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"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"

NCO Academy opens doors to Warriors in Transition for first time

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

They've overcome the difficulties of life on the battlefield, long separations from loved ones and even brushes with death.

But despite severe injuries and months out of the physical training loop, seven wounded warriors are willingly taking on a new challenge – NCO Academy.

The Soldiers are the first Warriors in Transition to attend a class at the Army Medical Department NCO Academy here, marking another step toward the reintegration of wounded warriors back into the Army Family.

"We knew it would be extremely challenging, but also an honor to take it on," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas O'Dea, senior small group leader for the academy's Basic NCO Course. "We're pioneering something here that

will make it easier in the future for other Warriors in Transition."

The wounded warriors are among the 65 Soldiers attending the three-week Stand Alone Common Core course, which is required for all Army NCOs once they reach the E-5 or E-6 rank. The class includes interactive lessons in supervision, physical training, and drill and ceremony. The goal of the course is to instill Soldiers with the knowledge to successfully lead subordinates, O'Dea said.

"The standards are high, so the challenge has been how to integrate the Warriors in Transition so they can successfully meet those standards, taking into account their physical capabilities," he said.

The Soldiers are up before dawn for PT, then on to a full day of classroom instruction. Each

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Sgt. Kristopher Biggs (right, front) leads a formation of students during drill and ceremony practice while Staff Sgt. James Hood (right, back), academy instructor, evaluates his performance. Biggs is one of seven Warriors in Transition attending the Army Medical Department NCO Academy for the first time.



Pearly whites



Photo by Olivia Mendoza

Pfc. Danielle Rogers, C Company, 187th Medical Battalion, studies a set of teeth with an X-ray cone position device during class lecture July 17 at the Dental Specialist Branch, Army Medical Department Center and School. Rogers is a student in the Dental Specialist Course where students learn to assist dentists with materials, X-rays and equipment. See related article and photos, Page 14.

Concert to celebrate Army in San Antonio

The Fort Sam Houston community is invited to a patriotic concert at the Staff Post Road gazebo July 27. The event will feature the Army Community Covenant ceremony recognizing the 163-year-old heritage of San Antonio community support to Soldiers and their Families. Lt. Gen. Thomas Turner, Army North commander, will host the Army Community Covenant ceremony with civic leaders at 6:45 p.m. prior to the Army Medical Command Band concert that begins at 7 p.m.



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Sesame Street comes to Fort Sam Aug. 10, 11

By Cheryl Harrison
Army Community Service Marketing Specialist

If you happen to be out and about on post Aug. 10 and 11 and see a fuzzy blue guy with big buggy eyes throwing back cookies, you just might think the Texas heat was getting to you. Not so. It means the crew has arrived and there is indeed a place called Sesame Street on Fort Sam Houston.

Earlier this month, a traveling team began a tour that will reach about 40 military installations across the country. The free United Service Organizations/Sesame Street Workshop events are entertaining military Families and their children around the nation.

At Fort Sam Houston, The Sesame Street Experience for Military Families will be held Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. and Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. in the Army Community Service center, Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road. Admission is free, and seating is available on a first-

come, first served basis. The doors will open 30 minutes before showtime and goody bags will be distributed, along with souvenirs for the children.

The Sesame Street Experience will offer 60 minutes of entertainment, giveaways and outreach materials, as well as educating the military community about helping children cope with the challenges of homecomings, deployments and changes. Featuring a live Sesame Street mini-show with special songs and dance, the experience will also offer Families free bilingual educational material including components from Sesame Street's "Talk, Listen, Connect" programs.

"We hope the Families at Fort Sam Houston will enjoy the performance and that it will help them further bond through emotionally difficult times, by providing an educational and entertaining show and outreach activities they can share," said Gary Knell, president and CEO, Sesame



Courtesy photo

Elmo, Rosita and Grover help Sesame Workshop and the United Service Organizations kick off The Sesame Street Experience for Military Families. The traveling tour will visit Fort Sam Houston Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. and Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. in the Army Community Service center, Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road.

Workshop.

"The Sesame Street Experience allows us to say thank you and give back to the community. It also ties in with the Army Family Covenant," said Rhonda Devries, program manager, Mobilization and Deployment, Army Community Service.

In November, the Army

signed a covenant in ceremonies held Army-wide introducing the Army Family Covenant. The covenant promises to strengthen and improve Soldier and Family readiness.

For more information about the Sesame Street Experience at Fort Sam Houston, call Army Community Service at 221-2705.



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News Briefs

Change of Command

U.S. Army Garrison

Col. Wendy Martinson will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Garrison to Col. Mary Garr July 29 at 9 a.m. at the post flagpole on Stanley Road.

The garrison will provide limited services the morning of July 29 until about noon to permit the Garrison staff to attend the change of command ceremony and reception.

Newcomers' Extravaganza

The Newcomers' Extravaganza will be held July 29 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Plan to come early, enjoy hot coffee, fruit and pastries, meet other new folks to Fort Sam, and stay to possibly win a giveaway. The Extravaganza is mandatory for all permanent party in-processing Soldiers, lieutenant colonel and below, within 60 days of arrival to Fort Sam Houston. Family members and civilian employees are encouraged to attend as well. For more information, call the ACS Relocation Assistance Program at 221-2705 or 221-2418.

AMEDD Leader Training

Col. Jeffrey Haun, chief, leader training, Army Medical Department Center and School, will present a program on AMEDD Department Leader Training July 29 at 5 p.m. at the AMEDD Museum. The program will include details on training for new officers and training for current officers in the AMEDD and the Army today. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 226-0265.

AMEDD Regiment anniversary

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, and Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles will host a ceremony honoring the 233rd anniversary of the Army Medical Department Regiment Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. at the AMEDD Museum. All are invited to attend. Tickets are \$5. For tickets, call Staff Sgt. Erin Hicks at 221-7366.

Gate relocation

The Binz-Engleman Access Control Point will close the evening of Aug. 8 through the morning of Aug. 11 while contractors relocate the ACP to Schofield Road, near the fire station. The gate relocation will also affect access onto S-33 Road. People will no longer be able to access S-33 from Schofield Road starting Aug. 11. The gate relocation is a necessary measure to accommodate Base Realignment and Closure-related construction along Schofield Road.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot west of Building 1279, which is the McWethy Clinic, will be closed in mid-August while contractors add a new parking lot around the present parking area. The increased parking area will be built north of the parking lot. The construction should take about 90 days, weather permitting.

Soldier reunites with lifesaver 14 years later

By Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center

"You're still on fire!" are four distinct words that Staff Sgt. Randall Scharmen clearly remembers.

The words were from an unidentified Soldier who rushed to Scharmen's rescue and ultimately saved his life during a fatal crash March 23, 1994 at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. The crash claimed 23 Soldiers' lives. A year later, another Soldier died.

The incident occurred when an F-16 attempted to land at Pope AFB and collided with a C-130 cargo plane. Plunging to the ground, the F-16 crashed into a parked C-141 cargo plane, where an aircrew escaped unharmed. However, the F-16 deflected toward the mock doors by the parked aircraft, where jumpers were going through pre-jump training.

On that day, Sgt. Maj. Brian Whelan, then a staff sergeant with the 2/505 Parachute Infantry Regiment, was at Pope AFB taking a Jumpmaster course.

Across the way was Scharmen, a squad leader in an anti-tank platoon, jumping with members of the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, in his first jump.

Standing at the first aircraft training mock-up, one of the safeties pointed and yelled, "Crash, crash, crash!" after seeing the crash in progress, said Scharmen.

"The fuselage of the plane rolled through our group and subsequently caused massive injuries to all involved," said Whelan. "My first reaction was to hit the ground and then after receiving minor injuries I went into rescue and help mode to aid my fellow paratroopers."

Scharmen turned and saw the spinning fuselage with orange flames shooting out the back heading in his group's general direction.

"There was a split-second delay to process what we were witnessing, and then all of us picked a direction and ran," Scharmen said. "My feet carried me along the line of mock doors when two seconds later I found



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Maj. Brian Whelan and Staff Sgt. Randall Scharmen reunite at Brooke Army Medical Center 14 years after Whelan saved Scharmen's life during a fatal F-16 crash at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

myself on fire."

Scharmen said there was a moment of "freak-out" as the flames licked up his back onto his head and face. "At some point I realized I had to drop and did my best to smother the flames. I thought incorrectly," he said. "I got up to run out of the area."

Then Whelan yelled, "You're still on fire!"

Whelan wrestled Scharmen to the ground for more than 10 seconds to put out the flames, and then he disappeared to help the others.

"I never knew who he was and had never seen him again until recently," said the 82nd Airborne Division's casualty liaison in support of the Global War on Terrorism at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Until 14 years later, when Scharmen met Whelan, security plans and operations sergeant major, at BAMC.

"I came to his office because I needed his signature to get a BAMC identification card," Scharmen said.

Because they were both 82nd Airborne, they had something in common and eventually realized their deeper connection.

"Since the day of the accident, I have only been able to give a heart-

felt thanks to all those folks who were involved with my health care," said Scharmen, who sustained 34 percent burns to his face, head, hands, arms, back, buttocks and calves. "To actually find one of the first responders is a rare gift.

"Hero and heroic are words that I would choose to describe Sgt. Maj. Whelan. A real hero doesn't know he's a hero and that will always be true," he said. "A real hero is one who has to be told that he is one, even though he doesn't believe it."

Although Whelan shies away from being called a hero, that March day changed him completely.

"It scarred me to see my brothers killed in front of me and although I helped many that day, to see how fragile life is made me feel helpless but also gave me a different perspective on the importance of being a good medic and more importantly a better human being," said the sergeant major. "I still wonder what if? How could I have done things better? They say what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. That's a lie, what doesn't kill you makes you more aware of how precious life is."

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Taking care of Soldiers, civilians

ONE program welcomes new garrison employees to IMCOM Family

Story and photo by Linda Green
Director, Human Resources Directorate

Each month, newly assigned Soldiers, civilians and select contractors attend the Installation Management Command's mandatory welcome briefing, which is part of the Orientation for New Employees program.

Since August 2007, more than 200 U.S. Army Garrison Fort Sam Houston personnel have attended a briefing. The ONE program was created to pass on information about IMCOM to new employees and Soldiers.

Welcome to Fort Sam

The program is conducted in three phases. During Phase I, Inprocessing, new arrivals receive a welcome letter from their assigned office prior to or upon arrival to the organization. The director or office chief will also assign a sponsor to assist them with their inprocessing and help facilitate a smooth transition into the IMCOM Family of professionals.

Upon arrival, all civilian personnel report to the Fort Sam Houston Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; military service members report to the S1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Also during Phase I, all new employees receive a USAG inprocessing checklist that outlines all of their inprocessing requirements. This form is in addition to the standard military inprocessing checklist and civilian personnel checklist.

Introductions

During Phase II, Job Site Orientation, the new employee or Soldier receives an introduction to the organiza-

tion, chain of command, facilities, office policies and procedures, performance and evaluations, goals of the organization, current projects and mission at the time, fire and safety procedures, computer competency, and other subjects aimed at helping the employee become part of the organization's team.

The first or second line supervisor usually conducts the Job Site Orientation, normally within three days of arrival to the organization. Upon completion, the supervisor submits the form to the Workforce Development Branch, Directorate of Human Resources.

Welcome briefing

Phase III, Formal Training, provides an organized presentation of Department of the Army policies. It is during this phase that the Workforce Development Branch conducts the welcome briefing with key members of the garrison team. After a brief introduction and administrative announcements by the director of Human Resources, the audience is introduced to the garrison commander, Col. Wendy Martinson.

For many of the attendees, the welcome briefing will be the only time during their assignment that they will be in the headquarters conference room, let alone get to speak directly to the garrison commander, especially without a supervisor, director or even company commander present.

As Martinson welcomes each new employee, she shakes their hand and presents them with an IMCOM lapel pin. In addition to the pin, attendees also receive a packet containing various reference materials that will be useful to them in their new jobs, to include copies of

IMCOM 10-1 extract, chapter 17, Installation Command and Management; the Army, IMCOM and USAG FSH Mission, Goals and Objectives statements; the FSH Mission Essential Task List; and a list of mandatory training requirements, to include NSPS 101, Ethics, Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection and Computer Security Awareness.

Many of the attendees, especially Soldiers, are surprised to receive a personal greeting from the commander. After she finishes, the attendees' attention is directed toward the screen where they receive a formal welcome by the IMCOM-West Regional Director Randal Robinson. Robinson's video welcomes each person to the IMCOM Family. His first three words are "welcome, welcome and welcome." He tells them how important they are to IMCOM's mission and how they will help their organization and IMCOM accomplish the Army's goals. He concludes his greeting by telling the attendees if they ever see him on the street to "stop and say hello."

After Robinson's video Martinson informs the attendees of her priorities that include, but are not limited to, topics such as the Army Medical Action Plan, support to Warriors in Transition, the Army Family Covenant, installation infrastructure improvements and much more.

Looking back

Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Officer Phillip Reidinger then gives a briefing on the history of Fort Sam Houston. Reidinger transports the audience back in time by talking about the rich heritage of Fort Sam Houston dating



Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, greets a newcomer to Fort Sam Houston at the Army Community Service center.

back to the early 1800s. Reidinger highlights a few interesting facts, such as Fort Sam Houston being the birthplace of Army aviation, and the story of Geronimo's imprisonment when he was housed in the Quadrangle, now home to U.S. Army North.

Additionally, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Michael Waldrop presents a command overview on the Army, IMCOM and garrison mission, goals and objectives. Waldrop briefly covers the Standard Garrison Organization, where he routinely asks the attendees to point out which directorate or special staff/office where they will work. As Waldrop tells them about the numerous missions and projects the various staff offices are working, they are amazed as to where they fit into the overall picture. The installation supports dozens of tenant activities, thousands of Soldiers, and tens of thousands of retirees on the installation on an annual basis.

What lies ahead

Waldrop is then followed by what is considered to be one of the most enlightening presentations during the welcome briefing — Transformation Overview, presented by Michael Hartman, chief, Fort Sam Houston Base Transformation Office. Hartman tells them about the dozens of units and tens of thousands of personnel relocating to Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, along with the more than \$2.4 billion in expenditures for dozens of new construction projects and facility upgrades, all part of the Base Realignment and Closure.

Next, attendees receive a brief overview on installation policies, anti-terrorism and force protection from Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Class. Many of the young Soldiers always comment, "I feel honored to meet my sergeant major" or "I can't believe he took the time to brief us."

Finally, the welcome briefing concludes with informing

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AMEDDC&S to introduce new Balanced Scorecard

By Scott Henschel
Office of Innovation, Initiatives and Improvements (I3)

"This historic event represents the initial, positive strategic communication between leadership and our valued employees that we are committed to a fresh and positive change in the way we do business and think about our business."

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw

Commander, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School

On July 28 at 3 p.m. in Blesse Auditorium, the Army Medical Department Center and School will "rollout" its new Balanced Scorecard to all employees. Everyone can expect a convention-like atmosphere where they will be able to participate in events and have a good time.

They will learn of the Balanced Scorecard, see where they fit in on the Strategy Map, and understand that they are valued both as an employee and as a person, and that their performance is critical to mission success.

"This historic event represents the initial, positive strategic communication between leadership and our valued employees that we are committed to a fresh and positive change in the way we do business and think about our business," said Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Fort Sam

Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School. "For those who have not heard yet, we are welcoming the Balanced Scorecard as the management system and decision-making tool that we will use to align our vision and mission with customer requirements and day-to-day work, manage and evaluate business strategy, monitor operational efficiency, guide process improvements, build organizational capacity, and communicate progress to all employees.

"The leadership and I are very aware that our valued employees are excited about the future and are willing to dedicate their valuable time to

what Steven Covey says is 'doing the right things' and 'doing things right.'

"The biggest barrier to the Balanced Scorecard has been our past history with the Balanced Scorecard and those who are skeptical have had every right to be. However, we are taking a new azimuth and have every expectation to turn the Balanced Scorecard from a 90 day (quarterly) PowerPoint scramble to the primary decision-making and communication tool for our organization," the general said.

On Jan. 3, the AMEDDC&S senior leadership conducted a strategic offsite and Czerw subsequently approved a new

Themes — and developed their Theme Team Strategy Maps, identified Strategic Objectives, and developed performance measures and initiatives for their Scorecards.

Then, the new Office of Innovation, Initiatives and Improvements used affinity diagramming to effectively combine the Theme Team Strategy Maps and Scorecards into an all-in-one AMEDDC&S Strategy Map and Scorecard. The newly organized AMEDDC&S Executive Committee approved the initial Strategy Map and Scorecard on June 16 and will review performance measures and initiatives monthly.

Managing with the new Balanced Scorecard will allow

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For his bravery, Whelan was awarded the Soldier's Medal, given for heroism in peacetime.

"I have been told that (I'm a hero) before and I have a hard time accepting it," said Whelan. "I think all Soldiers if put in that situation would hopefully react to save their brothers and sisters regardless of danger.

"I never thought I would see any of the folks that I physically put hands on but to this day, I have a hard time dealing with that day. Meeting and sharing with Staff Sgt. Scharmen has not only been a good experience, but also a healing experience," said Whelan.

Scharmen said Whelan's 10 seconds of action had far-reaching consequences on his life.

"I was able to live, that is

"A real hero is one who has to be told that he is one, even though he doesn't believe it."

Staff Sgt. Randall Scharmen

the primary consequence. As a result of living, I was able to meet my wife, Jenny, whom I've been married 12 years." They have two sons, Alex and Will.

"I've been able to serve honorably in different capacities within the Army and just lately as a liaison, helping Soldiers in whatever way I can," he said.

Scharmen accepted the position as a liaison to "pay back" BAMC for helping him and his fellow Soldiers.

"Now I have benefitted again by thanking the man who made all this possible," he said.

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a better understanding of processes to improve predictability, more effective communication, enhanced performance monitoring and trend analysis, development of new leading performance indicators, budgeting for performance, and capturing the voice of the employee.

"We have accomplished a daunting task and I have been extremely impressed with the personal commitment of our leadership and our employees

and the level of detail of their work," Czerw said. "The challenge now is for the leadership to work for our employees as our Executive Committee absorbs our new Balanced Scorecard and begins monitoring performance with meaningful measures, prioritizing initiatives and making data-driven decisions with actionable outcomes that will move our organization forward. Just as importantly we must develop interactive communication throughout our institution to ensure success."

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.

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attendees of their mandatory training requirements and the various resources available to them. Before the attendees exit the conference room, usually after about two hours, they have to complete an evaluation sheet that is used to inform higher headquarters, IMCOM-West. Comments are used to improve the briefing for the next round of attendees.

On the evaluations, attendees almost always comment positively about the commander's welcome, history of Fort Sam Houston and Base Transformation. Some of the comments include, "Wow, I didn't know all of this was happening on Fort Sam," "Now I know why there is so much construction on Fort Sam," and "The job opportunities are going to be endless, once BRAC is in full swing."



Photo by Linda Green

Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, presents an overview of command priorities during a welcome briefing at garrison headquarters.

The goal of IMCOM's ONE program is to properly assimilate new employees into the organization, tell them where they fit, what's going on, and encourage them to jump right in and get busy. To that end, Fort Sam Houston has accomplished the goal of the program. Undoubtedly new employees to USAG Fort Sam

Houston will feel proud to be a new member of the IMCOM Family. They will have the opportunity to make their mark on Fort Sam Houston's rich heritage.

The next briefing is scheduled for Aug. 20. For more information, call Russell Hayes, chief, Workforce Development Branch, at 221-1740.

New leadership

Photo by Cheri Avigne

Col. Bob Akam prepares to accept the colors of the U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade during the brigade's change of command ceremony at the Alamo July 17. Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Horner prepares to hand the colors to Col. Frank Caponio (back to camera), outgoing commander, who in turn will hand the colors to Brig. Gen. Joseph Anderson, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. Akam, in accepting the colors, also accepts the command leadership.

Pneumococcal Vaccine Week

Pneumococcal Vaccine Week will be held July 28 to Aug. 1. Beneficiaries should plan to attend and receive this life-saving vaccine. The disease can lead to serious infections of the lungs, blood and brain, and kills more people in the United States each year than all other preventable diseases combined. The vaccine is recommended for people age 65 and older. To update records, call Harold Little at 916-9418.

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hour on the hour, the Soldiers recite the NCO Creed and sing the Army Song, all part of cadre efforts to instill the importance of pride in service.

For the Warriors in Transition attending the course, they already bear evidence of that pride and selfless service with the wounds they bear. Unlike the other Soldiers, who are required to attend, the seven wounded warriors are volunteers eager to step away from hospital life for a short time.

One course student, Sgt. Kristopher Biggs, walks with a limp as he enters the classroom, a remnant of his encounter with a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in Iraq. The explosion shattered just about every bone in his left leg. In recovery since December, Biggs said he is seeking a new purpose.

"I was combat arms before

and can't do my job anymore," said Biggs, who plans to start college courses soon. "I thought this would be a good opportunity to get back into a learning environment and also help my Army career."

A full-time patient prior to the course, Biggs said it was also a way to find a new "agenda."

"At the hospital, I haven't really seen anything military since before I got injured," he said. "It's great to be back in the productive Army."

Another student, Sgt. Rosangela Villarreal, does not bear any evident signs of injury, but still carries shrapnel in her right side. The nudges of pain are a nearly constant reminder of her run-in with an IED in Iraq in October 2006.

But the pain does not prevent her from continuing her service. She was just cleared to return to duty as a military policeman, news that thrills Villarreal.

"I love what I do," she said. "It gives me a sense of pride that no one can take away."

Villarreal said she's appreciative of every minute of the course, but particularly enjoys the morning runs. "I haven't run in seven months," she said. "It's a great feeling to get back out there."

Like Biggs, Villarreal sees the advantage for her Army career. She's due to go in front of a promotion board next month and hopes for the best.

"This course is a way to get back into the NCO mode," she said. "When I get promoted, leadership should be a smooth transition."

Cadre members are observing closely and will integrate lessons learned into future classes with Warriors in Transition, O'Dea said.

He's noticed so far that the other Soldiers are benefiting just as much as the wounded warriors.

"They have a multitude of



Photo by Elaine Wilson

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas O'Dea, senior small group leader for the academy's Basic NCO Course, speaks with student Sgt. Rosangela Villarreal prior to class Friday. Villarreal is among the first group of Warriors in Transition to attend the Army Medical Department NCO Academy.

experiences they can share with those Soldiers who have yet to deploy," he said. "The Warriors in Transition have life experience and can bring a different perspective to the table. They are living proof of the importance of leadership, which is exactly what we strive to teach."

The wounded warriors also bring an example of survival and human fortitude.

"I re-enlisted in Iraq before I got hurt, and I'd do it again in a minute," Villarreal said. "I chose this life. I didn't choose to get hurt, but it's not keeping me down."

Sports

San Antonio semi-pro football

The San Antonio Wolves of the North American Football League will host the Highlands Alumni Football Organization in a non-conference game July 26. The game will be played at the St. Gerard Royal Alumni Stadium located at 521 S. New Braunfels, San Antonio. Free tickets for this event will be available at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and the Keith A. Campbell

Memorial Library. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 221-2606.

Post flag football

Coaches and players are needed for the Fort Sam Houston 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

Fall flag football

Letters of intent are due Aug. 1

and a coaches meeting will be held Aug. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Brigade Gym. Mail letters of intent 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.

Fall softball

Letters of intent are due Aug. 1 and a coaches meeting will be held Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Brigade Gym. Mail letters of intent 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 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 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.

264th wins spring softball tournament

The Post Season Spring Softball Tournament has come to an end with the victory of the 264th Medical Battalion over the Army North team 13 to 7. During the tournament, the 264th went undefeated. ARNORTH made a run starting out scoring five runs in the first, but 264th rallied and scored six to surpass their competition. 264th scored several runs to put the game out of reach and win the championship. Congratulations to both teams for a well-fought game.

Housing update



The 25th Annual National Night Out will be held Oct. 7. Residents who wish to hold events will need to register to receive a National Night Out kit filled with "how-to" materials. For registration information, call LMH at 270-7638.

For photos and upcoming activities, visit LMH's interactive Web site at www.samhoustonlpc.com. For more information, call LMH at 270-7638.



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Recreation and Leisure Garage Sale

The next Post Garage Sale will be held Aug. 2 from 7 a.m. to 1

p.m. in the parking lot of the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Participation is free, but sellers must pre-register. A valid Department of Defense ID card is required to participate. Participants may bring their own tables or 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 or to register, call 221-5224 or visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com.

2008 Military Long Drive Championship

The 2008 Military Long Drive Competition will be held at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club Aug. 17. For more information, visit the Fort Sam Houston MWR Web site at www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com later this month or call 222-9386.

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 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.

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 under age 16. For \$40, each child can 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

Monday through Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. The last session begins Aug. 4. Registration is 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

Coushatta Casino Resort Trip

The MWR 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 Aug. 5 at 7 a.m. and return Aug. 6 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. To attend, patrons must be at least 21 years old and have a valid photo ID on hand at all times. Make reservations at the ticket office by Aug. 1. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

The next Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held Aug. 8 starting at 6 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Registration for

this one-day event is only \$20 and includes a special meal and unlimited soft drinks. Players must be at least 21 years old to participate. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721 or 226-1663.

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.

MWR Ticket Office

Stop by the MWR Ticket Office for discounts on summer fun. The summer hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday. Come by for discount tickets on local and out of state locations. For more information, visit www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com or call 226-1663 or 224-2721.

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Sam Houston Club

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 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 Neil 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 held Wednesday

through Saturday evenings Sept. 10 through Oct. 18. For more information or directions, call 222-9694.

Child and Youth Services

CYS football, cheerleading registration

The Child and Youth Services Division of MWR will conduct registration for football and cheerleading through Aug. 8 at Central Registration. To enroll, patrons must have current immunizations and a sports physical that is valid the entire sport season. Activity fees are \$45 for flag football, \$60 for tackle football and \$50 for cheerleading. Enrollment is open to youth ages 5 to 14 (age as of Aug. 1). Central Registration is located in Building 2797 on Stanley Road; hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

Parent Advisory Council

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Aug. 19 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

Unit Trauma Training

A Unit Trauma Training will be held July 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The intent of this training is 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. Register by close of business July 24. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Financial Readiness classes

Army Community Service Financial Readiness will hold a Financial Planning class July 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797. The class consists of information on savings, credit and establishing budgets. To register or for

more information, call 221-1612.

First Term Financial Readiness

Army Community Service Financial Readiness will hold a mandatory First Term Financial Readiness class July 30 from 9 to 11 a.m. at ACS, Building 2797. This class is offered for personnel referred by the command for abusing and misusing check-cashing privileges. All personnel can attend this class. For more information or to register, call 221-1612.

Mandatory First PCS Move class

Army Community Service Financial Readiness will hold a mandatory First Permanent Change of Station Move class July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797. This class provides Soldiers and Family members with essential information and guidance for handling their finances as they prepare to PCS. For more information or to register, call 221-1612.

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

A Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy will be held July 31 to Aug. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Army Community Service,

Building 2797. This training is provided for FRG key positions on roles and responsibilities and the communication network through the chain of command. The registration deadline is July 29 by 4 p.m. For more information or to register, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building classes are offered on a quarterly basis. The AFTB summer schedule is as follows: AFTB Level One class — Aug. 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Level III — Sept. 8 to 11 from 3:30 to 9 p.m.; and AFTB instructor training - Aug. 18 to 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A student spouse orientation is also offered each month, with an opportunity to sign up for Level I classes and work with Family Readiness Groups to teach classes. The classes are held at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The classes are open to active and Reserve Soldiers, Family members, and civilian employees and their Family members. AFTB encourages the Army Family to learn about Army life. For more information or to register, call the AFTB Program at 221-2705 or e-mail emmy.elliott@conus.army.mil.



Sgt. 1st Class Wilbur Branham, noncommissioned officer in charge, Dental Specialist Course, hands Pvt. Kyle Stowers a dental instrument called the explorer, while Spc. Joel Brown prepares to suction the patient's mouth during a dental examination July 17 at the Dental Specialist Branch, Army Medical Department Center and School.



Sgt. 1st Class Guillermo Lugo-Beltre instructs 30 students on dental radiograph.



Spc. Charlie Nava follows the training video to learn how to properly check the pulse on a training manikin.

Open wide

Dental specialists learn chair-side skills at Fort Sam

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

Going to the dentist can be an anxiety-ridden experience, particularly when there is a potential root canal or cavity.

However, dental assistants are there serving on the frontlines of the dental office, there to greet the patients and help relieve their dental-related fears.

Dental assistants are the workhorses that keep the dental clinic functioning. They are there to make sure that the dentist has all the necessary tools to practice on the patient, such as dental X-rays, instruments, equipment and materials.

Enlisted Soldiers, from C Company, 187th Medical Battalion, first learn these skills during a seven-week 68E Dental Specialist Course at the Department of Dental Science, Army Medical Department Center and School, Academy of Health Sciences.

During the course, students are provided with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform tasks required of a dental assistant in the examination, care and treatment of dental diseases and disorders.

"The most interesting thing that I learned was the oral diseases in the mouth; it certainly opened up my eyes to better care for my teeth," said Pvt. Kyle Stowers, 68E student.

Three classes are in session simultaneously doing 14 class iterations a year, each containing 28 to 35 students per class, and taught by three civilian instructors and 10 noncommissioned officers.

The course includes general knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the head, medical and dental terminology, and the procedures to follow to complete dental assisting procedures.

Subjects include preventive dentistry, dental records, dental materials, dental radiology techniques and equipment. Students also perform chair-side general

and surgical assisting tasks under the supervision of a dental officer.

"Being in the course there is so much information to learn at once, but the neatest thing was to be able to get our hands-on by making molds and casts," Stowers said.

Students are also trained to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and sent out for on-the-job training in dental assisting at the Rhoades and Budge dental clinics here and to the Brooke Army Medical Center Oral Surgery Clinic.

Their on-the-job training allows them to interact with patients and put their education and skills to use in assisting the dentist and clinical staff.

Prior to graduation, students must complete a 72-hour continuous operations field training exercise of warrior task and battlefield drills.

After graduation, students are given a certified CPR card; however, their dental specialist certification comes later. They have an

option to pursue their certification in the future by requesting their unit pay for their dental assistant exam and they can independently get their certification as an X-ray technician through a state exam.

Spc. Joel Brown, a 68E student, was a high school chemistry and physics teacher who wanted to be in the medical field. He said joining the service was a good way for him to get his foot in the door.

"The course is thorough and there is no reason not to be prepared. The instructors are knowledgeable and experienced, and with their cross-over information, the students are well taught and educated," Brown said. "Be prepared to work hard, maintain discipline and have fun in the dentistry field."

"The dental specialist is an excellent course for anyone who has an interest in dentistry. The course is well-rounded and it is fast paced," said Sgt. 1st Class Wilbur Branham, NCO in charge, Dental Specialist Course.



Pvt. Takia Hawkins examines an X-ray slide on a computer screen to report the diagnosis of a patient's teeth.



Spc. Robert Allshouse performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a training manikin using a guard resuscitation mask. Students must pass a CPR course to receive their CPR card after graduation from the Dental Specialist Course.



Pvt. Kyle Stowers and Spc. Joel Brown set-up sterilized dental instruments before a patient examination.

Pfc. Emily Moore sets an X-ray cone position device known as the XCP into the mouth of a manikin for teeth X-rays.



Community

Events

Freedom Alliance Scholarship

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund is extending application submissions deadline through Aug. 1. To be eligible, applicants must be the son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine or Guardsman who has

been killed or permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident, or who is currently classified as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action. Students must be a high school senior, high school graduate or registered as a full-time undergraduate student and under age 26. For more information, call 1-800-475-6620 or visit www.fascholarship.com for application.

Back-To-School Essay Contest

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is offering aspiring young writers an opportunity to win great prizes. The Back-To-School Essay Contest will give students in first through 12th grades the opportunity to submit an essay of 200 words or less on "What AAFES means to me and my family." The essay contest will run through Aug. 31. First place winners in each category will receive a computer; second place winners will be awarded a \$500 savings bond; and third place winners a \$200 savings bond. For more infor-

mation, visit www.aafes.com under the Patriot Family Connection link.

Military wives spa day

The United Service Organizations invites 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 St. 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.

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>.

2008 Annual SAMM Conference

The Sexual Assault Medical Management Conference will be held Aug. 17 to 21 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Antonio. The conference is designed for designated military treatment facility sexual assault care coordinators and sexual assault clinical providers who support Soldier readiness through the multi-disciplinary approach to sexual assault care and medico-legal process. For registration forms, e-mail Jennie.A.Johnson@amedd.army.mil. For more information, call Wanda Hubert at 221-7103.

Training Enterprise Web Training

Enterprise Web-Army Medical Department Electronic Forms Support System training will be held in Building 2841, Willis Hall on the following days:

Aug 4, 5, 7 and 27 from 8 to 11

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a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. in Room 2105C.

Aug 13 and 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. in Room 2105B.

Seating is limited and attendees must bring their common access card to training. For more information or reservation, call Julie at 221-6203.

AKO Training

There will be a hands-on training on Army Knowledge Online Aug. 26 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and Aug 28 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Willis Hall, Building 2841, Room 2105C. Forms in AKO Forms Management Content Program training will include AKO hands-on training prerequisite, leave form templates, uploading local forms from the Army Medical Department server, renaming forms, digital signatures, sending a form as an original, locating additional computer basic training within AKO and much more. Seats are limited in each classroom and individuals must bring common

access card for training. For more information, call 221-6203; to register for training and reserve a seat in training, e-mail Julie.Gueller@amedd.army.mil.

National American University

The National American University provides excellent education opportunities at numerous military bases and online. NAU now has a representative in San Antonio. Larry Broomfield will provide support to all existing and future students. For more information, call 512-418-6474, e-mail lbroomfield@national.edu or visit the Education Center, Building 2248, Room 103, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Army e-Learning Program

The Army e-Learning Program has 30 Rosetta Stone foreign language courses and 2,600 other courses available, to include new course content on Lean Six Sigma. The Army has included the Books 24/7 features that provides a user

more than 4,000 business professional titles, over 6,000 titles in IT Pro and nearly 350 in office essentials. All reference books are free to authorized users. For more information, call Julie Gueller at 221-6203.

Meetings

Federally Employed Women meeting

The Federally Employed Women annual membership meeting with training and orientation will be held Aug. 7 at 4:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service center, Building 2797, on Stanley Road. The meeting will include information on training opportunities, membership overview and more. For more information, call Phyllis at 221-6629.

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. New mem-

bers are welcome. For more information, call Angie Luna at 333-0821 or 386-8265.

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.

Dental patients needed

The Air Force Oral Hygiene Course seeks patients to support the teaching program. Patients with healthy teeth and gums are preferred. Patients that are accepted in the program will receive annual examinations and teeth cleanings. No other treatment will be provided. Appointment times are approximately two hours long. Dependents cannot be accepted if enrolled on Concordia Dental Insurance and need to be at least 12 years old. For more information, call the Kelly Dental Clinic at 925-9748 or 925-1846 to schedule an appointment.



School board meeting

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will meet for a regular board meeting July 31 at 11 a.m. in the Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.



The Aug. 7 issue of the News Leader will include a Back-to-School insert with information on Fort Sam Houston Independent School District's upcoming school year.

Religion

Vacation Bible School

The Fort Sam Houston Chapel community will hold its annual Vacation Bible School Aug. 4 to 8. Power Lab! Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power, will be held every evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. This amazing, incredible, wacky adventure is for children pre-K through fifth grade. Register online at www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain. For more information, call Brian Merry at 221-5006.



CONGRATULATIONS

Graduate

The Army Continuing Education System congratulates the June graduates from Wayland Baptist University:

Master of Education

Capt. Steven Stovall

Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education

Chief Warrant Officer Carolyn Smallwood
Sgt. 1st Class John Buford
Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Dale (with Honors)
Sgt. Jennifer Singletary
Sgt. 1st Class Byron Hoover
Sgt. 1st Class Chauncey Reid
Master Sgt. Richard Hawk
1st Sgt. Alfred Rodriguez (with Honors)
Staff Sgt. Johnny Arterson
Staff Sgt. Isagani Maawac
Staff Sgt. Luis Maldonado
Sgt. Vinyacia Nam
Spc. Trevor Baker (with Magna Cum Laude)
Spc. Lassine Konate
Joseph Cavanagh
Claudia McFadden (Cum Laude)
Deborah Crowder
Melody Davis
Michael Pukansky (with Honors)

Luis Duarte
Donna Sabsook
Marian Green
John Thetford
Christopher Kwader
Cathy Turman

Associate in Applied Science

Sgt. 1st Class Kelvin Goodson
Sgt. 1st Class Byron Hoover
Staff Sgt. Isagani Maawac
Staff Sgt. Audrey McIntee
Staff Sgt. Angelina Ellis
Spc. Tiffany Ellis
Metonya Baker
Lidia Main
Deborah Crowder
Donna Sabsook
Tomika Coleman
Joseph Cavanagh

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Tonya McFarland

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For Sale Fort Freebies

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.

For Sale: Hammond electric organ, two keyboards, eight pedals, 4 feet wide by 4 feet long by 2 feet high, works well, \$80. Call 946-5835.

For Sale: Programmable Honeywell digistat thermostat, home AC, \$30. Call 221-3549.

For Sale: Overstuffed couch and two Victorian wingback chairs, \$900; Sylvania microwave, 1,000 watt, original box, \$40; Sony portable radio/cassette player, \$30; tripod for camera, never used, \$10; Czechoslovakian china set, 145 pieces, new, \$800 obo. Call 592-1013.

For Sale: 1992 Ford Custom Conversion van by Magnum, loaded, \$2,395. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Nintendo Wii Sports console with two-year warranty, \$250. Call 852-1062.

For Sale: King-size mattress and box spring set, good condition, \$175 obo. Call 859-1419 after 6 p.m.

For Sale: 2005 GMC Canyon, \$11,500 or take over payments through USAA. Call 785-226-3862.

For Sale: Toshiba Satellite, 1115-S103 laptop, 1.50 GHZ, 256MB RAM, 20GB hard drive, DVD-ROM, 14-inch screen, Ethernet, modem, three USB ports, parallel port, TV and VGA outputs with Windows XP and Microsoft Office, \$275. Call 653-7769 or e-mail AnArmyFamily2000@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Step 2 play center with slide, good condition, \$100; twin captain's bed with three drawers and bookcase headboard, one drawer broken; \$90; Murray lawnmower, 20 inch, 3.5 hp, \$75. Call 379-5807.

For Sale: Razor scooter, pink, seats two, \$125. Call 464-6761.

For Sale: Rustic kitchen table with four chairs from Monterrey furniture, 48 inches wide by 36 inches long, \$450; ceiling fan with light fixture, 42 inches, \$25; Pentair pool cleaner for in ground pool, \$300; Verizon cell phone, LG VX5300, with chargers and carrying case, \$30. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

For Sale: Pride chair lift, new, \$1,200. Call Duane at 653-3286.

For Sale: Electric wheelchair, Jet 1 Pride, \$700. Call 662-8767.

For Sale: Caldera portable spa with child-proof cover, seats four, 14 jets, \$1,550; oak king-size headboard, \$105. Call 659-5560.

For Sale: Paper shredder power shred, PS30, \$10; COMPAQ keyboard and mouse, model SDM45 40ul, COMPAQ color monitor, model MV540, make offer. Call 653-5302.

For Sale: Three-drawer dresser with mirror, \$75; queen comforter with matching drapes, \$25; kitchen items, from \$1 up to \$25; Coca Cola phone, \$10; ladies size 10/12, semi formals and two-piece suits, \$25. Call 826-0882.

For Sale: Baby crib with new mattress, \$30; baby three-piece bedding set, \$5; Graco high chair, \$15; Fisher Price tri/bicycle, \$10. Call 646-9437.

Wanted: Male blue Army mess dress uniform, Medical Command colors, jacket size 48 or 50 long, pants size, 40 inches waist by 32 inches long, with all colonel accessories. Call 454-2095.

News Leader survey online

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