraq. You thoroughly impressed me then, and over the last week of the turnover, you thoroughly impress me today.

"I'm looking forward to being part of your team," he said.

As the new commander, Cooper will oversee the battalion's mission, which is amphibious reconnaissance, ground reconnaissance and surveillance to observe, identify, and report enemy activity, and collect other information of military significance, according to the mission statement.

Additionally, the battalion provides trained reconnaissance Marines and units to augment and reinforce the active component in time of war, national emergency, and at other times as national

security requires.

Cooper's parents, retired Lt. Gen. Matthew Cooper and wife, Betty, traveled from Alexandria, Va. for the ceremony, a gesture that Cooper said he appreciated. He praised his mother for being a "terrific supporter of our Corps," and his father for 35 years of service as a Marine as well as his current role as president of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. But he said he was most impressed with "their ability as parents to rear myself and my two sisters."

Another special guest was retired Sgt. Maj. Harold Overstreet, the 12th sergeant major of the Marine Corps. Cooper said he first met Overstreet when he was a young second lieutenant at



Lt. Col. Matthew Cooper hands the battalion organizational colors back to Sgt. Maj. Richard Thresher after assuming command as the inspector instructor, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division.

basic school, attending a reception at the commandant's house.

"The sergeant major came up to me, started talking to

me, discussing important Marine Corps issues," Cooper said. "He impressed me then,

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Feeling gouged by gas prices?

Learn how to save money at the pump

By Irma Avalos
Environmental Specialist

According to the Energy Information Administration, national average gasoline prices in the United States rose above \$4 for the first time. The price rose 6.3 cents to 403.9 cents per gallon, which is 96.3 cents higher than the same time last year.

Americans who frequently fill their gas tank are well aware of skyrocketing fuel prices. In fact, almost every consumer product and service has greatly increased in price.

Why do we seem to be paying more for everything? The answer is higher crude oil prices. Rising crude oil prices mean steadily rising gasoline prices. Crude oil costs are the single largest component of gasoline costs, excluding taxes, and gasoline prices

reflect those costs. Crude oil costs account for nearly half of the cost of a gallon of gasoline.

Increased gasoline costs have had a great impact on this country's crucial economic sectors including food production, shipping, and manufacturing and transportation industries. Prices for consumer goods have increased to counteract soaring fuel cost. Therefore, it is the consumer and his pocket book that are experiencing the crunch.

Saving money at the pump

The Federal Trade Commission Consumer Protection Division offers the following bumper-to-bumper guidelines to help consumers

get the most mileage for their gas dollars:

- **Keep cars in top-notch condition** by keeping them in tune and repairing or replacing defective oxygen sensors.
- **Stick to the grade of fuel recommended by the manufacturer.** The FTC advises that using a higher-octane gas than recommended by the manufacturer will not improve a car's performance level or efficiency, but only cost the consumer more money.
- **Be on the look out for cheaper gas prices** en route to work or on the way home. Take advantage of the lower cost for gas and fill up the tank even if the car is half full. People can find cheap gas prices in their area by going online to one the following sites: <http://www.sanantoniogasprices.com>, <http://www.automotive.com/ga>



Photo by Olivia Mendoza

Lt. Col. Brian Niday, from U.S. Army North, fills up his truck's tank at the gas station on Wilson Road. Niday said he cuts back on gas expenses by staying local.

s-prices/san-antonio or <http://gasprices.mapquest.com/san-antonio>.

- If gas prices are cheaper in another area of town, **calculate the cost of gas wasted** to get there. The cost of filling up at the higher price in the local area will outweigh the cost of traveling all over town just to get cheaper gas.
- **Switch out clogged air filters** on a regular basis; this can increase mileage by 10 percent. Changing the air filter protects a car's engine by

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keeping debris and other impurities from damaging the inside of the engine.

- **Reduce friction between moving parts by changing engine oil.** The FTC recommends using motor oil labeled as "Energy Conserving," which will improve fuel economy and contains additives that reduce friction.
- **Keep tires properly inflated** and aligned using the manufacturer's recommended tire pressure found in the owner's manual or information placards located on the car door, inside the glove box or on the trunk lid. According to the FTC, for every 1 psi drop in pressure for all four tires, gas mileage will decrease by 0.4 percent. However, keeping your tires properly inflated can increase fuel economy up to 3.3 percent.
- **Don't put the pedal to the medal.** Avoid aggressive driving habits like accelerating and braking rapidly, which can lower gas mileage by 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent around town. Comply with the speed limit. Speeds

Increased gasoline costs have had a great impact on this country's crucial economic sectors including food production, shipping, and manufacturing and transportation industries.

over 60 mph will decrease gas mileage and vehicle owners can end up paying an additional .20 cents per gallon for gas.

- **Prevent unnecessary idling.** Vehicles with larger engines left idling will normally burn more gas than vehicles with smaller engines.
- **Take advantage of cruise control** when traveling on the highway. This will help maintain a consistent speed and will typically save gas.
- **Make use of the overdrive gear,** especially ascending uphill. This reduces engine speed and lessens engine wear.
- **Remove heavy nonessential items** from the trunk of the car or truck bed. Lessening trunk or truck-bed load by 100 pounds can increase fuel economy by at least 2 percent.
- **Consider the concept of carpooling or vanpooling to work.** For a vanpool, at least six people share the ride to

work, while splitting the cost of van rental and fuel. For information on vanpooling, visit VIA Metropolitan Transit at www.viainfo.net.

- **Consider an alternate means of transportation** by using the city's public transit system. VIA operates about 500 buses on about 86 bus lines serving San Antonio and the majority of Bexar County. Regular fare is just \$1 and Express Service is \$2 with the first transfer slip being free. The Monthly Big Pass is \$25 and is good for unlimited rides on all regular bus and streetcar service throughout the month indicated on the pass. For more information, visit VIA at www.viainfo.net.

For more information on reducing gas consumption, visit the following Web sites: www.eia.doe.gov, www.fueleconomy.gov, www.aacog.com or www.ftc.gov.

Electric bills expected to rise

Tips can help reduce energy costs

According to CPS Energy, the local energy provider, the San Antonio area can expect electric bills to be as much as 30 percent higher this summer as compared to last summer.

Higher fuel costs to produce electricity will have some impact on bills. The record rainfall last year moderated the temperature and reduced the need for air conditioning; however, the forecast for this summer is hot and dry so people should be aware and prepare.

Help reduce energy costs by:

- Make sure your air conditioning system is in good condition.
- Set thermostats to 78 degrees.
- Use set-backs on programmable thermostats.
- Keep doors and windows closed when using AC.
- Keep filters cleaned or changed regularly.
- Keep a minimum of 3 feet of clearance around condensing unit.

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- Shade window from direct sunlight.
- Repair or replace weather stripping.
- Maintain awareness, spreading the word with a good attitude.
- On-post housing residents can talk to their housing office about replacing regular light bulbs with energy-efficient light bulbs.

For energy conservation measures and programs, call CPS Energy at 353-2222 or visit <http://www.cpsenergy.com>.

For more information, call Charlie Neumann at 215-6560 or e-mail charles.neumann@us.army.mil.

(Source: Directorate of Public Works)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIQUIDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD DEBT? IT CAN HAPPEN.

The Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service offers this service. For more information, call 221-1612.

'Buckin' For Our Heroes'

Bull Riding and Free Style Bull Fighting

A fundraiser and tribute for our wounded heroes and their Families will be held
June 28 at 8 p.m. at the Cowboys Dancehall indoor arena featuring music, dancing and a mechanical bull. Admission is FREE with a donation at the door

Come out and show your support to our heroes who have given so much for this great country. You will see Professional Bull Riders Association bulls and pro riders from all over the country. This is NOT a Rodeo ... it is bull riding and free style bull fighting ... the toughest and most dangerous sport on DIRT!

The event is sponsored by the Military Warrior Support Foundation. The foundation's mission is to demonstrate support for the men and women of our military through providing practical opportunities and financial assistance to those injured in service to our country. Visit the foundation online at www.military-warriors.org. The foundation is a 5013C NON-PROFIT organization.



Ranger Ron Benton on bull, 8 Ball, at the Professional Armed Forces World Finals.

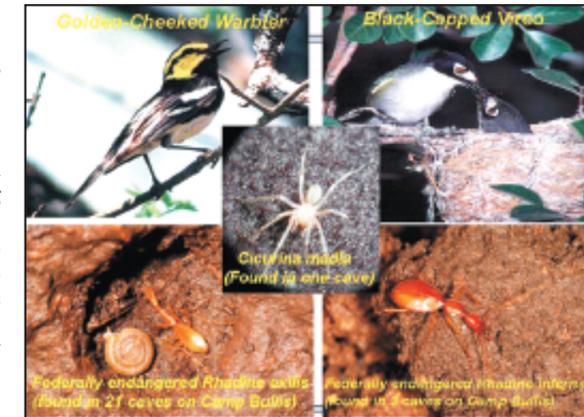
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tat" from warbler observations along with a seasonal (March 1 to Aug. 14) 100-meter light, noise and smoke buffer zone, "meaning increased protection in the areas during the nesting season," Beck said.

Additionally, the military is restricted to impacting less than 2 acres of trees a year in the areas of occupied habitat.

Of the approximately 28,000 acres at Camp Bullis, about 10,000 acres are identified as potential habitat. Construction at Camp Bullis is therefore concentrated in non-habitat areas to limit the impact on the environment.

Along with the airborne variety, resource managers are also looking to the ground for endangered species, to include the two species of cave beetles and one cave spider at Camp Bullis. These cave bugs seek out deep, dark crevices in underground caves, which



Courtesy graphic

Five federally endangered species live at Camp Bullis to include two birds and three invertebrates.

also happen to serve as recharge features for the Edwards Aquifer. The aquifer, which is the largest sole-source aquifer in the country, provides water to about 1.7 million people.

"These caves are directly tied to aquifer recharge," Beck said. "To prevent possi-

ble contamination, we have vegetation buffers around these caves that are dedicated to keeping the buffer area as pristine as possible."

Because these caves occur in the recharge zones, resource managers keep a close eye on the endangered invertebrates that dwell there since their continued existence is just as important on a human level as on an ecological one.

"These invertebrates are an indicator species," said Beck. "We ensure they are thriving. If they're healthy, that means the aquifer is healthy."

As a result of their efforts, the endangered species at Camp Bullis are flourishing. However, a significant increase in the warbler population has been a source of concern — and celebration — in recent years. "The warbler population has increased 50 percent

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Fish and Wildlife takes measures to protect habitat

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is taking measures to ensure a San Antonio-area developer ceases construction activities in an area adjacent to Camp Bullis until further studies of the impact on endangered species can be completed.

The developer, INTCO-Dominion Partnership, has been clearing trees and brush near Camp Bullis in preparation for construction of a high-end subdivision. On Friday, U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez ordered the developer to stop operations pending the result of a request for a permanent injunction.

In a letter addressed to the legal representation of INTCO-Dominion Partnership, Adam Zerrenner, field supervisor from Fish and Wildlife Service, explained the service's concern for the golden-cheeked warbler, one of several federally endangered species in the area.

"... there is information documenting the presence of golden-cheeked warblers on the Dominion project site and presence of the species approximately 300 feet of the road construction," the letter states.

The letter details a site visit that took place June 19. "... our preliminary assessment based on this site visit is that the project site contains suit-

able golden-cheeked warbler habitat."

Fish and Wildlife is also concerned with the location of portions of the property, which are "located in karst zone 2, which has a high probability of containing suitable habitat for federally listed karst invertebrates." Additionally, the project is located less than 1 mile from caves known to contain endangered karst invertebrates.

"Because the road construction has directly removed habitat and the construction activities further disturb the site through fragmentation of habitat and noise, we believe there is the potential for unauthorized take to occur," the letter states.

In the letter, the service recommends the developer to find a "qualified individual" to determine if these species are located in the project area.

Zerrenner also suggests the developer consider the development of a habitat conservation plan that is in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973. In the meantime, "service law enforcement agents are currently monitoring the project site as part of their law enforcement investigation and will continue to document any continued unpermitted activities."

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs)

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over the past five years calculated on a running three-year average," Beck said.

Situated in one of the most coveted areas of the city, developers are swiftly closing in on the installation, cutting a wide swath into the forests around Camp Bullis and forcing the warblers to seek refuge on post.

"Endangered species don't stop at the fence line," Beck said. "According to longstanding federal law and U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service guidelines, everyone, not just the military, is prohibited from 'taking' endangered species.

"The military is a good steward of the environment, as we should all be," he said. "However, we cannot shoulder the burden of environmental compliance alone. We need the community to help."

Post leaders continue to work closely with environmental agencies and local and state government officials to protect Camp Bullis from encroachment, Beck said.

According to Jim Cannizzo, an Army environmental lawyer, Fort Sam Houston leaders have called for legislation that would require developers to give notice when construction that involves significant tree clearing, 2 acres and up, is within a 5-mile radius of Camp Bullis. Also, developers and realtors would be required to inform buyers that they are purchasing property adjacent to a busy military facility that may routinely cause noise and other issues.

Finally, the Army would like

to see a state law passed that would require developers to conduct an endangered species survey before clearing significant amounts of trees around Camp Bullis, Cannizzo said.

Other efforts under way include a request for counties to require use of dark-sky lighting within 3 miles of Camp Bullis. The lower-intensity lighting is angled toward the ground, making the lighting friendly for next-door neighbors as well as military neighbors.

The goal is to protect Camp Bullis so it can continue serving as a military training ground for the Army, Air Force, Navy and a host of other federal agencies, Cannizzo said, which is a mission directly tied to the continued viability of Fort Sam Houston.

Under the Base Realignment and Closure initiative, the Fort Sam Houston community is slated to grow by more than 11,000 person-

nel by 2011. The growth is, in part, based on the proximity of Camp Bullis' field training grounds, Cannizzo said.

"The field training area (Camp Bullis), along with a large clinical facility (Brooke Army Medical Center) and medical training facility (Medical Education and Training Campus), make Fort Sam Houston a logical choice for centralizing medical training here," Cannizzo said. "But if you knock off one of the legs off the three-legged stool, it collapses."

As post leaders work to protect Camp Bullis from encroachment, the resource managers will continue their efforts with an eye toward the sky, and to the ground.

"We'll continue our work toward ensuring the viability of species here," Beck said. "I think that speaks volumes for the military's dedication to natural resources and conservation."

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and he continues to impress me now. Thank you for your continued efforts to our Corps and country."

He also recognized his son, Matthew, for "bearing multiple deployments and separations from his father."

Cooper kept his comments short wanting to keep the spotlight on House and his accomplishments as "today celebrates Lt. Col House."

Following Cooper's comments, House was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for his many accomplishments, to include his "exemplary and highly professional manner."

During his farewell speech, the outgoing commander took a moment to look back on the past two years of his command in San Antonio.

To the Marines of his former command, House said, "You represent the Marines

from Joliet, Ill, down to Smyrna Ga., out to Albuquerque, and also right here in San Antonio. I appreciate your efforts. Continue on the great work."

He spoke of his deployment to Iraq and his pride in the end result.

"Not many people have the opportunity to command their unit in a combat zone," said House, who was deployed to Iraq in February 2007. "It was a challenging mission. But we brought back every single Marine uninjured; and that's not because of me but because

of the good graces of God.

"They did great and I have great pride in them," he said. "The Marines are always there to stand up and defend this country."

Along with the Marines in attendance, House thanked several others, to include his wife Allison. "I appreciate your support," he told her.

Allison was also honored at the ceremony. She received a certificate of appreciation from Cooper as a show of "grateful appreciation for your unselfish, faithful, devoted service."



Photo by Elaine Wilson

Lt. Col. Matthew Cooper congratulates Lt. Col. Mark House after presenting him with a Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding service as inspector instructor, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division.

Army launches Recruiter Assistance Program

Soldiers can earn money through referrals

Story and photo by Elizabeth Lorge
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Active-duty enlisted Soldiers and future Soldiers in the Delayed Entry Program can now serve as assistant recruiters and earn extra money in their off-duty hours.

The Army Recruiter Assistance Program, which became effective June 16, will pay these Soldiers \$1,000 when a recruit they refer enlists and another \$1,000 when that recruit ships to basic combat training.

That's often months sooner than the bonuses all Soldiers, active-duty, reserve-component and retired, and Department of the Army civilians are eligible to receive under the \$2,000 referral program. Under the \$2K program, these bonuses, also in payments of \$1,000, are not available until the recruit

starts basic training, and then completes advanced individual training. Soldiers can participate in both recruiting programs, but not by referring the same prospect twice, officials said.

"(A Soldier) is kind of like a walking billboard," said Al Green, chief of the Recruiting Policy Branch at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for G-1 (Personnel). "He has a big impact because people trust Soldiers ... So if this Soldier is telling me how the Army was for him, he's a living testament of how the Army works."

In addition to actually referring people, Soldiers in the A-RAP program are expected to spend time with potential recruits, encourage them and answer any questions they might have about the Army. According to Green, Soldiers need to go with their prospects to see recruiters,

and should attend Delayed Entry Program meetings with them after they enlist.

"You are walking this applicant through this process, from the day he joins until he ships, because if you do that, you probably will get him to ship," said Green. "There is a little bit more work involved (than the \$2K program), but I think one of the things that would enhance participation would be the timeliness of pay. Some individuals, depending on their specialty, can't get into

basic training for seven or eight months because of space availability and things of that nature ... it has an impact. The bottom line is that they will get \$1,000 immediately."

To be eligible for the pro-



Future Soldiers are sworn into the Army by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., chief of staff of the Army, June 13 during celebrations for the Army's birthday. While in the Delayed Entry Program, future Soldiers and active-duty enlisted Soldiers can receive up to \$2,000 for referring other new recruits into the Army through the Army Recruiter Assistance Program.

gram, Soldiers also must complete training about the basics of screening individuals to determine their eligibility, and need the approval of their unit commander. Soldiers can only participate in A-RAP when they are off-duty, because they are technically working for a private contractor to provide recruiting assistance, and they can't wear a uniform or use government resources. For legal reasons, commissioned officers and warrant officers cannot participate in A-RAP, although they are still eligible for the \$2K program.

Average Soldiers, Green

said, can make a real difference to the Army and its recruiting goals through programs like A-RAP, because they are telling the Army story in a way that will resonate much deeper than recruiters working on their own.

He also added that the participation of future Soldiers in the delayed entry program is key because they can encourage their former classmates and other friends who may still be deciding what to do with their lives. In turn, that future Soldier may have more friends to serve with.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://armyrap.com>.

Army Suggestion Program

Web site moves to AKO

People can submit ideas online, earn up to \$25,000

The Army Suggestion Program is now available on the Army Knowledge Online Web site, making it easier than ever to submit great ideas.

People can visit https://secureapp2ako.hqda.pentagon.mil/ako/asp/http/services/Asp/asp_home.cfm to automatically submit suggestions, receive acknowledgment, trace suspenses and find out the latest status on proposed ideas.

This automation will speed up the process of disseminating suggestions for Army-wide application and wider consideration by another agency or other military service branch.

The Army Suggestion Program has been in existence since World War I. In 1954, Congress passed legisla-

tion that allows government agencies to pay cash awards to civilian employees for suggestions beneficial to the government. Military members became eligible in 1965. The automation of the Army Suggestion Program came online in May 2004.

The program's mission is to encourage Soldiers and civilians to submit ideas that increase the efficiency and productivity of the Army. The program offers people the opportunity to voluntarily take part in the improvement of operations and quality of life within the Army.

The Army Suggestion Program also provides a cash award incentive of up to \$25,000 for adopted ideas that save government resources.

The organization to which the suggester is currently

A time-off award can be granted to civilian employees for an implemented suggestion.

assigned will approve and pay the award even though the suggestion may not directly benefit that organization. A time-off award can be granted to civilian employees for an implemented suggestion.

For more information, visit https://secureapp2ako.hqda.pentagon.mil/ako/asp/http/services/Asp/asp_home.cfm.

For problems logging in to the site, people are encouraged to contact: <https://IMCENAppsupportdesk@hqda.army.mil>.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Army Suggestion Program)

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common sense and leadership ability. The course is divided into 17 challenges, each with a given scenario, where teams have to think and solve problems. Throughout the course, cadets receive feedback on techniques, strengths and weaknesses.

Tactical NCO 1st Sgt. William Parr, from Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio, who has been an instructor for six years, said the Leadership Reaction Course is about team building.

"The kids are being challenged, mentally and physically, as far as decision-making

and how to overcome obstacles. What they also learn is team building, in that someone has to be in charge and that someone has to give instructions or otherwise it becomes total chaos. Once they accomplish the task, they will have a sense of satisfaction that they have done something that they have never done before," said Parr.

It is about teamwork and truly believing in the concept of the team, where everyone together achieves more, said Henson.

The weeklong event ended with an awards presentation, graduation ceremony and picnic.

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Pollock retires after trailblazing Army career

By Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command

A trailblazing Army career comes to a close Friday when Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock retires at Fort Myer, Va. The Army's deputy surgeon general for force management and chief of the Army Nurse Corps, Pollock served as acting surgeon general and commander of U.S. Army Medical Command from March to December last year, the first Army nurse to hold such positions.

Pollock described the Army Medical Department as "passionate but tired," saying, "we've been at war for a long time, and it's not something that any of us were groomed for. We talked about it but we didn't believe it would happen, and now we are having

to live through it and the challenge that comes with it.

"It's like geese that fly; they take turns being the point person. When they feel strong they go to the front of the formation and then when they're tired they drop back so another one can come up and give them a break. We all have days that we are tired, but when you look around at the capabilities inside the Army Medical Department, they are absolutely astounding. No one person can carry an organization," she said.

Pollock became acting surgeon general when Army medicine was under a spotlight of criticism in the media, Congress and other venues. She said she tried to keep the AMEDD focused on teamwork.

"If we are looking through

a broad scope at what our mission is, if we're not just in a single narrow little lane, there will be enough people who share our passion to get through those lumps and bumps," she said. "We simply reminded the men and women of the AMEDD, regardless of what their skill was, that we valued their contribution, that what they were doing was important and they would continue to do the most important thing, and that's bring home alive the men and women who serve our nation."

She began a series of monthly videotapes distributed by Internet to communicate with Army medical personnel around the world.

"I believe in order to marshal the passions, strength and the capabilities of a team,

they have to know what's going on," she said. "I thought it was very important to reach out to the entire organization to let them know what was going on, so they could feel connected to a healthy organization that would survive the assault that we bore. I tried to be responsive."

Pollock said military nurses have an advantage over their civilian counterparts, because they all begin their careers with college degrees.

"We collectively understand the importance of education and continuous learning," she said. "Military nurses are professionals when they enter. As a result they have much better relationships with their colleagues regardless of specialty or niche than is seen in the civilian health-care market.

"The respect that we garner from our colleagues allows us to very successfully focus on our mission, our passion,

which is raising the individuals to their highest level of function. That isn't to say we're going to make everyone healthy, we're not going to make everybody the way they were before, but we will stay focused on raising them to their highest level of functioning and the highest possible quality of life. I have never met nor seen nurses in any other organization that are as passionate about that, and that's



Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock

really the essence of professional nursing," she said.

Pollock joined the Army at age 17, after a childhood marked by family violence in what she describes as a "crazy house."

"It wasn't a good environment. I came into the Army with the ability to persevere, and then I found I was surrounded by other people who had the same ability," she said.

She earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree and qualified as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, then earned master's degrees in business administration, health-care administration, and national security and strategy. She rose to command major hospitals and hold high staff positions, finally being appointed deputy surgeon general and then to the

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acting responsibility as the Army's chief medical officer.

After retirement, Pollock plans to follow the advice she often give others, to "be bodacious and dare the impossible."

"I'm working with a group of clinicians and researchers. We are going to establish the world's first ocular regeneration and vision restoration center. What that means is

we're going to make the blind see," she said.

Her final message to her Army Family is simply, "thank you."

"I want all the men and women of the AMEDD, regardless of their niche, to know that I am very grateful for the opportunity to have served with them. It's been my honor, and if I was 17, I would do it all over again in a heartbeat," she said.

NEW PROGRAM from P1

University, N.C.

Col. Joseph Pecko, director, Army-Fayetteville State University MSW program, said, "Every magnificent beginning, such as the one we are present at today, has a history and that history is shaped by good and hard-working people."

"Our new MSW program not only allows us to provide more social work officers it also allows us to deliver them with both a sterling educational experience and an Army-relevant indoctrination," said Col. John Luciano, dean, Academy of Health Sciences. "The result is a social work officer who will be immediately and fully mission capable."

Capt. Delores Martinez, MSW student, said she was very excited about the opportunity. "This is an absolute monument to be a part of, and I am proud to be here and to be in the first class."

The first class of 18 Soldiers includes a faculty comprising three active-duty and four civilian instructors, all with their doctorate in social work.

The course will include two tracks: a 13-month track for Soldiers with a non-social work bachelor's degree and an eight-month advanced standing track for students with a degree in social work from an accredited program. Students graduate with an MSW and will take their initial license before they leave Fort Sam Houston.

During the class, students will learn to understand the dynamics of human behavior in the context of their social environment, particularly in relation to the military experience. After graduation, students will be assigned to behavioral health departments throughout the world where they will conduct assessments and provide interventions to individuals and groups under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker.

As social workers in the Army, graduates will provide individual counseling for

Soldiers and their Families, whether it's concerning substance abuse, physical or emotional abuse, or just help with daily challenges. In two years, they will have the opportunity to test for their independent practitioner license to become a LCSW.

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity to help fellow Soldiers who are coming back from Iraq. I want to be able to help them and their Families in any way," said Cpt. Teresa Murray, MSW student. "This graduate program could not have happened at a better time."

Pecko said, "I have no doubt that the Army will benefit greatly from this new partnership with FSU. It is my hope that, in keeping with the outstanding reputations of other AMEDDC&S graduate programs, this partnership will take both us and FSU to new heights of academic excellence and social work services."

Troop Salute



Instructor of the Quarter

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Pierce Jr.

Fort Sam Houston has named Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Pierce Jr., a Veterinary Service food safety officer with the Army Medical Department Center and School, the Instructor of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter.

Pierce teaches multiple courses in the Department of Veterinary Science. He reinvigorated food safety classes taught to students of all ranks through his unparalleled ability to communicate highly technical knowledge in an understandable format.

The Key West, Fla. native enlisted in the Veterinary Service as a food inspector in 1992 and was commissioned as a warrant officer in the Veterinary Corps in 1997.



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Between March 18 and May 2, person(s) unknown entered a Connex at McIdoe and Garden Street, Fort Sam Houston, and stole one Metal Building Component Incorporated brand roof seamer, SN: DLH-230

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The reward will be in effect until Nov. 30.
Reference: Case number 0153-2008-CID044-47607

Did you know?

Did you know the Army practices what is know as adaptive re-use? As the needs of the Army change, buildings which were constructed for one purpose are adapted to new uses unforeseen by the original planners.

The Fort Sam Houston Museum is a perfect example. The building currently occupied by the Museum, Building 123 on Stanley Road, was constructed as a two-company mess hall for two artillery units billeted in the adjacent barracks.

The building served in that role until after the Second World War when it was converted to administrative space. For a while, Building 123 provided office space for the Organized Reserve Corps before being converted into an enlisted women's club.

As enlisted women at that time were members of the Women's Army Corps, the club was known as the "WAC Shack." In recent years, several veterans visiting the museum remarked that they met their spouse at the WAC Shack. It was also reported that Freddy Fender was one of the entertainers who played a gig at the WAC Shack.

Building 123 was converted again to office space for the fourth Army inspector general and was finally converted to the Fort Sam Houston Museum in 1975.

For more information on Fort Sam Houston history, call the Fort Sam Houston Museum at 221-1886 or the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum at 221-6358. (Source: Fort Sam Houston Museum)



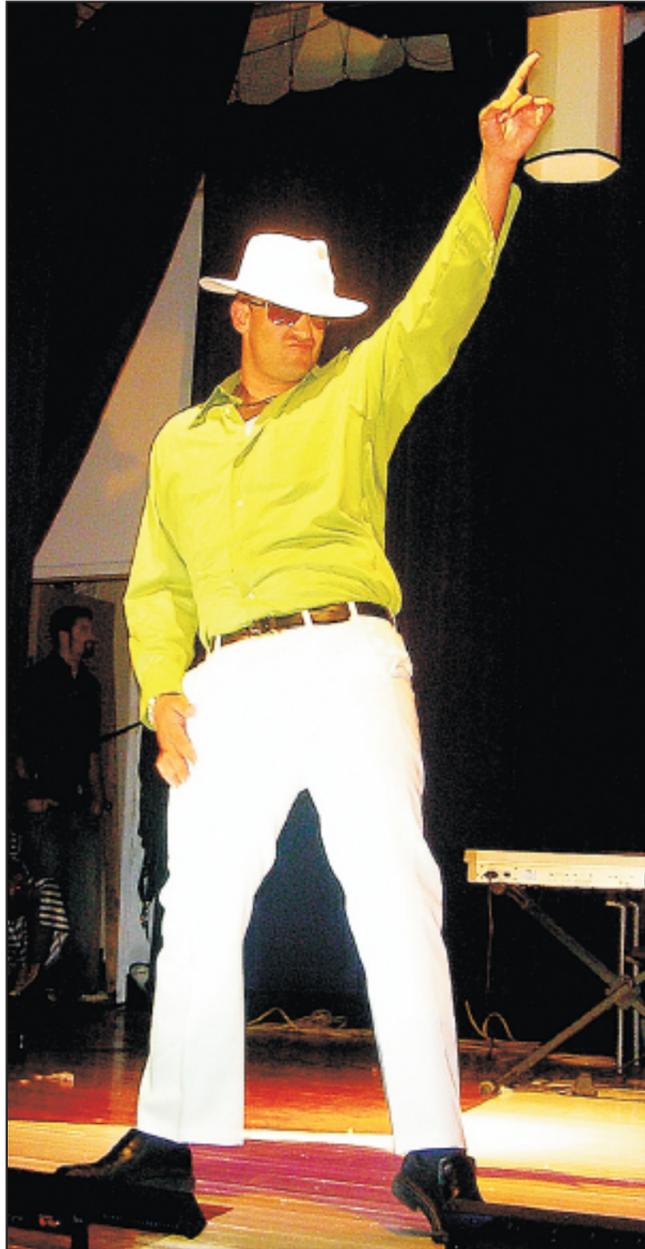
Building 123 in 1940.



Building 123 in 2002.

'Viva Fort Sam'

BOSS wows audience with variety show

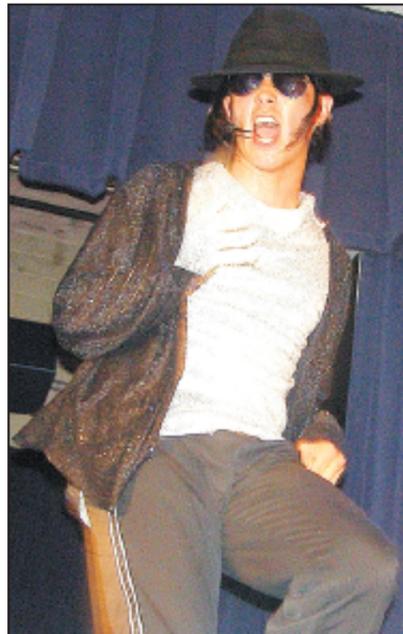


Photos by Andre Terrell

Spc. Scott Stahley, president, Fort Sam Houston Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, channels John Travolta as he sings "Stayin' Alive."



Roni and the Latin Explosion perform the opening number for the variety show, "Viva Fort Sam." The females in the group dressed as flashy Las Vegas showgirls.



Soldiers from the audience jump on stage to dance to a musical number by Staff Sgt. Cornelius Whitaker.

Raul Riojas does an impersonation of Michael Jackson as he sings "Beat It."

By Ben Paniagua
Hacienda Recreation Center

It was a star-studded night at the Hacienda Recreation Center June 12 when the Fort Sam Houston Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program presented the variety show, "Viva Fort Sam."

Soldiers and civilians from the Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio communities joined forces to present a fast-paced, fully costumed and choreographed variety show that wowed the audience, which comprised Soldiers from the 32nd Medical Brigade and Family members from Fort Sam Houston.

The show opened with a frenzied Latin number performed by Roni Garza and the Latin Explosion. The females in the group dressed as Las Vegas showgirls dancing to the exciting music. They were followed by a string of Soldier and civilian entertainers in a fun show emceed by Staff Sgt. Cornelius Whitaker, A Company, Brooke Army Medical Center, who also performed.

"I loved being in the show," said Luckey McClain, a member of the Will Owen Gage Band, who performed an exciting blues/rock medley of songs. "It was very well produced and came across beau-

tifully," he said.

The show ended with a rousing finale of "Viva Fort Sam," a takeoff on the "Viva Las Vegas" show tune.

"I thought it was great," said Sgt. Maj. Albert Green, from U.S. Army North, who attended the show with his daughter Tina. "The individuals who got on stage performed very well and are to be commended for what they did."

The show is BOSS' entry into the 2008 U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts.

A team of judges from the U.S. Army Entertainment Division were present to judge the production and the entertainers. They travel to each Army installation in the United States that is participating in the Festival competition. At the end of the tour, the division presents awards to the Best Variety Show and Best of Festival performers. Any monetary prize money goes into the BOSS Program to further improve the quality of life for Soldiers on the installation.

Last year, the BOSS Variety Show, "At The Copa," won first place for Best Variety Show and a multitude of performer awards. With the win came a \$5,000 cash prize that went into the Fort Sam Houston BOSS Fund.



Paul Kotchman sings the 1990s hit, "Wonder Wall," by the group Oasis.



Ivella Dennis wows the audience with her powerful voice as she sings Aretha Franklin's "Chain of Fools."



Theresa Whitaker belts out "The Rose" for the crowd.



Sports

Attention fishing enthusiasts

The fishing pond at Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays from 4 to 8 p.m. Bait, to include shrimp, liver and stink bait, is available for \$3. Fishing pole rental is \$1. Bring the kids and enjoy an afternoon of fishing this summer. For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at Camp Bullis at 295-7529 or 295-7577; the office is open Fridays through Mondays.

Post flag football

Coaches and players are needed for the Fort Sam Houston post flag football team. Tryouts will be held July 28 through Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at Leadership Field. Coaches should send resumes by July 25 to Earl Young at 1212 Stanley Road, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234, or drop off at the Brigade Gym. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil

Post soccer team

Coaches and players are needed for the Fort Sam Houston post soccer team. Tryouts will be held Aug. 18 through 23 at 6 p.m. at Leadership Field. Coaches should send resumes by Aug. 15 to Earl Young at 1212 Stanley Road, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234, or drop off at the

Brigade Gym. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Men's basketball team

Coaches and players are needed for the Fort Sam Houston post men's basketball team. Tryouts will be held Aug. 25 through 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Coaches should send resumes by Aug. 22 to Earl Young at 1212 Stanley Road, Ste. 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234, or drop off at the Brigade Gym. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

Intramural spring softball standings

June 19

Team	W	L
1st 264th Med. Bn.	12	2
2nd 4th Recon.	10	4
3rd USARSO	9	5
4th ARNORTH	9	5
5th Silver Sluggers	2	13
6th USAMITC	1	14

Flag football champs

Dental Activity won the regular and post-season Flag Football Championship going undefeated through the regular season. They claimed the championship in the post-season tournament by beating Brooke Army Medical Center Pharmacy Branch 21-12.



School

FSHISD Summer Work Hours

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Administrative Office

- June 9 to July 25 - Monday through Thursday - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Friday
- July 28 - Administrative Office will resume normal business hours, five days a week

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

- Friday to July 25 - School offices closed
- July 28 - School offices will resume normal business hours, five days a week

Special Education Military Co-operative

- Monday to July 25 - Cooperative Office closed
- July 28 - Cooperative Office will resume normal business hours, five days a week

Dive right in Aquatic Center offers summertime swim lessons

By Dave Waugh
Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

The first session of swimming lessons at the Aquatic Center just ended. The lessons were a great start to the summer with 148 children enrolled in individual lessons and 18 in the Parent and Child lessons. This worked out to be an average of six students per instructor.

For those who missed out, there are three more open sessions scheduled for this summer. The class dates are July 7 to 18, July 21 to Aug. 1, and Aug. 4 to 18. The classes are held 9 to 9:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. and are open to all ID cardholders. Swimming lessons are also offered to children attending the Youth Activities Summer Camp; the class is from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

The 11 a.m. session usually fills up first since that is the time the Parent and Child class is offered in addition to group lessons. Parent and Child classes are held for children from six months to 3 years old and are taught by Earl Young.

Children from 4 to 16 years old are enrolled in swimming lessons taught under the levels and lesson plans of the American Red Cross. The lessons are taught by water safety instructors certified by the American Red Cross.

The classes are held Monday through Friday for two weeks with the first class day scheduled as an assessment day and the last day as makeup or party day. Based on assessments, students are separated by ability and age.

The swimming lessons are \$40 per student per class, which includes the lessons, a T-shirt and a 5 by 7 picture of their class.

To sign up for classes, stop by the Aquatic Center, Building 3300 on Williams Road. The center is open from 12 to 8 p.m. through Labor Day, weather permitting. Admission is free and ID card holders over age 18 can have two guests accompany them while at the pool. Children under 10 years old must have a responsible adult with them when at the pool.

The center is also a fun place for parties. People can rent the pool



Photo by Rebecca Rendon

Level 2 swimming class students (from left) Bill Kavaitis, Emilie Burnham, Tim Kavaitis, Sylvia Flores, Nathaly Soto Velez and Michelle Soto Velez enjoy a cool dip in the pool at the Aquatic Center.

before or after normal hours. Or, military ID cardholders can have a gathering during normal hours. The pool is also a popular location for Family

Readiness Groups.

For more information about swimming lessons or the Aquatic Center, call 221-4887.

Runners should avoid construction haul roads

An increasing number of construction crews and equipment are using the recently paved haul road that runs just outside the Brooke Army Medical Center perimeter fence. This road runs along the west and north sides of the BAMC campus and connects Binz-Engleman Road and Petroleum Drive. This road should not be used for jogging or hiking.



Missions hit homerun with military



Photos by Paul Kotchman

Col. John Cook, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, meets Missions right fielder Mike Baxter and Braeden Shaver after throwing out the first pitch at the San Antonio Missions baseball game June 16 at Wolff Stadium in San Antonio. The Missions honored the military with a special Military Family Appreciation Night, which included pre-game activities for military members, their families and the general public.



The Color Guard from Fort Sam Houston presents the colors at the San Antonio Missions game June 16.



Staff Sgt. Cornelius Whitaker, from A Company, Brooke Army Medical Center, sings the national anthem for a crowd of baseball fans at the Missions' Military Family Appreciation Night June 16. The game is one of three military appreciation nights held throughout the season in honor of the military.



EXERCISE YOUR FREEDOM



Dining and Entertainment

'An American Girl' contest

Stop by the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library now through Sunday to enter the "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" contest. Anyone between ages 6 and 16 and an authorized patron of the MWR facilities can register during each visit the library, limit once per day. The winner of the drawing will be awarded a "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" book set. While at the library, stop by the computer room and log onto www.armymwr.com to enter the online contest and drawing to win the grand prize, which includes a \$1,000 shopping spree at An American Girl store nearest to the winner's location. The drawing for the Kit Kittredge book sets will be Sunday at 3 p.m. For more informa-

tion, call 221-4702 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

Hebrew National Fan-tastic Promotion

Fort Sam Houston MWR and Hebrew National are offering the Fan-tastic Summer promotion at Mulligan's at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course and the Strike Zone at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Buy six Hebrew National hot dogs and get one free during the Fan-tastic Summer promotion now through July 31. Submit a completed frequency card at Mulligan's or Strike Zone for the Army-wide sweepstakes drawing to win a trip to watch the New York Yankees play in one of the last games in the old Yankees stadium. The trip includes four tickets behind home plate, airfare, lodging and spending cash. Other great prizes include his and her DreamSeat recliners, a 36-inch flat screen television, digital sports camcorder with 10x zoom, Xbox 360 with ESPN baseball game, and a \$150 gift card from the www.mlb.com online shop. Visit www.mwrpromotions.com for official rules and regulations. For more information, call 221-2606.

Sam Houston Club

Big Bang Bingo

Stop by the Sam Houston Club July 5 for Big Bang Bingo. Doors

open at 10 a.m.; bingo begins at 12 p.m. There will be 12 games, each worth \$1,000, and four Early Bird games worth \$250 each. A free buffet will be available for all bingo players. For more information, call 224-2721.

Karaoke Fridays

The Sam Houston Club will offer free karaoke every Friday at 7 p.m. Practice vocals or just have fun with friends to celebrate the end of another long work week. For more information, call 224-2721.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

'A Month of Sundays'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre presents the comedy "A Month of Sundays" by Bob Larbey from July 9 through Aug. 9. 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 reservations, call 222-9694.

Auditions for 'The Sunshine Boys'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will hold open auditions July 28 and 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for "The Sunshine Boys," a comedy by Niel Simon. William Champlin will be the director. There are roles for three

men and two women, as well as other volunteers such as assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, and props and stage crew. Performances will be Wednesday through Saturday evenings from Sept. 10 through Oct. 18. For more information or directions, call 222-9694.

MWR Ticket Office

Stop by the MWR Ticket Office for discounts on summer fun. The ticket office summer hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and closed Sunday and Monday. The summer hours will be in effect through Aug. 30. Purchase Coke Zero 400 Powered by Coca-Cola race tickets. Tickets for the July event are on sale at the MWR Ticket Office through Friday. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

Recreation and Leisure

Summer Reading Club

Sea World San Antonio has teamed up with the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library for the library's Summer Reading Club. Join the summer reading club between now and

Aug. 3 for the chance to win prizes. Read for an hour and earn one prize; the more you read the more prizes you earn. The Sea World prize drawing will be held Aug. 3. For more information, call 221-4702 or 221-4387 or visit the Fort Sam Houston MWR Web site at www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

3-D archery shoot

The next 3-D archery shoot will be held Saturday and Sunday. Registration is 8 to 10 a.m. This competitive shoot includes 30 3-D animal targets placed at unknown distances ranging from 10 to 40 yards in woodland settings. Awards are given to the top three in each class. The cost is \$15 per person Saturday and \$15 per person Sunday for competitive and \$10 for non-competitive shoot. Minis and cubs shoot free with a paid adult, and a playground is available for younger children. For more information, call the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center at 295-7577.

Aquatic Center is open

The Aquatic Center is open daily from 12 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 221-4887 or 221-1234.

Red Cross swimming lessons

Learn to swim this summer at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center. MWR is offering Red Cross swimming lessons throughout the summer to youth 16 years old and under. For \$40, each child will be able to participate in an eight-day session that includes swimming lessons, class picture, swim lesson T-shirt and a certificate of completion. Lessons are conducted in two-week sessions held

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Monday through Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. The first session began June 9; the last session begins Aug. 4. Register from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center, Building 3300. For more information, call 221-1234 or 221-4887.

Child and Youth Services

Parent Advisory Council

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held July 15 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.

Saturdays at School Age Services

School Age Services is open the second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 2 to 6 p.m. Children from first to fifth grades can have a fun-filled afternoon at School Age Services, Building 1705, Winans Road. For more

information, call 221-4466.

Central Registration

Central Registration is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 2797. Walk-ins and appointments are welcome; patrons are seen after 4 p.m. by appointment only. To register for Child and Youth Services programs, patrons must provide a current shot record (kindergarten through fifth grade), two local emergency designees, a health assessment/sport physical within the last year (sport physicals must be valid for the entire sports season), child's Social Security number, sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement, spouse's W2 form, registration fee and activity fee payment. For more information, call 221-1723 or 221-4871.

SKIES Unlimited classes

The Child and Youth Services Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited program offers language, music and sports classes for children ages 6 to 18 who are registered with CYS. The first month's fee is due at the time of registration at Building 2797. For more information, visit the Child Development Center, Building 2530; School Age Services, Building 1705; or Middle School and Teens, Building 1630; or call 221-1723 or 221-4871.

FCC providers

Family Child Care seeks Family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers. There is a no-cost start-up plan. For more information, call 221-3828.

Army Community Service

Helping Us Grow Securely playgroup

Join the weekly fun and interactive playgroup "H.U.G.S." for parents with children 5 years old and younger Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. For more information, call 221-2705.

Virtual FRG training

A Virtual Family Readiness training will be held Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, on Stanley Road. This training provides information on the Virtual FRG and the ability to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and Families. The registration deadline is Friday at 4 p.m. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Truth or Consequences

A Truth or Consequences class

will be held Wednesday, July 9, 16 and 23 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This class is for teens, focusing on developing life skills such as anger and conflict management, decision making and self-esteem building. In addition to these topics, effective communication is incorporated into the program to assist teens with learning appropriate methods of expressing feelings and thoughts. For more information or to register, call the Family Advocacy Program at 221-0349.

Deployment, related parenting challenges

Family members of deployed Soldiers encounter many challenges. Army Community Service will hold a class for military spouses left behind July 3 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. The class will focus on ways to maintain a normal routine, provide children reassurance, and improve parenting skills during Family separation. For more information or to register, call 221-0349 or e-mail thelma.t.kegley@us.army.com.

Unit FRG training

A Unit Family Readiness Group training will be held July 8 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training will define the phases of the deployment cycle,

identify stresses and Soldier and Family issues related to deployment and review the Family readiness tasks of the battalion rear detachment commander in each phase of the deployment cycle. The registration deadline is July 3 by 4 p.m. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Blended Families

A class for blended Families will be held July 8 and 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Red Cross, Building 2650. Discussion topics will include discipline, financial responsibilities, and co-parenting issues and concerns. Learn tips on how to avoid the pitfalls blended Families may experience and how to improve on existing relationships. To register or for more information, call 221-0349 or e-mail thelma.t.kegley@us.army.mil.

FRG Leader Forum

A Family Readiness Group Leader Forum will be held July 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The training will provide FRG leaders the opportunity to discuss unit FRG leader issues and share lessons learned in an open forum. Registration is needed by July 10 at 4 p.m. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

FRG key caller training

A Family Readiness Group key caller training will be held July 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. This training will define the responsibilities of the FRG key caller and provide information on performing this role. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Community

Events**Free Christian concert**

The Fort Sam Houston Installation Chaplains' Office will sponsor a free contemporary Christian concert by The Katinas Friday at 7 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Soldiers, Families and civilians are welcome. For more information, visit www.thekatinas.com.

Homebuyer protection class

Operation Homefront will hold a homebuyer protection class July 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Operation Homefront Village, at the Republic Woodlake apartments, 7027 FM 78. The free two-hour session will teach people how to become responsible homeowners with an affordable loan, how to prepare and repair credit, how to figure out what to spend, where to find financial help, how to get the most out of a realtor, information about cash rebates and what to expect from a lender. For more information or to register, call Gracie Boll at 201-451-5588 or e-mail gracie@operationhomefront.net.

Operation Reunion

Operation Reunion is offering free educational sessions to help adults and children cope with new Family dynamics following a visible or non-visible war-related injury suffered from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Funded through the Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment by the San Antonio Area Foundation, spouses, ex-spouses, caregivers and children of U.S. military members ages 8 to 13 are invited to attend three, two-hour sessions. Summer sessions are held at Cole Middle School Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. For more information or to register, call Elizabeth Anderson at 299-8139, ext. 318 or e-mail eanderson@chcsbc.org, or call DeVane Williams at 299-8139, ext. 261 or e-mail dwilliams@chcsbc.org.

Here's to the Heroes

Anheuser-Busch is honored to salute the men and women of our armed forces and their Families.

Throughout 2008, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter any one of Anheuser-Busch's SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.herosalute.com>.

Star Spangled Festival

Join the Lackland Air Force Base community in celebrating Independence Day in style. The 30th Annual Star Spangled Festival will be held at the Lackland Amphitheater Grounds, located next to the Gateway Club on Kenly Avenue, on July 4. Entrance to the festival is limited to the Gateway East Gate only. The festival is open to the public at 2 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment all day long, plus a "kid-zone" tent filled with fun for children of all ages, a carnival, DJ tent, motorcycle and car show, arts and crafts show, paintball and much more. The Wilburn Brothers & the Liberty Band perform live at the amphitheater at 7 p.m.; fireworks are at dusk. Backpacks, coolers, weapons, video cameras or pets are not allowed on the event grounds. For more information, call 671-3906.

'Hunters Extravaganza'

Texas Trophy Hunters Association will hold its annual "Hunters Extravaganza" show July 11 to 13 at the Alamodome; Aug. 1 to 3 at Reliant Center, Houston; and Aug. 15 to 17 at Will Rogers Center, Fort Worth. The show will feature the latest in hunting, fishing and outdoor activities. Admission is \$10; active military with ID get in free. For more information, call 771-4554.

'While You're Away' Children's Network

The United Services Organization invites deployed Families to enroll their children, 3 to 10 years old, in the "While You're Away" Children's Network. The program will help children cope with the separation from their deployed parent. For more information, call Julie Dahlberg at 227-9373, ext. 12 or e-mail JDahlberg@AlamoUSO.org.

Military wives spa day

The United Services Organization invites all military wives of deployed servicemembers for a spa day the third

Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. at the USO San Antonio Downtown Community Center, 420 E. Commerce Street. Treat yourself to an afternoon of pampering and relaxation. Enjoy complimentary mini-facials and chair massages. Volunteers will care for children during the visit. For more information, call Julie Dahlberg at 227-9373, ext. 12 or e-mail JDahlberg@AlamoUSO.org.

SOAR

Student Online Achievement Resources is a program for military Families and the school districts that serve them, along with the civilian students in the same classroom. SOAR aims to address the unique challenges facing military children in school. Parents can register for this free service at www.SoarAtHome.org. For more information, call 221-2214 or 295-4806.

Training**Enterprise Web training**

Hands-on training on Enterprise Web Army Medical Department Electronic Forms Support System, which is replacing FormFlow, will be available on the following days:

- July 9 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Willis Hall, Building 2841, Room 2105C.
- July 10 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Willis

Hall, Building 2841, Room 2105C.

- July 24 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Willis Hall, Building 2841, Room 2105C.

Seats are limited. Attendees must bring their common access card to training. For more information or reservations, call Julie Gueller at 221-6203 or e-mail Julie.Gueller@amedd.army.mil.

AKO training

There will be a hands-on training on Army Knowledge Online July 15 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and July 21 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Willis Hall, Building 2841, Room 2105C. Seats are limited. People should bring their common access card to training. For more information or to register, call 221-6203 or e-mail Julie.Gueller@amedd.army.mil.

Force tracking system training

The Information Management Training Branch will provide training for all active military services. The Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below /Blue Force Tracking System is a digital, battle command information system that provides near-real-time battle command information to tactical combat, combat support, and combat service support leaders and Soldiers. To register for a course, visit the Army Training Requirements and

Resources System at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil> and enter course number 5K-F21/012-F46. Courses are available July 28 to 30 and Sept. 22 to 24. For more information, call Marvin Danzy at 221-0640 or e-mail marvin.danzy@amedd.army.mil, or Hartense Green at 221-2216 or e-mail hartense.green@amedd.army.mil.

Meetings**MOAA luncheon**

The Military Officers of America Association-Alamo Chapter will host a luncheon July 24 at the Sam Houston Club. Social hour will start at 11 a.m. Guest speaker, retired Col. Ken Allard, military analyst and columnist, will discuss "National Security." The cost is \$16. Reservations and menu selection are due by July 21. For more information, call 228-9955 or e-mail moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteer**Volunteers needed**

The Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help with filing, mail outs, caremobile drivers and other areas. For more information, call 221-3355 or stop by Building 2650.

For Sale Fort Freebies

For Sale: Five chihuahua puppies, three females, two males, 13 weeks old, pad-trained, parents on site, \$200 each. Call 393-0148 or 314-2702.

For Sale: 2006 Suzuki GXR 1000 motorcycle, 4,500 miles, mint condition, garage kept, professionally lowered 2 inches, no dents or scratches, \$6,800. Call Jarod at 260-503-1506.

For Sale: Oak china cabinet, \$120 obo; solid wood dinette set with leaf and four chairs, off white and pine wood, \$350 obo; solid oak wood twin bed head and foot boards only, \$40; super large executive desk, \$250 obo; oversized sofa and love seat, off-white, great condition, \$150 obo. Call 462-7676.

For Sale: Gas dryer, \$200; dishwasher, \$100; smooth top electric

slide-in range, \$250. Call 637-0624.

For Sale: Natuzzi leather tan couch, \$150; mahogany bedroom set rails and chest, \$350, glass top dinette set with four chairs and two barstools, \$400; all items good condition. Call 710-0878.

For Sale: Ann Taylor, Ralph Lauren, high brand dresses, trousers, blouses and suits, sizes 6 to 8, some petite; top name brand shoes, size 6, \$8 to \$20 obo. Call Brenda 829-8235.

For Sale: Fully assembled weight bench with barbell, weights and optional hand weight bars and clips, \$50. Call 271-9310.

For Sale: Tabby cat, six months old, gray and white, female with all pet care accessories, up-to-date

shots, spayed, micro-chipped and litter box, \$60. Call 222-9139.

For Sale: 2004 Ford Mustang convertible coupe, V6, two door, loaded, 46K miles, new tires with extended warranty, \$12,000; rowing exerciser, \$50. Call 666-0502 after 6 p.m.

For Sale: 1999 Mercury Tracer, four door, sedan, 156K miles, new tires, all services up-to-date, \$2,700. Call 682-7972 after 6 p.m.

For Sale: La-Z-Boy sleeper sofa, \$125; wooden futon with deluxe mattress and matching pillows, \$250. Call 946-4530.

For Sale: Rustic kitchen table with four chairs, \$500; French Provincial dining set, china hutch, buffet, table and six chairs, \$900 obo; ceiling fan with light fixture,

42-inch diameter, \$25; chaise, beige, new, \$225; Pentair pool cleaner for in ground pool, \$300. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

For Sale: 2005 VIP Versailles 2606 boat, 8.1L 494 Volvo Penta motor, 375 HP, 26 feet long with matching trailer, custom wakeboard tower, excellent condition, \$48,000 obo. Call Kelsey at 915-309-4882.

For Sale: Baldwin piano with

bench, \$900 obo; wardrobe, natural cedar, \$200 obo; old steamer trunk, \$200 obo; 1990 Volvo 760 turbo, \$2,500; bedroom set, natural cedar, double bed, night stand, mirror, dresser and chest of drawers, no mattress, \$450 obo. Call 651-9046.

Garage Sale: July 5 at 8026 Chestnut Cape, Meadowbrook Subdivision, Converse. Small TV, kitchen items and knick-knacks. Call 310-7900.

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.

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