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"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"

Peanut parade



Photo by Esther Garcia

Army Medical Department Center and School Soldiers march with (left) Jimmy Lopez and Linda Valdez, members of the Blue Star Military Families of Wilson County, in the annual Peanut Festival Parade in Floresville, Texas, Oct. 11. Lopez lost his son, Lauro DeLeon, in Iraq. Marching in the parade are (from left) Staff Sgt. Barbara Ismari, Sgt. 1st Class Angela Morrison, Staff Sgt. Tyrone Booze, Staff Sgt. Candy Bailey, Staff Sgt. Julio Chavez, and Pfc. Andre Rodriguez, Fort Hood, Texas. The five-day festival, held the second weekend in October, is a celebration to recognize the importance of the peanut to the Southwest Texas agriculture. *See additional photo, Page 4.*

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Satellite parking tests begin for BAMC staff

By Jen Rodriguez
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Volunteer riders tested the Brooke Army Medical Center satellite parking shuttle bus service from the Archery Range to the hospital Oct. 7.

Trial shuttle runs will continue the next few weeks from the satellite parking sites at Fort Sam Houston to the BAMC campus. Officials are determining the times for round-trip service.

BAMC employees will use satellite parking lots at Fort Sam Houston, and be shuttled to

the hospital because of Base Privatization of Army Lodging Staybridge facility, 2831 Commission construction, which is expected to last through October 2011.

The satellite parking lots for BAMC staff only are at the Archery Range, 3606 Binz-Engleman Road; the

Exchange parking, 2515 Funston Road at Allen Road; South Beach-1, 2680 Allen Road; South Beach-2, 2701

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Post, community invited to attend Fall Fest events Oct. 17, 18

The Fort Sam Houston Fall Fest will be held Oct 17 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday night's festivities include live music, dancing, food and beverages. Saturday's events include a variety of games, food booths, activities and entertainment, to include a performance by Radio Disney. A Fall Fest parade will begin at 10 a.m. on the corner of Stanley and Schofield roads.

People are invited to enter the Arts and Crafts Fair, Car Show and Barbecue Cook-off, as well as a drawing for a variety of prizes. For more information, call 221-3185.

Schedule of Events:

Oct. 17

5 to 10 p.m. – Pre-event kick-off; food, drinks, DJ and dancing; Barbecue Cook-off participants check in.

Oct. 18

10 a.m. – Parade

Noon to 5 p.m. – Pony rides

Noon to 6 p.m. – DJ performance

12:45 p.m. – Car Show judging begins

1 to 4 p.m. – Live entertainment

2 p.m. – Barbecue judging begins

4 p.m. – Radio Disney performance

*Raffle drawings will be conducted throughout the day.

(Source: FMWR)



File photo by Cheryl Harrison

Radio Disney will be on hand at this year's Fall Fest to provide Family entertainment.

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Commander hosts town hall meeting for residents

By Phil Reidinger
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs
Office

Residents of the Watkins Terrace neighborhood had a chance to discuss concerns during a housing town hall meeting Oct 1.

The second of a series of meetings with post residents, Col. Mary Garr, U.S. Army Garrison commander, is focusing the initial town halls on youth safety in post neighborhoods.

"We want residents to feel safe, to take responsibility for their children and to learn how to contact Lincoln Military Housing staff as well as the Directorate of Emergency Services and community support activities," she said.

Provost Marshal Maj. Christopher Hayes talked about the curfew hours as a way to keep children safe and out of trouble.

"Curfew for children 17 years and younger Sunday through Thursday is 10:30 p.m. and for nonschool days, Friday and Saturday, the curfew is midnight," he said.

Children will be cited if not with an adult if they are found outside their home area, which also includes their own yard.

Responding to a resident expressing concern about teenagers creating mischief in the neighborhood, not observ-

Garr challenged the residents to get involved as a volunteer and to submit ideas for the Army Family Action Plan.

ing the curfew and bullying other children, Hayes mentioned an effort to establish a satellite officer at the Watkins Terrace Community Center. The Provost Marshal also will establish a program called "E-cop" which will provide residents the capability to submit reports of suspicious activities via the Internet. Crime rates are low on post. Reported property crimes in Watkins Terrace accounted for four of 300 incidents on post. The Watkins Terrace neighborhood accounted for five of the 300 reported crimes against persons on the installation.

"Residents are the eyes and ears of the police. Police cannot provide safety and security with help from residents. If you call, we will respond," he said.

Hayes said the post is improving the use of the Juvenile Review Board and

entire family and result in possible eviction. Garr said that sometimes children get "off-track." It is a privilege to live on post.

"Help us out. The Harris Heights neighborhood is creating a neighborhood watch program. This is something you may want to do in Watkins Terrace," she said.

A resident expressed concerns about children left at home without parental supervision. Garr emphasized that

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Weekly Weather Watch						
	OCT 16	OCT 17	OCT 18	OCT 19	OCT 20	OCT 21
San Antonio	Mid 70s Rain	Lower 80s Sunny	Mid 80s Sunny	Mid 80s Sunny	Lower 80s Partly Cloudy	Lower 80s Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	71° Partly Cloudy	73° Clear	77° Partly Cloudy	73° Partly Cloudy	69° Partly Cloudy	69° Partly Cloudy
Baghdad Iraq	93° Partly Cloudy	87° Clear	91° Partly Cloudy	93° Partly Cloudy	96° Partly Cloudy	95° Partly Cloudy

(Source: Weather Underground at www.wunderground.com)



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Gate updates

Wilson Gate will remain closed for four to eight weeks until the gate can be replaced. Motorists who use Wilson should enter and exit the post using the Pershing Gate, which has extended its hours and increased entry lanes.

The Pershing Gate now has two manned entry lanes which merge into a single lane. Its hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. These changes will remain in effect until construction is complete at the Wilson Gate.

Interstate closed for construction

The Texas Department of Transportation will close IH 35 northbound and southbound main lanes between New Braunfels Street to AT&T Parkway to install bridge beams across the Walters Street Bridge. This closure is scheduled for Oct. 17 at 10:30 p.m. through Oct. 20 at 5 a.m. The southbound entrance ramp from AT&T Parkway and the northbound entrance ramp from New Braunfels Street will also be closed. Southbound motorists will detour at Walters to the Frontage Road, cross the Walters and New Braunfels intersections and enter on the next available ramp. All northbound motorists will detour at Walters to the Frontage Road, cross the Walters intersection and enter on the next available ramp past Walters Street. For more information, visit <http://www.dot.state.tx.us> or call Darla Laughter at 615-5932 or 830-591-4694.

Construction expands on Garden Avenue

Construction will begin on the Medical Instructional Facility's 3 and 4 as part of the Medical Education Training Campus at the intersection of Garden Avenue and N. W.W. White Road within two weeks. The running track and the baseball field will be closed because of the construction.

DHR closure

The Directorate of Human Resources will be closed Oct. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. for the DHR Organization Day. For emergencies, call 889-2777.

Audie Murphy Club Induction Ceremony

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Induction Ceremony will be held Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. in Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Army Medical Department Center and School. The honorees are Sgt. 1st Class Serena Di Virgilio and Staff Sgt. Howard Markel, of the AMEDD Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Special Forces briefings

Special Forces briefings will be held Oct. 20 to 24 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Army Community Service center on Stanley Road. The Oct. 20 to 22 briefings will be held in training room 1 and Oct. 23 and 24 briefings in training room 2. The briefings are open to permanent

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Premier medical group inducts Soldiers from DCMT

Story and photo by Jeff Crawley
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Two Fort Sam Houston Soldiers joined an elite medical fraternity Oct. 9 when they were inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit at the Army Medical Department Museum here.

Lt. Col. Paul Mayer and Sgt. Maj. Henry Myrick II, both of the Department of Combat Medic Training, AMEDD Center and School, were welcomed into the ranks of the O2M3 in front of about 100 Family, friends, co-workers and fellow Soldiers, who packed the L. Marguerite Lines Activities Room.

"I feel honored. It threw me by surprise," said Myrick, who serves as the senior enlisted adviser and chief instructor in the Department of Combat Medic Training. "There are a lot of personnel who have done very good things for the medical field. To be a part of that is humbling."

Since 1982, the O2M3 has been awarded to recognize excellence and promote fellowship and esprit de corps among AMEDD personnel, according to the program narrator Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Bean. Prospective members of the order go through a



Sgt. Maj. Henry Myrick II stands at attention as Dean of the Academy of Health Sciences Col. W. John Luciano places the Order of Military Medical Merit medallion on Lt. Col. Paul Mayer Oct. 9 at the Army Medical Department Museum. Myrick and Mayer, both of the Department of Combat Medic Training, received the O2M3, which is awarded to AMEDD Soldiers for distinguished service during their careers.

rigorous board process, which reviews individuals' contributions over a career.

Mayer, director of the Department of Combat Medic Training, was recognized for improving organizations in a variety of fields including clinical, operational and educational during

the past 20 years.

"I feel good very good. Hopefully, I've got a lot more contributions to make to the military," Mayer said. "It's nice to get so I can still wear it while I'm in uniform."

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Fort Sam spotlights role, contributions of PAs

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

Physician assistants from every service gathered at Fort Sam Houston Oct. 9 for a celebration in honor of Physician Assistant Week.

The national observance, held each year from Oct. 6 to 12, serves as a time to raise awareness of the role of PAs and to highlight their many and varied contributions to the health care system.

Locally, military leaders take the opportunity each year to spotlight the importance of PAs to the military medical team.

"Not only will (being a PA) change your life in the military, but it will change your life when you get out," guest speaker retired Lt. Col. Donald Parsons told the PAs in attendance, mostly students from the



(From left) Air Force Capt. Steve Carlsen; Lt. Col. Pauline Gross, Interservice Physician Assistant Program branch chief; 2nd Lt. Diana Jones, PA student; and Maj. Pamela Roof, IPAP instructor, cut a cake in honor of National PA Week Oct. 9 at Evans Theater.

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party male Soldiers, E-3 to E-6. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class John Murphy at 1-877-845-9764 or 254-288-7411.

Federal employees health benefits season opens

Open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, Flexible Spending Accounts and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program runs Nov. 10 through Dec. 8. Employees can make enrollments, changes or cancellations through the Army Benefits Center Civilian Web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil> or by calling toll-free 877-276-9287. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be hosting two enrollment events; one for Brooke Army Medical Center civilian employees and one on post for all other civilian employees. The BAMC event will be held Nov. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Medical Mall, Pediatrics Care area. The post event will be held Nov. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the San Antonio Credit Union conference room, Building 2750 on Stanley Road. For more information, call CPAC at 221-2526.

Customer assessment survey

Everyone who lives, works or does business on Fort Sam Houston is invited to participate in the first Customer Assessment Survey from Oct. 20 to 31. The survey is open to all service members, family members, retirees, veterans and civilian employees. This survey gathers feedback on how important the services at Fort Sam Houston are and how well they are provided. The customers' voices will tell the command what it is doing well and where improvements can be made for better service. Visit <http://www.myarmyvoice.org/Community2008> to take the 20-minute survey. For information, call Customer Management Services at 221-2543 or email samh.cms@conus.army.mil.

Community FIRST Focus Group

A Community FIRST focus group, comprising active-duty married Soldiers, is scheduled for Oct. 29 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Garrison Headquarters Conference Room, 2nd floor, Building 122, Stanley Road. For more information or to participate in the focus group, call Russell Matthias, Fort Sam Houston Customer Service Officer, at 221-2543 or e-mail samh.cms@conus.army.mil.

Army Reserve unit has vacancies

The Army Reserve 4th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) is seeking Soldiers for its Troop Program Unit and Simultaneous Membership Program. The unit functions as an operational command post for the Theater Sustainment Command, providing operational-level logistics within an assigned area of operations. The 4th Sustainment Command (E) holds its battle assemblies in San Antonio. For more information, call Capt. Lynda Garretson at 221-4717 or Master Sgt. Luis Martinez at 221-5920.

Motorcyclists show support to wounded warriors

Story and photos by Cheryl Harrison
Army Community Service, Marketing



(First row, from left) Sgt. Richard Doyle and Cpl. Kevin McColskey enjoy the excitement at the Powless Guest House Oct. 9 as more than 39 motorcyclists from American Legion Chapters of the Southwest rolled into the area, bringing donated dry goods, phone cards and commissary gift cards collected from more than 13 chapters of the American Legion's Operation Wounded Warrior. American Legion Riders (far left) Janet Romero and (far right) Lucy Harrison, both of Clovis, N.M., pose for photos with Doyle's wife, Joanne, and McColskey's mother, Joanne, and their Soldiers.



Ed "Wishbone" Summerall, New Mexico state chairman for Operation Wounded Warrior, holds up two of the many quilts donated by the Enchanted Quilters Guild of Alamogordo, N.M., to Warriors in Transition as a way of saying "thank you for what you do for our country." Judith Markelz, director of the Warrior and Family Support Center, looks at the truckload of dry goods, worth more than \$35,000, brought to the center by the American Legion Riders from the Southwestern state chapters.

N.M., to begin the two-day trek to deliver a truckload and a trailer filled with goods as their way of saying "thank you" and in hopes of making life just a little better for the troops and their Families who have given so much to their country.

The transport truck, donated by ITO Umzuge, an international transport organization, as well as the driver and fuel, was filled with boxes of handmade quilts, lap robes, pillowcases, underwear, baby formula, socks and

toiletries, as well as other goods.

This is the least our company can do, said Kurt Lueck, vice president of ITO Umzuge.

Thirteen American Legion Chapters work year-round to collect donations for Operation Wounded Warrior.

Ed "Wishbone" Summerall, OWW Committee Chairman, said, "We held a dinner and dance. We raised \$8,300 in one night."

Aaron "Rud Doctor" Dean, state president said, "We advertised that we would be at Wal-Mart collecting items in boxes and I met one guy who pulled up to the curb, jumped out and

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Photo by Esther Garcia

Peanut Festival Parade draws thousands

Riding on the military float, Staff Sgt. Robyn Swiney, Staff Sgt. Yvonne Saldivar and Staff Sgt. Troy Rosene, representing Fort Sam Houston, and Tech Sgt. Taneshia Lucas, from Lackland Air Force Base, wave to the crowd during the annual Floresville Peanut Festival Parade held in Floresville, Texas, Oct. 11. Thousands waved and cheered at the more than 200 entries that included bands, floats and local celebrities. The parade ends a five-day festival that included celebrations, a carnival, games, entertainment, street dance, the coronation of a queen and king, and the chance to buy and consume peanuts prepared in a variety of ways.

MEDCOM employee honored for military commitment

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

A U.S. Army Medical Command employee was presented a Patriot Award Oct. 10 at MEDCOM in honor of her support to the military.

Sylvia Pere, Directorate of Strategy and Innovation, was presented a certificate and a patriot lapel pin on behalf of the Department of Defense by retired Col. Gary Walston, chairman, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; Caryl Hill, director, Employer Outreach, Texas Committee ESGR; and Navy Cmdr. James Gompper, commander, Navy Operational Support Center.

The ESGR Patriot Award is an award given to supportive managers, supervisors or a company to show appreciation from their military member employee. The award is given

in recognition of the organization's support in enabling an employee to fulfill his or her military commitments.

"The Patriot Award is a starting spot that recognizes the employer, so when a Marine, Sailor, Airman or a Soldier nominates their employer, ESGR makes sure that we get it done right by recognizing the government employers," said Walston.

Jacqueline Acosta, employee and Navy reservist, encountered the ESGR Patriot Award online and discretely nominated her supervisor Pere. With the encouragement and support of her fellow co-workers she submitted Pere.

"I have been mobilized three times and I had to leave the office for 12 to 14 months at a time and she has been supportive in taking care of my Family, work and me," said Acosta. "Without her I

would not be able to come back to my job."

Pere said she was amazed by Acosta's surprise.

"This is an honor and a privilege, for those that know me I don't believe in individual awards because none of us are successful on our own; therefore, this award belongs to our entire team," said Pere. "Most of all, I want to thank all the service members for what they have done for our nation."

"It is great to hear that we have employers like you," Gompper told Pere. "When you have Sailors like Petty Officer Acosta who are constantly on deployments, the patience, understanding and accommodations of the employer make Acosta a better Sailor."

To nominate an employer for the ESGR Patriot Award, visit www.esgr.org.



Navy Cmdr. James Gompper, commander, Navy Operational Support Center, presents Sylvia Pere, Directorate of Strategy and Innovation, U.S. Army Medical Command, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award Oct. 10 at MEDCOM.

PARKING from P1

Stanley Road; and parking at 2487 Stanley Road. Overflow parking will be available at the Post Office and Scout Hut on Stanley Road.

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Great Plains Regional Medical Command and BAMC, relinquished his parking space Oct. 2 to kick off the BAMC parking plan.

"We're all in this together," said Gilman. "The boss has to participate in the shuttle service like anyone else."

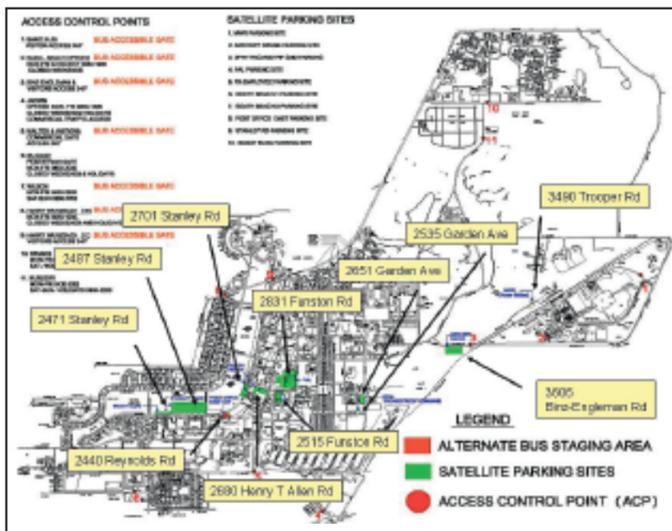
For as long as anyone can remember, the general of the hospital has always had a reserved space near the medical center. It wasn't until construction of the future Center for Battlefield Health and Trauma, next to the Institute for Surgical Research, that the general's space was removed.

BAMC deputy commanders also removed their signs.



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, removes the reserved parking sign from his parking space Oct. 2, in support of the BAMC satellite parking plan.

**TOWN HALL from P2**

she has three children, one in each of the schools. There is a supervision policy, Garr said. In addition to enforcing the policy, other things can be done such as peer pressure, Family Advocacy and Child Protective Services. Residents are encouraged to report problems.

"You are not getting the parent in trouble, it is about protecting the child," Garr said.

Other problems such as students smoking in the neighborhood during school days and improper parking near the school when parents drop-off children should be reported. Hayes recommended taking a photo, getting the license plate of cars and providing information to the police.

Hayes emphasized that although there have been several instances of graffiti in neighborhoods, most recently Harris Heights, there are no organized gangs on post. There was one reported "beat-in." Parents reported the incident, the children were read their rights and are under observation.

Isabel Clayton, Cole High School principal asked that parents work with the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District to identify potential problems. The district has sent letters to parents describing a program for middle and high school students called "Straight Talk to Smart Parents." The school is also working on a tip line based on comments during the Harris Heights Town Hall meeting.

Residents also expressed concern about the closing of the road along Salado Creek because of the construction on Binz-Engleman Road. The road closure creates an extended travel time for emergency vehicles to the neighborhood and to Brooke Army Medical Center from Harry Wurzbach Road.

One resident asked about increasing the operational hours of the Winans Road gate that currently closes at 10 p.m. Residents also voiced concerns that emergency per-

sonnel were not familiar with the streets in the Watkins Terrace area. Hayes acknowledged the increased response time and noted the fire department now has the Computer Aided Dispatch system, which improves 911 interface and expedites call taking and dispatch of emergency vehicles.

Responding to residents' concern about the dangerous condition of playgrounds, Tricia Aleman, of Lincoln Military Housing, said the playgrounds would be rechecked and dangerous items roped off. Lincoln is replacing the playgrounds. Aleman said she will check on playground design to accommodate handicapped children and repair any broken special needs playground equipment.

Aleman also noted that some utility bills had not been paid and reminders will be mailed soon requesting payment. Residents will start seeing the utility bills 30 days apart. Aleman emphasized that CPS rates will fluctuate and rates are higher in the summer.

Garr challenged the residents to get involved as a volunteer and to submit ideas for the Army Family Action Plan. Residents can volunteer at Army Community Service on Stanley Road for the next session in February.

Garr said constructing an Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppette for the Watkins Terrace area is not feasible based on the neighborhood population. She has asked AAFES to look at using an existing building to stock high-demand articles such as diapers, milk and other Family items.

"We need to find a creative way to meet this need," she said.

Garr thanked the four mayors of the Watkins Terrace neighborhood. She emphasized using the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, or ICE, as a tool to create a dialogue about topics the residents are interested in and to provide suggestions to improve the quality of life on post. To submit comments to ICE, visit <https://ice.disa.mil/>.

CONTRIBUTIONS from P3

Interservice Physician Assistant Program, Academy of Health Sciences here. "There are jobs in every state of the union in just about any specialty you want to practice in. It's a tremendous opportunity for any of you."

Army PAs serve as the primary medical provider to Soldiers in battalion and division-level units and also provide garrison health care to Soldiers, Family members and other eligible beneficiaries.

Through IPAP, the Army trains about 150 Soldiers a year as well as service members from the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard. Graduates of the challenging, two-year program earn a master's degree from the University of Nebraska and, for Soldiers, a commission as

a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Specialist Corps.

Parsons, a PA and deputy director of combat medic training here, encouraged the PAs to make the most of their training at Fort Sam Houston in preparation for an increased role on the battlefield.

"The world-changing events since 9/11 have changed our community immensely," Parsons said. "They made our profession much more predominant. When we have a conflict, we find ourselves on the battlefield, taking care of injured combatants.

"The majority of you will have the opportunity to go overseas and serve in combat theater," he said. "Trauma medicine will become a major part of your life. I encourage you very strongly to get as much experience (in trauma) as you can."

As Parsons looked to the future, PAs from each branch of service took turns highlighting the past.

The profession dates back to the mid-1960s, when physicians and educators recognized a shortage and uneven distribution of primary care physicians, according to the American Academy of Physician Assistants Web site. To expand the delivery of quality medical care, Dr. Eugene Stead, of Duke University Medical Center, N.C., put together the first class of PAs in 1965. He selected Navy corpsmen who received considerable medical training during their service and the Vietnam War.

Since that time, the role of PAs has evolved both in and out of the military.

"It is a great job," Parsons said. "I've had a wonderful time being a PA for the last 31

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years. I expect all of you will have the opportunity to do the same thing, whether through a military or civilian career."

Retired Col. (Dr.) Candice Castro, IPAP instructor, said she first encountered PAs early on in her career and quickly realized their importance.

Among other tasks, "they have to train medics, provide medical care, be a subject matter expert on equipment and supplies and operational matters," she said.

Castro said she eventually became an instructor of PAs,

which was the "best thing that ever happened to me."

"Now that I've retired and am an instructor, it makes me very proud to see many of my former students are instructors now," she said, adding that seven of them were in attendance.

The guest speakers were followed by a cake cutting in honor of PA Week and a trivia contest for the students.

For more information about the Army PA program, visit the IPAP Web site at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/ipap>.

Pinning ceremony



Photo by Jeff Crawley

Second Lt. Dexter Williams grimaces as Sgt. 1st Class John McLendon tacks on his new rank Oct. 10 at an Army Nurse Corps commissioning and pinning ceremony at Wagner Hall. Thirteen former enlisted Soldiers, who recently received their bachelor's of science in nursing degrees, were commissioned. Williams, who was a staff sergeant, graduated from Norfolk (Va.) State University and will attend Officer Basic Course here. Lt. Col. Kelly Bramley, program director of the Army Medical Department Center and School's Enlisted Commissioning Program, also participated in the activities.

INDUCTS from P3

Dean of the Academy of Health Sciences Col. W. John Luciano described Mayer as a highly technical officer, outstanding educator and a passionate leader.

"He cares about his Soldiers. The way that he demonstrates his care is to make sure that they are properly trained," he said. "That's especially challenging given the environment we're in with personnel shortages and large numbers of students."

Myrick, also a 20-year-veteran, was recognized for his teaching, coaching and mentoring of countless numbers of Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers.

Mayer, who supervises Myrick, said he is a fantastic NCO who personifies the Army Values.

"He sets the standard for the organization," Mayer said.

Mayer said being recognized for his efforts took a lot of sacrifice from his family, hard work on his part and great teamwork from the civilians and military that work with him.

"It's certainly not my award but it's for everybody that's helped me along the way," he said.



Photo by Jeff Crawley

Sgt. Maj. Henry Myrick II and his wife, Kathy, receive congratulations from well-wishers after he received the Order of Military Medical Merit medallion Oct. 9 at the Army Medical Department Museum. Myrick, sergeant major of the Department of Combat Medic Training, was recognized for his teaching, coaching and mentoring of countless numbers of Soldiers during his 20 years of service.

Housing update

Lincoln Military Housing explains utility-billing program

The Department of the Army implemented a Utility Service Reimbursement Policy for privatized housing that either rewards residents for energy conservation or charges for excess utility consumption.

As a result of this policy, Lincoln Military Housing conducted a one-year, mock-billing period, which ended in June. The mock bills identified residents' consumption baseline, actual consumption and the mock charge or credit due as a result of exceeding or falling below the baseline.

The established profile of homes is used to calculate the specific baseline consumption. All homes of same or similar size are considered one profile.

The monthly baseline consumption is calculated by the following criteria:

- Remove any home of zero usage from profile.
- Remove unoccupied homes from profile.
- Remove partial homes of partial billing periods (move-ins/move-outs).
- Remove top 5 percent and bottom 5 percent of high- and low-energy consumers.
- Calculate baseline consumption per profile.
- The average is considered the baseline per profile.

The resident is responsible for use above the buffer zone and LMH reimburses the resident for savings below the buffer zone. Residents are only responsible for consumption of gas and electric. Water

is not a factor in the Resident Utility Program.

During the mock-billing period, the program was evaluated and changes made to help the residents. Some of these changes include:

- The baselines were increased by adding a 10 percent buffer above and below the average baseline.
- Neighborhood meetings were held to explain the Resident Utility Program.
- Monthly consumption was reviewed to discover, repair and investigate homes with spikes in consumption and extremely low consumption.
- Maintenance repairs included air filter changes, weather stripping and inspecting HVAC systems and hot water heaters.
- All profiles were reviewed to ensure homes were placed in the proper profiles.

The actual billing program is conducted and monitored

Actual bills were mailed to residents Aug. 8 and 28 and Sept. 19. Residents can expect to receive future bills about every 30 days.

just like the mock-billing portion of the program. ISTA, the third party billing company hired by LMH, calculates baselines and distributes utility bills to the resident. Actual bills were mailed to residents Aug. 8 and 28 and Sept. 19. Residents can expect to receive future bills about every 30 days.

Residents are responsible for paying their utility bill; however, there is currently a total of \$9,330 in uncollected utility payments. If residents fail to pay their bill, they can face penalties to include late fees and collection agencies.

Residents may request an exception to policy for an increase in their utility consumption due to medical reasons. To request an exception,

residents will need to submit a memo to LMH requesting an exception to the Resident Utility Program along a letter from their doctor stating that they require increased utility consumption as a result of their condition, medical equipment, etc. Send documents to LMH via e-mail at asemidey@lpsi.com or fax to 270-7699, ATTN: Toni.

LMH will review and determine if an exemption or concession for increased use can be made.

For questions or concerns about billing, residents should contact their village manager or visit ISTA online at www.ista-direct.com. For questions or concerns about a home, call LMH at 270-7638.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)



ICE

Have feedback for a post customer service provider?

Go to the Interactive Customer Evaluation Web site at <http://ice.disa.mil> and voice your opinion today.

Early voting sites for joint general, tax rollback election

Bexar County Early Polling Sites (<http://www.bexar.org/elections>)

The hours of early voting will be:
Oct. 20 to 24 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Oct. 25 - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 26 - noon to 6 p.m.
Oct. 27 to 31 - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

LOCATIONS

BEXAR COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
300 Dolorosa
ALZAFAR SHRINE TEMPLE
901 N Loop 1604 W
BLOSSOM CENTER
12002 Jones Maltsberger
BROOKHOLLOW LIBRARY
530 Heimer Rd
CASTLE HILLS CITY HALL
209 Lemonwood Dr
CLAUDE BLACK CENTER
2805 East Commerce
CODY LIBRARY
11441 Vance Jackson
COLLINS GARDEN LIBRARY
200 North Park
CORTEZ LIBRARY
2803 Hunter
CROSSROADS MALL
4522 Fredericksburg
EAST CENTRAL ISD
6634 New Sulphur Springs Rd

FAIR OAKS RANCH CITY HALL
7286 Dietz Elkhorn
GREAT NORTHWEST LIBRARY
9050 Wellwood
HELOTES CITY HALL
12951 Bandera Rd
HENRY A GUERRA JR LIBRARY
7978 W. Military Dr
JOHN IGO LIBRARY
13330 Kyle Seale Pkway
JOHNSTON LIBRARY
6307 Sun Valley Dr
JULIAYATES SEMMES LIBRARY
15060 Judson Rd
KINMAN HOUSE OF LEON VALLEY
6417 Evers Rd
KIRBY CITY HALL
112 Bauman St
LAS PALMAS LIBRARY
515 Castroville Rd
LION'S FIELD
2809 Broadway
MAURY MAVERICK, JR. LIBRARY
8700 Mystic Park
MCCRELESS LIBRARY
1023 Ada St
MEMORIAL LIBRARY
3222 Culebra
NORTHSIDE ACTIVITY CENTER
7001 Culebra
OLMOS BASIN GOLF CLUB HOUSE
7022 McCullough

SHAVANO PARK CITY HALL
900 Saddletree Ct
SHOPPERS CITY MALL
660 S.W. Military Dr
SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL
7650 South 1604 W
SOUTH PARK MALL
2310 S.W. Military
SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD ADMIN BLDG
2515 Bobcat
SOUTHSIDE ISD ADMIN BLDG
1460 Martinez-Losoya
ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH
4535 Lord Rd
STONEOAK PRESBYTERIANCHURCH
24 Crescent Oak
EL SENDERO LIBRARY
4618 Thousand Oaks
TOBIN LIBRARY @OAKWELL
4134 Harry Wurzbach
VIA
1021 San Pedro
UNIVERSAL CITY/CITY HALL
2150 Universal City Blvd
UTSA
6900 N Loop 1604 W
WINDCREST TAKAS PARK CENTER
9310 Jim Seal Drive
For more information call the office of the Bexar County Elections Administrator, Jacquelyn Callanen, at 335-VOTE (8683)

GUADALUPE TEMPORARY EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATION/TIME/DATE:
<http://guadalupe-elections.com/>

ELECTIONS OFFICE ANNEX
1101 ELBEL RD.
SCHERTZ, TX
Oct. 20 to 24 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 25 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Oct. 27 to 31 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ST. JOSEPHS MISSION
5093 REDWOOD RD.
SAN MARCOS, TX
Oct. 20 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 27 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

KINGSBURY FIRE STATION
1060 FM 1104
KINGSBURY, TX
Oct. 21 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 25 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Oct. 28 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FOREST HILLS CHURCH
8251 FM 1117
SEGUIN, TX
Oct. 22 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 29 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

HILL TOP COUNTRY CHURCH
2719 FM 725 AT KLEIN RD
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX
Oct. 23 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 25 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Oct. 30 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NEW BERLIN COMMUNITY CENTER
8815 FM 775
SEGUIN, TX
Oct. 24 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 31 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL:

Applications for voting by mail should be received by Early Voting Clerk no later than the close of business Oct. 28.

Applications should be mailed to: Guadalupe County Elections Office P. O. Box 1346 Seguin, Texas 78156-1346 Attn: Early Voting Clerk

GUADALUPE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATION/TIME/DATE:

Seguin Elections Office
307 W. Court Street
Seguin, TX 78155
Oct. 20 to 24 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 25 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Oct. 27 to 31 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SUPPORT from P4

said, 'I didn't come to shop, I came to give,' and he handed us a \$100 bill."

Victor Moss, also known as "Doc, the mad rocket scientist" and his wife, Maria, collected blankets as well as other donated items. "We are trying to concentrate on the Soldiers when they reach the Veterans Administration. They need the support after they get out as much as when they were in," said Doc.

Once the bikes were parked and the group welcomed by those standing around to watch their arrival, the motorcyclists showed their emotions as they held up handmade quilts, lap robes and pillowcases donated by the Enchanted Quilters Guild of Alamogordo, N.M. In all more than \$35,000 worth of dry goods were presented to the Soldiers and their Families.

Accepting the gifts on their behalf was Judith Markelz, director of the Warrior and Family Support Center. Though a bit choked up from the outpouring of care, Markelz said, "I am speechless, and for those of you that know me, that is unheard of."

Along with the dry goods, about \$23,000 worth of phone cards and commissary gift cards was presented. Topping off the list of gifts, Summerall presented Markelz a box full of cards, letters and self-addressed stamped envelopes to be given to the Soldiers to read, simply letting them know how much they are loved and appreciated.

Markelz thanked the group for their generosity and said, "I hope I never see you back here, because that would mean the war is over. But folks, this is grass roots America. This is what it is. This group asks nothing of us. Thank you."

Saddle up



Photo by Jeff Crawley

Staff Sgt. Miguel Deugarte puts on personal protective equipment Oct. 10 at the 232nd Medical Battalion before he goes on a group motorcycle ride. Before the ride, more than 40 Soldiers and Family members participated in a two-hour motorcycle safety course, which was sponsored by the 232nd Medical Battalion. Certified instructors covered motorcycle safety, protective gear, maintenance checks, group riding techniques and more.

Tires should be checked regularly

When was the last time you checked your tires?

For most drivers, they only check the tires after they have a blowout, lose some tread or hear strange noises emanating from under the car. Next to brakes, tires are one of the most important items on a vehicle that should be checked regularly. When inspecting your tires, look for:

- **Uneven Tread Wear.** This can include more wear on one tread edge than the other, a rippled pattern of high and low wear, or exposed steel wire. Uneven wear can be caused by problems such as under inflation, misalignment and improper balancing.

- **Shallow Tread.** Bald tires tend to skid and slide on pavement, and are more likely to be damaged by potholes and other road hazards. The tread on your tires should be at least 1/16 of an inch deep. If it isn't,

the tire must be replaced. Most tires made today have a built in tread wear indicator. These are narrow bars of smooth rubber that run across the tread. When the tread is even with the bars, it is worn down to the minimum level and must be replaced immediately.

- **Foreign Objects.** Check to see if small stones, pieces of glass, bits of metal and other extraneous objects are wedged into the tread. If you find something, carefully pick the object out. These foreign objects can cause serious problems if they are pushed farther into your tire as you drive.

- **Tire Pressure.** Driving on any tire that does not have the correct inflation pressure is dangerous. Proper inflation pressure for your tires may be found in the vehicle owner's manual or the vehicle's tire information placard. Any underinflated tire builds up excessive heat that may result in sudden tire destruction. Failure to maintain correct inflation pressures may also result in rapid and uneven tread wear, improper vehicle handling and greatly reduced gas mileage. Proper tire inflation helps tires wear longer, saves fuel, and helps prevent accidents.

- **Spare Tire.** This is the one tire on the car most operators forget to check. Usually, the only time this tire is inspected is when changing a flat. Then it is too late to air up the tire or replace it because it is damaged. When you do your tire inspections don't forget the spare.

Tire safety is about risk management. You can minimize your risk by performing periodic tire inspections, maintaining proper tire pressure, replacing worn or damaged tires, rotating and balancing tires periodically and driving responsibly.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Safety Office)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Stop the silence, break the cycle

By Tangela Mills

Fort Sam Houston Army Community Service Family Advocacy program

With the observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, millions around the world will take part in events dedicated to celebrating survivors and remembering the lives of loved ones lost or impacted by this horrific crime.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition against Domestic Violence. Women advocates across the nation worked together to support a common cause, ending domestic violence against women and their children.

The Day of Unity grew in popularity and soon became a week full of activities conducted on the local, state and federal

level. The first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in 1987 and in October 1989, the U.S. Congress passed the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation.

For many years, domestic abuse has gone unrecognized and underreported. Victims of abuse suffer in silence, burying their unspoken pain and silent tears. Many victims in our communities continue in the cycle of violence out fear, shame, guilt and the lack of knowledge of available resources to assist them.

Ongoing efforts in military communities, schools, medical facilities and social service agencies are bringing awareness to prevention and the increased reporting of domestic abuse. However, there is a multitude of work to be done.

In addition to providing victims with available resources,

victims of abuse must be assessed on where they are emotionally, culturally, socially and financially at the time of the abuse. They must also be equipped with the right tools to successfully obtain and maintain power and control to become self-sufficient after an abusive relationship. Victims must believe that this transition is possible in order to stop the silence and break the cycle of abuse.

Community Response to Domestic Violence

Domestic abuse is not just a private matter between the victim and the abuser. As friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders in the community we have a responsibility to report domestic abuse; it is our moral duty. Knowing what signs to look for in an abusive relationship, how and where

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to report could be the first steps in possibly saving a life.

- Call the police if you see or hear evidence of domestic abuse.
- Support domestic abuse programs and shelters in your local community.
- Speak out publicly about domestic abuse.
- Fund shelters adequately.
- Mandate training in domestic abuse for all social services, medical and criminal justice professionals.

easy to know what or what not to say. It is very important not to re-victimize the individual. The following is a list of statements that expresses concern not blame:

- I'm afraid for your safety.
- I'm afraid for the safety of your children.
- It will only get worse.
- We're here for you when you are ready and are able to leave.
- You deserve better than this.
- Let's figure out a safety plan for you.

What to say to a victim

In trying to assist a victim of domestic abuse, it is not

For more information on Domestic Violence Awareness Month events and activities, call the Family Advocacy Program at 221-0349.

Community gets fired up at Fire Prevention Week Open House

Story and photos by Jeff Crawley
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

Fire Prevention Week activities culminated Saturday with an open house at the Fort Sam Houston Fire and Emergency Services. About 300 people attended the six-hour event which showcased fire and police services in a festive atmosphere at the fire station and Leadership Field.

The open house featured displays of fire trucks, an ambulance and a military police car, a fire safety house that taught "stop, drop and roll," fire extinguisher training, giveaways, educational materi-

als, raffles, free lunch and refreshments, Segway rides, entertainment, games and a dunk tank. The event was co-sponsored by the Directorate of Emergency Services and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"One thing we try and do is to get the kids out here and teach them about fire prevention," said Assistant Chief for Fire Prevention Terry Davis. "We count on the kids to teach their parents."

Davis and Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr welcomed Families at 9 a.m. in a ceremony inside the bays of the fire station.

Fire Prevention Week has been

observed since 1922, when it commemorated the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 9, 1871, Garr said. It burned an area roughly the size of Fort Sam Houston. The observation has been held annually since President Woodrow Wilson signed the first proclamation.

Fire Prevention Week 2008 was dedicated to Supervisory Fire Inspector David Meyer, who died this year. Meyer, who had worked at Camp Bullis and here from 1977 to 2003, was instrumental in promoting Fire Prevention Week.

Garr presented a plaque and poster to Meyer's wife Linda, Army Lodging manager here, and the Meyer children.

Garr then presented trophies and certificates to children who had participated in a fire prevention poster contest. The winning posters were on display at the fire station.

The past week, Fort Sam Houston firefighters and inspectors visited the Child Development Center, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, Lincoln Military Housing community centers as well as offices on post to educate children and workers about fire prevention and fire drills, Davis said. The department also participated in National Night Out Oct. 7 with the Provost Marshal Office.

Fire Inspector Scott Rath gave a briefing on home fires and a demonstrated using fire extinguishers.

When cooking, Rath said to always have pot and pan lids nearby in case there is a fire. Putting a lid on a fire will cut off its air supply. He said not to throw baking soda on a fire because that just usually spreads the burning materials. He also recommended getting a Type K extinguisher for the kitchen because of its low pressure spray.

Children and adults were invited to use extinguishers to put out fires on a training apparatus.

Ryan Lynch, 11, a sixth-grader at Cole Middle School, was one of the numerous children who practiced using a fire extinguisher.

"I learned that you can't hold the



The Lewis Family checks out Fire Engine No. 1 during the Fort Sam Houston Emergency Service Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 11 at the fire station here. A variety of emergency vehicles were on display including an ambulance and military police car.

hose, you have to hold the nozzle because it's very high pressure," he said.

About 10 Soldiers from Special Troops Battalion, U.S. Army South, and Brooke Army Medical Center, volunteered to help run the events including the dunk tank, inflatable play areas and concession stands.

Volunteer Spc. Pedro Ayala, a food service specialist with the STB, worked at a free drink stand.

"I volunteered because they said there would be a whole lot of kids out here," Ayala said. "Every time some one comes up were having a little conversation."

Fire Inspector Anthony Morin ran a fire safety house that featured a kitchen and bedroom and showed how smoke travels through a house.

Visitors to the house learned about stovetop safety, such as the correct positioning of pot handles. They also learned the technique of "stop, drop and roll."

Stopping what you're doing, dropping to the floor because hot gases rise, and rolling or crawling to an exit, Morin said.

"A lot of the parents would say, 'I didn't know that,' so it's good information for everybody," he said.



Photo by Esther Garcia
Brendon Jolley, 8, plays with a rabbit at the petting zoo at the Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 11 at Leadership Field. Children were also treated to pony and Segway rides, games and entertainment.



Photo by Esther Garcia
Children enjoy a dunk tank during Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 11. Children and volunteer Soldiers took their turns at being dunked. The open house activities were co-sponsored by the Directorate of Emergency Services and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr presents a plaque to Linda Meyer, Army Lodging manager here, and her step-daughters Patty Meyer and Kathy Meyer. Fire Prevention Week 2008 was dedicated to Supervisory Fire Inspector David Meyer, who died this year. Meyer had worked at Camp Bullis and here from 1977 to 2003, and was instrumental in promoting Fire Prevention Week.



Photo by Esther Garcia
Mime dancers Kashaun Powell and Dominique Davidson of True Hero Under God provided entertainment during the festivities at Leadership Field Oct. 11 as part of the Fire Prevention Week Open House. About 300 people attended the six-hour event, which showcased fire and police services in a festive atmosphere.



Fire Prevention Week Open House attendees were transported to and from the fire station to a fire training site and Leadership Field on shuttle carts. Jennifer Lynch sits in front with her daughter Lauren, 2, and sons Sean, 7; and Ryan, 11. Seated behind them are Monica Reed and Chris Lynch.

Posters depicting fire prevention activities line the wall at the Fort Sam Houston Fire and Emergency Services building Oct. 11. A poster contest was held as part of Fire Prevention Week activities.



Fire Inspector Scott Rath shows Timothy Kalvaitis Jr. how to use a fire extinguisher at the fire training facility near Leadership Field. Rath recommended getting Type K fire extinguishers for the kitchen because of their low pressure spray.

Register now



File photo by Olivia Mendoza

More than 600 Soldiers assigned to Fort Sam Houston and civilians participated in the 27th Annual Combat Medic Run last year. The 28th Annual Combat Medic Run will be held Oct. 18 at MacArthur Parade Field at Worth and Stanley roads. The first run begins at 7:15 a.m. Categories are 5K individual run, 5K formation run (28 service members), 10K individual run, 10K five-person guidon team and a 2-mile fun and wellness walk. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in the 14 age categories. Registration fees begin at \$12. Late registration fees will be assessed after Oct. 12. Register online at http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1532782. Runners also can visit the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and complete an entry form or mail an entry form to the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, 1212 Stanley Road, San Antonio, TX 78234. Race packets will be available Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, and on race day from 6 to 7 a.m. There will not be a race day registration. For more information, call FMWR at 221-3185 or 221-1157.

Sports

Fort Sam Houston bench press contest winners

Men's

- 136-150lbs Weight Class - Philip Weaver
- 151-175lbs Weight Class - Dominic Garcia
- 176-200lbs Weight Class - Hobart Perry
- 201-225lbs Weight Class - Rey Salazar
- Special Olympics Class - Johnny Garcia, Philip Turner, Joshua Ross

Women's

- 135lbs and under - Stephanie Tolley
- 136lbs and above - Gina Vallalvazo
- Masters 40+ - Kathleen Washington

Intramural fall softball standings

TEAM	W	L
USARSO	7	0
4th Recon	5	2
ARNORTH	6	3
264th Med. Bn.	6	3
BAMC Pharmacy	2	9

MEPS	1	10
USAG	4	6
(Forfeit) Dropped		

Intramural fall flag football standings

TEAM	W	L
USARSO	6	0
BAMC	6	1
BAMC Pharmacy	3	2
32nd TSC	4	3
DENTAC	2	4
14th MI Bn.	1	4
Co. D, 187th Med. Bn.	1	5
USAG	1	5

Brigade intramural volleyball standings

TEAM	W	L
B Co., 264th Med. Bn.	3	1
C Co., 232nd Med. Bn.	3	1
B Co., 187th Med. Bn.	3	2
C Co., 187th Med. Bn.	3	2
D Co., 232nd Med. Bn.	2	2
A Co., 264th Med. Bn.	1	3
C Co., 264th Med. Bn.	1	5

Flu vaccines available in November

Brooke Army Medical Center will provide flu vaccines to beneficiaries Nov. 4 and Dec. 9 and 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service center in Building 2797, 2010 Stanley Road. Beneficiaries must be 5 years old and above.

The flu vaccine will also be offered to retirees only at the Retiree Appreciation Day Dec. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Center and School.

Additionally, all beneficiaries may be vaccinated in their enrolled clinic or the BAMC allergy clinic beginning Dec. 8 during usual clinic immunizations walk-in hours.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus. It attacks a human's respiratory tract in the nose, throat and lungs. Unlike a cold, influenza usually comes on suddenly and may include symptoms such as fever, headache, tiredness (can be extreme), dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches.

For a complete list of clinic walk in times and update information on the flu fair dates, visit the BAMC homepage at www.bamc.amedd.army.mil or check with the BAMC information desks, located at either side of the main entrances. (Source: BAMC)

Flu vaccines available at Lackland Air Force Base

The injectable flu vaccine is now available in the Wilford Hall Medical Center Immunizations Clinic for adults only (18 years and older). The nasal spray flu vaccine, FluMist, is available for healthy patients age 2 to 49 years of age. Injectable flu vaccine for children under 18 is not yet available. To help minimize wait times, a flu vaccine tent is set up outside the immunizations clinic. Hours for the vaccine tent are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional vaccinations, go to the immunizations clinic. For more information, call 292-5730.

Cole senior in top percentile of National Achievement Program

Breanna Andrews, Robert G. Cole senior, scored in the top 4 percent of more than 150,000 black Americans in the 2009 National Achievement Program when she took the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Her name, along with tentative major choices, is being sent to 1,500 colleges and universities.

Breanna received a certificate from the National Achievement Scholarship Program, presented by Cole Principal Isabell Clayton and counselor Becky Ownby Smith. Clayton said, "Breanna is a student who is actively involved in school and community events. She is known as a hard-working student, dedicated to her education."

The National Achievement program offers students an opportunity to get a start on college scholarships, Ownby Smith said.

"The PSAT is a nationally recognized test so all colleges and universities are aware what an accomplishment it is to achieve such high recognition," Ownby Smith said.



Courtesy photo

Cole senior Breanna Andrews receives a certificate of achievement from the National Achievement Program. (From left) Robert G. Cole Principal Isabell Clayton, Breanna Andrews, her mother, Paula Andrews, and Becky Ownby Smith, Cole counselor.

The National Achievement Scholarship program was initiated in 1964 to honor academically promising black American high school students. The annual scholarship competition is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which also conducts the National Merit Scholarship Program that is open to all U.S. high school students.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)

Garrison commander visits Fort Sam Houston schools

Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr recently visited Fort Sam Houston Independent School District classrooms and facilities.

Garr toured the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School and Robert G. Cole Middle and High School. She talked with students, teachers and administrators about the school year.

"Col. Garr shared ideas and suggestions for additional partnerships between our schools and the Army community," said Dr. Gail Siller, district superintendent. "We appreciate her interest in our students and their welfare, and plan to follow up on many of her suggestions."

Cole Principal Isabell Clayton presented on the different instructional programs, courses and activities offered to middle and high school stu-



Courtesy photo

Sixth-grade student Curtis Smith shows Fort Sam Houston Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr his social studies assignment. He explained why he received a Cougar Gram for being accountable for his behavior and assignments.

The tour included a visit to English, math and social studies classes.

Tonya Hyde, Fort Sam Houston Elementary principal, provided a tour of fifth-grade classrooms and a physical education class. (Source: FSHISD)

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Weekly Campus Activities Oct. 20 to 25

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School	Spirit Day.
Oct. 20	Red Ribbon Day
Oct. 21	Red Ribbon pencils
Oct. 22	Red Ribbon bookmarks
Oct. 23	Red Ribbon tags.
Oct. 24	Cougar Connection: One Minute Reader with Debbie McCullough, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come explore this structured reading program that focuses on fluency and comprehension for all grade levels.
Oct. 24	Wear Red Day. End of first nine weeks.
Robert G. Cole Middle and High School	
Oct. 20	Girls' basketball practice begins.
Oct. 21	UIL marching contest at East Central High School
Oct. 21	F/J/V/V Volleyball at Comfort, 5, 6 and 7 p.m.
Oct. 24	End of first nine weeks. Corpus Christi Drill Competition.
Oct. 24	Middle School Halloween Dance in middle school mall area, 7 to 10 p.m.
Oct. 25	Corpus Christi Drill Competition

Parent-Teacher Organization hosts Fall Carnival

Parents are encouraged to bring the Family to the 2nd annual Fall Carnival Oct. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School. The carnival is sponsored by the Fort Sam Houston Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization.

Classroom teachers designed activities for students and their Families. A donut-eating contest, disco room, Dunk Mr. Douglas booth, duck pond, tricycle race and an obstacle course are just a few of the activities.

Parents can purchase tickets in advance or at the door. Four tickets cost \$1. Pre-order information can be found in the FSH Elementary PTO October newsletter. All proceeds go to participating classrooms.

The October newsletter is available at www.fshisd.net. From the campus pull down menu, select FSH Elementary, then select Clubs /Organizations, and finally select PTO.

Record set, Cole remains undefeated in district

By Robert Hoffmann
Robert G. Cole High School

Robert G. Cole High School running back Derek Cunningham set a new school record as he scampered 95 yards for a touchdown on his only carry of the evening securing an important 27-14 District 27-2A victory over the Harper Longhorns Oct. 10 at Cole Stadium.

Leading 21-7 midway through the fourth quarter, the Cougars held the Longhorns on fourth and goal, giving Cunningham his shot on the next play from scrimmage. The run is the longest run-from-scrimmage in Cole history, besting Peter

Garibaldi's 94-yard romp against Memorial in 2001.

Both teams entered the contest undefeated in district play, and the quality of both squads was evident. Equal in just about every regard, the Cougar victory wasn't sealed until the record run.

The victory puts Cole 3-0 in district, and 4-3 overall. They next play Johnson City Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Johnson City.

Cole High School was highlighted on WOAI-TV during their weekly "Kiolbasa Tailgate Party." Sportscaster David Chancellor was on hand to film the homecoming pregame activities week.

The 2008 Cole High School

Homecoming Court was named at half-time.

The Robert G. Cole High School 2008 Homecoming King was Gus Cunningham and Queen was Catherine Smith.

Also crowned were freshman Duke and Duchess Connor Charlton and Jessica Kiss, sophomore Duke and Duchess Jordan Bell and Brittany Schaale, and junior Duke and Duchess Daniel Ruiz and Lindsey Wafford. Senior princes included Nathan Eggers, Slater Kirk and De'Sean Newsome. Senior Princesses Samantha Costello, Janise Snagg and Rosa Zegarra were also named to the homecoming court.

Homecoming royalty



Robert G. Cole High School 2008 Homecoming King Gus Cunningham and Queen Catherine Smith were crowned at half-time ceremonies Oct. 10 at Cole Stadium during a football game against the Harper Longhorns.

Courtesy Photo



Fall Fest

The Fort Sam Houston Fall Fest will be held Oct 17 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday night's festivities include live music, dancing, food and beverages. Saturday's events include a variety of games, food booths, activities and entertainment, to include a performance by Radio Disney. A Fall Fest parade will begin at 10 a.m. on the corner of Stanley and Schofield roads. People are invited to enter the Arts and Crafts Fair, Car Show and Barbecue Cook-off, as well as a drawing for a variety of prizes. For more information, call 221-3185.

Schedule of Events:

Oct. 17

5 to 10 p.m. — Pre-event kick-off; food, drinks, DJ and dancing; Barbecue Cook-off participants check in.

Oct. 18

10 a.m. — Parade
Noon to 5 p.m. — Pony rides
Noon to 6 p.m. — DJ performance
12:45 p.m. — Car Show judging begins
1 to 4 p.m. — Live entertainment
2 p.m. — Barbecue judging begins
4 p.m. — Radio Disney performance
*Raffle drawings will be conducted throughout the day.

Dining and Entertainment

Sam Houston Club

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Registration costs \$20 and includes a meal and unlimited soft drinks. Players must be at least 21. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721 or 226-1663.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will feature "The Sunshine Boys," a comedy by Neil Simon, through Oct. 18.

Tickets are \$31 on Fridays and Saturdays and \$28 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Discounts are available for military and students. The house opens for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m. The buffet is open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The theater is handicapped accessible. For reservations, call the theater at 222-9694.

Children's Halloween Story Time

Celebrate the scary season as Family member Jenny Koranyi reads Halloween-themed stories for children at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 221-4702 or 221-4387.

BOSS Halloween Bash

Members of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a Halloween Bash Oct. 25 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Participants can enjoy two free games of bowling. This is a free event open to all FMWR patrons. For more information, call 224-7250 or 221-3683.



AFAP Conference delegates needed

The Installation Commander's annual Army Family Action Plan Conference will be held in February. Delegates and volunteers are needed for planning, submitting issues and providing assistance for this important event. This is the time to let your voice be heard and represent the Army Family. To participate or submit an issue, call the AFAP program manager at 221-2705.

Pre- and Post-deployment Planning training

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Pre- and Post-deployment Planning training Oct. 21 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. This training is designed to increase spouses' abilities to face deployments with resilience and strength, allowing easier separations and smoother reunions. Registration is

needed by Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Family Readiness Group Key Caller training

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Family Readiness Group Key Caller training Oct. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. This training will define the responsibilities and provide information on performing the role of the FRG key caller. The registration deadline is Oct. 17 by 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Battlemind Training for Families

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Battlemind Training for Families Oct. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. This training is part of the Battlemind Training System and will focus on helping Soldiers and Families prepare for deployment. Register by Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.

deployment@conus.army.mil.

Stress Management

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will hold a Stress Management class Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. This class will increase one's ability to recognize signs of stress and the effects it has in everyone's life. It will also provide coping strategies to make informed decisions. For more information or to register, call 221-0349 or e-mail thelma.t.kegley@us.army.mil.

Healthy Families Fair, Fun Run

EFMP holds first resource fair

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will sponsor the first Healthy Families Fair, Fun Run to end domestic abuse Oct. 25. The run begins at 8 a.m. and the fair kicks off at 10 a.m. at ACS, Building 2797. The fair will offer many military and local services geared toward eliminating and preventing Family abuse. Informational booths will feature Family-orientated activities. The Fort Sam Houston Police Department and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog will be on site with finger-printing kits. Other activities include Family photos, tennis lessons, bouncy castles, cake walks, bingo, massages and a hands-on self-defense presentation. The activities are free to the San Antonio mili-

represented at the resource fair including TRICARE, Brooke Army Medical Center EFMP staff, Wilford Hall care managers, United Way 211, Family Service Association of San Antonio, Special Olympics Texas, Any Baby Can, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Camp Camp. Helpful information, free snacks and beverages will be available. For more information, call April Nias, EFMP program assistant, at 221-2705 or 221-2418.

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tary community. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Unit Trauma Training

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Unit Trauma Training Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. The training will 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. Registration is needed by Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

First PCS move class

The Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service will hold a financial planning class for initial permanent change of station moves Oct. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797. This is a mandatory class for all junior enlisted Soldiers, E-1 to E-4, preparing to PCS for the first time. The class will cover costs, allowances and entitlements associated with a PCS move. The class must be taken no later than 60 days before out-processing from a unit. For more information, call Doris Planas at 221-1612.

Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold its Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy Oct. 30 and 31 from 8:30

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road. This training is for FRG key positions on their roles and responsibilities, and the communication network through the chain of command. The registration deadline is Oct. 27 by 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Financial Readiness Classes

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will hold the following classes through October at ACS, Building 2797, Stanley Road, in training room 1. Class space is limited.

- Understanding your credit report will be held Oct. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. and consists of pulling an individual credit report and reviewing, correcting and updating a credit report.
- Identity theft will be held Oct. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. and consists of information on how not to become a victim, how to recognize and what to do if you become a victim of identity theft.
- Mandatory First Term Financial Readiness will be held Oct. 22 and 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. and is mandatory for first-term Soldiers. The class is also available online at myarmylifetoo.com.
- Personal Financial Management will be held Oct. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. and consists of information on credit reports, maintaining budgets and effective savings plans.
- Financial Planning will be held Oct. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. and consists of information on savings, credit and establishing budgets.
- Mandatory First Permanent Change of Station Move will be held Oct. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. and provides Soldiers and Family members with essential information and guid-

ance on handling finances as they prepare to PCS.

• Investment Class is scheduled upon request. This class was developed especially for the Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers to assist in making smart decisions with their TSGLI.

For more information or to register, call 221-1612 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

Child, Youth and School Services**Family Fun Day Carnival**

The Child Development Center will host a Family Fun Day Carnival Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Building 2530, Funston Road. This event is for Families with children who attend the CDC. Activities will include indoor games and outdoor activities, such as pony rides, disc jockey and inflatable play areas. Refreshments will be sold. For more information, call the CDC at 221-5002.

Parent Advisory Council

A Child, Youth and School Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. All CYSS patrons are encouraged to attend. PAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

ACT/SAT Preparation

Free ACT and SAT Power-Prep software is available to all active-duty members, Family members and veterans. Visit www.eknowledge.com/military. For more information, call 221-2214.

Fort Sam Houston
Fall Fest 2008
October 17-18
Friday - October 17, 5pm - 10pm
Saturday - October 18, 10am - 6pm
MacArthur Parade Field
Free Admission - Open to the Public!

Friday 5pm - 10 pm
Pre-Festival Kick Off
• Music
• Dancing
• Food & Drinks
• BBQ Cook-off Check in

Saturday 10am - 6 pm
• Parade
• Activities & Entertainment
• BBQ Cook-Off
• Food & Drinks
• Radio Disney
• Arts & Craft Fair
• Car Show/Car Smash
• Live Music
• Raffle, Prizes & Fun!

Location: MacArthur Parade Field (New Braunfels and Stanley Rd.)
All vehicles without Out Stickers will need to enter through the Veterans Gate or the Heavy Workgate. Gate to obtain a pass. All persons 16 years or older must have a valid photo ID.
Follow Veterans street to the first light, turn left on Allen Rd. Turn left on Stanley Rd. The Fall Fest is on the corner of New Braunfels and Stanley Rd.

For more information please call (210) 221-5166
Or visit the website at www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com

Community**Events****Garrison wants to hear from cyclists**

The Fort Sam Houston Garrison will be installing bicycle racks to help make commuting and securing bicycles easier on the post. The garrison is soliciting unit and tenant input on where to install the new bicycle racks. To provide a recommendation, submit a DA Form 4283 Work Request through normal command work-request channels. Ensure you specify where the bike rack should be installed, how many bicycles it should hold and any other special requirements. Submit work requests with enough lead time so that they arrive at the Directorate of Public Works no later than Oct. 31.

WW I exhibit

The San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation will commemorate the 90th anniversary of Armistice Day with an exhibit of original World War I posters not seen on public display since 1933. The "Winds and Words of War" exhibit will be held through Oct. 27 at the Central Library Gallery, 600 Soledad. Events include a downtown walking tour Oct. 18 from 10 to 11 a.m.; a lecture titled "Battle Ready City: San Antonio in the Great War," Oct. 19 from 3 to 5 p.m.; a lecture titled "I had not thought death had undone so many: Writers of WW I" Oct. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.; and a musical cabaret Oct. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 207-2638 or e-mail elizabeth.graham@sanantonio.gov.

Comptrollers hold community cleanup

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a community cleanup project Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sunshine Plaza Apartments, 455 E. Sunshine Drive in San Antonio. The project involves light cleaning for senior residents. Students can earn a certificate for up to three hours of community service. To volunteer, call Vaughn Caudhill at 295-6307.

AAFES rap/jingle contest

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's rap/jingle contest is seeking aspiring artists to submit their rap or jingle for a shot at a \$500 shopping spree and a chance to be heard on the BX/PX's worldwide television and radio networks. The contest deadline has been extended to Oct. 31. The contest is open to authorized shoppers 18 years and older. Contestants can write and perform an original jingle or rap song, up to 30 seconds in length. Submissions can be about one of the following themes:

- What AAFES means to the entrant.
- The benefit AAFES provides military shoppers.
- The savings found at BXs and PXs.
- What the AAFES "Community Connection" means to the military community.

Entries will be accepted electronically at www.aafes.com, or e-mail PatriotFamily@aafes.com. For more information, call Chris Ward at 214-312-2714 or e-mail

wardchr@aafes.com.

Training**Enterprise Web Training**

The Army Medical Department Electronic Forms will be eliminated and all forms will be done in the Enterprise Web AMEDD Electronic Forms Support System within the AMEDD domain. Training opportunities are available, but not required, in Willis Hall, Building 2841. The training schedule is:

EWA forms training

- Oct. 21 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m., Room 2105C.
- Oct. 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Room 2105A.
- Oct. 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Room 2105A.
- Oct. 29 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Room 2105C.

Army Knowledge Online training

- Oct. 23 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m., Room 2105C.
- Participants must bring their common access card with them for training. Seating is limited. For more information or to register, call 221-6203 or e-mail julie.gueller@amedd.army.mil.

Meetings**Spouses' Club**

The Fort Sam Houston Spouses' Club will host the "Make It, Bake It, Fake It" silent auction and luncheon Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Members will bring homemade or bought items to be auctioned. Luncheon cost is \$14. Spouses of all ranks are welcome to attend. For more information or to reserve by Oct. 17, call Kelly Pinsky at 233-8401 or e-mail Cathy.Collyer@collyer1813@aol.com.

Warrant Officer Association meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will hold a meeting Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at Chacho's & Chulucci's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Road (near Loop 410). All active-duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and Family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, call Juan Gomez at 295-6596, e-mail juan.gomez@us.army.mil or Jim Gonzales at 666-9818, e-mail rgonzales879@satx.rr.com.

Celebrate America's Military events**Lackland Air Show**

Lackland Air Force Base will host an air show Nov. 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.lackland.af.mil

**Motorcycle rally**

A motorcycle rally will be held Nov. 1 from 11 to 11.45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial, Municipal Circle on Jefferson Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Veterans Day ceremony at Fort Sam

The Fort Sam Houston's Veterans Day ceremony will be Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. The keynote speaker is Rear Adm. Patrick E. McGrath, vice commander, Naval Air Forces commander, Naval Air Forces Reserve deputy commander, Navy Region Southwest. The event includes a wreath and banner presentation, gun salute, a tribute to veterans from the Native American community, and music from the U.S. Army Medical Command Band and the Texas Children's Choir. The event is free and open to the public.

Military Warriors Support Foundation dinner, concert

The Military Warriors Support Foundation will host a "Honor Our Heroes" dinner and Clay Walker concert Nov. 3 at the Cornerstone Church, 18755 Stone Oak Parkway. Tickets are \$15 prior to the event and \$25 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.militarywarriors.org.

Association of the United States Army luncheon

The Association of the United States Army will host a luncheon Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker is William McLemore, deputy secretary for Intergovernmental and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, call the Sam Houston Club at 224-2721.

Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony, parade

A Veterans Day parade and wreath-laying ceremony will be held Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza. The parade begins at noon through downtown San Antonio. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.usmvpa.org.

Tops in Blue

The United States Air Force Services presents Tops in Blue, a musical tribute to 60 years of proud Air Force history, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Laurie Auditorium at

Trinity University, One Trinity Place, San Antonio. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 999-8117 or visit www.topsinblue.com.

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Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Ceremony

A Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the San Antonio National Cemetery, 517 Paso Hondo St. The event is free and open to the public.

San Antonio Symphony concert

The San Antonio Symphony will perform Nov. 11 from 6:15 to 9 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle. The U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps will perform outside the Municipal Auditorium at 6:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are available at the San Antonio Symphony box office, the Majestic Theater box office or Ticketmaster.com. For more information, call the San Antonio Symphony box office at 554-1010.

2008 NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner
"Power, Justice, Freedom, Vote"
Major General Russell J. Czerw
Fort Sam Houston Installation Commander
24th NAACP President Fund Dinner
San Antonio Branch
October 24, 2008 - 7 p.m.
Marriott Hotel
Individual Tickets \$100 / Tables \$1,000
Mixer
Dinner at 6:00
Nov. 24 - 7:00 p.m.
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Get your tickets now!
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Religion

PWOC meetings

The Protestant Women of the Chapel group meets Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Child care is provided. For more information, call 221-5007.

For Sale Fort Freebies

For Sale: Shih tzu puppy, AKC, male, shots up-to-date, \$350; Southwestern Bell desk phone with caller ID and speakerphone, \$20; two AT&T digital cordless phones, 5.8 MHZ, includes answering machine, caller ID, intercom, \$25. Call 697-9261.

For Sale: Kenmore washer and dryer, \$100 each; two kids beds with removable railings and drawer, \$150 each; electric chainsaw, \$75. Call Julie at 348-9617.

For Sale: One chrome luggage carrier and one bicycle carrier, fit 1/2-inch trailer hitch opening, \$175 for both. Call 945-4859, leave message.

For Sale: Pioneer stackable stereo system, original box with manuals, cords, cables, RX1330 receiver, double cassette deck, VSP333 amplifier, PDM450 six CD player and CUAV007 remote control unit, need to be fixed or used for

parts, \$100; Bose 201 Series IV speakers, \$100. Call 455-3146.

For Sale: Two professional sport bikes, need refurbishing, blue Novara Randonee, \$79, and red Novara Strada, \$99; 1992 Magnum conversion van, loaded, \$2,395 obo. Call 659-6741.

For Sale: Large Ashley wall mirror, bronze and black frame, 43 1/2 inches square, \$100; Alfred Angelo wedding dress, pearl and crystal beading, summer length, strapless neckline with beaded spaghetti straps, size 10, can be altered, \$200; two, custom-built auto-cocker paintball markers and other equipment, \$200 each; various items, new bath towels, assorted bathroom accessories, decorative pillows, child safety gates, decorative stands, headboard and queen fram, and more, make an offer. Call 541-4199.

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 and employment ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.lead@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless the submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

For Sale: Toy Yorkie, pure breed, born April 24, 2.5 lbs., up-to-date shots, includes kennel, bed, carrier and food, \$750. Call 382-4201.

For Sale: Washer, \$65; computer desk, \$35; 13-inch color TV, \$15; Dunbar piano and bench, \$400; wood book shelf, 4 feet wide by 8 feet long. Call Sandy at 241-1291.

For Sale: Formal dining room set, heavy glass top table with stone and rod iron frame with six chairs, \$400. Call 493-2828 and leave message.

Garage Sale: Steubing Ranch, located off O'Conner Road will hold a neighborhood garage sale Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pick-up a map of homes at the recreation area in front of the pool.

News Leader survey online

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