

# FORT SAM HOUSTON News Leader

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## Wilson Gate reopens 24/7

To restore access to Fort Sam Houston and traffic flow to normal, the Wilson Access Control Point opened to traffic Oct. 28 and will operate 24/7 temporarily until the gate is repaired in February.

The replacement of the Wilson Street Gate, damaged as a result of a vehicle accident, is expected to be completed Feb. 12, 2009. Interstate Highway 35 construction, Base Realignment and Closure construction projects and related construction on post, destruction of the Walters Gate canopy, and the parking migration of Brooke Army Medical Center employees, have

completely altered the installation's traffic pattern. Once Wilson Gate is repaired, it will return to normal its operating hours prior to the accident. Concurrently, the Harry Wurzbach West (Pershing) Access Control Point hours of operation will revert back to Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and be closed on weekends and holidays.

The destruction of the Walters Street Gate canopy, and the closure of one lane to provide overhead sheltering protection to meet Army standards, have caused delays

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## Fill it up

Spc. Courtney Ward, a supply specialist with the 418th Medical Logistics Company, pours diesel fuel into a generator Oct. 23 during a field training exercise at Camp Bullis. More than 200 Soldiers from the 61st Multifunctional Medical Battalion from Fort Sam Houston and Fort Hood, Texas, participated in the medical logistics operation during the nine-day FTX.

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Photo by Jeff Crawley

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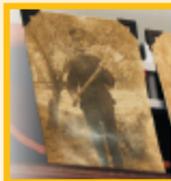
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## 314th MI Battalion sweeps quarterly competition

By Sgt. 1st Class Dave Thompson  
U.S. Army South Public Affairs

Two 314th Military Intelligence Battalion Soldiers took top honors at the U.S. Army South Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter Competition Oct. 21 through 23 at Fort Sam Houston. The competition was for the first quarter, Fiscal 09.

Staff Sgt. Robin Stack and Spc. Alex Prevett, both signals intelligence analysts with A

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U.S. Army South Command Group

Company, 314th, were named NCO and Soldier of the Quarter respectively and rewarded at a luncheon and awards ceremony at U.S. Army South.

"This is quite an honor for me," Prevett said. "It shows the outstanding leadership I've

received and all the hours I've put in preparation have paid off."

Stack echoed similar comments about her leadership and the many months of studying and training she put in for the event. The only woman Soldier

in the competition, Stack said she was thrilled to take the top spot and see her hard work result in victory.

"I would like to take on a command, whether it be enlisted or in the officer ranks someday," said Stack, referring to her future goals. "I definitely like molding the minds of younger generations and helping them succeed."

The two were chosen from

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### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



It's time to fall back. Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour Nov. 2 at 2 a.m.

# Yellow Cab has contract for taxi services on post

By Cheryl Harrison  
Army Community Service Marketing



Newcomers to Fort Sam Houston may have noticed conglomerations of Yellow Cabs on post. There is a reason for that.

About two years ago, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service petitioned for a contract taxi service for Fort Sam Houston. Every company within the San Antonio area was contacted and offered the opportunity to bid.

Due to security challenges with vehicles entering the installation, a requirement was for only one contract with one taxi company to provide service for the entire post. The contract states that the cab service that received the bid would provide the service to stage within stops already established, follow rules and regulations on post, and agree to provide AAFES a percentage

of the fares.

The taxi service contract was awarded to the Great San Antonio Transportation Company, or Yellow Cab, with a commencement date of Feb. 1, 2008, for a period of five years.

The installation has set up a sign at each staging area to identify the authorized taxi company, phone number and rate information. Taxi staging areas are at the following locations:

- The corner of Fulton Road by the Main Post Exchange, across from Burger King.
- Building 904 between Scott

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## Trick-or-treating hours on post

Fort Sam Houston trick-or-treat hours will be Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. as designated by the garrison commander.

The Fort Sam Houston Police will be patrolling the housing areas and monitoring motorists during Halloween. Mayors from the post communities will be handing out chemical lights to children.

Children should go in groups and go with their parents, said Detective Adam Deremiah, of the Fort Sam Houston Police Department. He also said parents should inspect their children's candy.

Only authorized DoD cardholders,



military and civilian employees and their Family members will be allowed access to the post for trick-or-treating.

Visitors, who are non ID cardholders, attending organization and unit functions or private parties will be allowed on post. Individuals hosting a private party should provide the Fort Sam Houston Police with list of visitors in advance and include the party address, phone number and name of the host. The list needs to be provided at least 12 hours prior to the event.

For more information, call 221-2222. (Source: Directorate of Emergency Services)

| Weekly Weather Watch |                   |                      |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                      | OCT. 30           | OCT. 31              | NOV. 1                | NOV. 2                | NOV. 3                | NOV. 4                |
| San Antonio          | Low 80s Sunny     | Low 80s Partly Sunny | Low 80s Partly Cloudy |
| Kabul Afghanistan    | 66° Partly Cloudy | 66° Clear            | 66° Partly Cloudy     | 68° Clear             | 71° Clear             | 71° Partly Cloudy     |
| Baghdad Iraq         | 77° Partly Cloudy | 64° Rain Chance      | 75° Partly Cloudy     | 75° Partly Cloudy     | 77° Partly Cloudy     | 77° Clear             |

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



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## News Briefs

### Office closures

The Directorate of Information Management will close Oct. 31 at 11:30 a.m. for its Organization Day. For more information, call DOIM at 221-4357. The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close Oct. 31 at noon. For more information, call SJA at 221-0484.

### Installation switching to seven-digit dialing

Beginning Nov. 6, the Fort Sam Houston telephone system will be upgraded. Phone users will be required to dial full seven-digit numbers when calling numbers with prefixes of 221, 295, 916 and 808. This will affect all telephones services at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Camp Stanley and Brooke Army Medical Center. More information will appear in next week's News Leader. For more information e-mail Jane Schlinke at elizabeth.schlinke@us.army.mil or call 221-0612.

### Giant Voice testing Nov. 6

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security will conduct a test of the Giant Voice System Nov. 6. The test message will be preceded by the words, "Exercise, Exercise, Exercise." There is no cause for alarm as this is only a drill.

### Flu shot schedule changes

Brooke Army Medical Center flu vaccines will be given to active duty, Reserve, Guard, health care specialists and beneficiaries on Nov. 4, Dec. 3 and 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797 at 2010 Stanley Road. This is a change from the Dec. 9 and 10 schedules. Beneficiaries are persons, who are 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. Also, all beneficiaries may be vaccinated in their enrolled clinic or the BAMC allergy clinic beginning Dec. 8, during usual clinic immunizations walk-in hours. For a complete list of clinic walk in times and updated information, 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.

### 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

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# Taking care of Soldiers, Families Programs available for exceptional Family members

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

The Exceptional Family Member Program held its first Resource Fair Oct. 24 at the Army Community Service.

About 200 Soldiers and Family members attended the Resource Fair and 41 representatives from local organizations participated at the event.

Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr welcomed the fairgoers.

"The Exceptional Family Member Program provides access to resources for our family members who are in

greatest need of support," Garr said. "It is important that Soldiers understand how best to support their family members with the resources available and that they not only enroll them without fear of stigma, but that they ensure their family members receive the services they need."

The EFMP is a program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, education, medical, and personnel

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Paloma Nielsen and her twin sons, Drake and Deryck, sign in at the Exceptional Family Member Program table at the first EFMP Resource Fair Oct. 24 at Army Community Service.

## Healthy Families Fair promotes wellness, resources

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

The first Healthy Families Fair got off to a running start with a 5K fun run Oct. 25 at Army Community Service. About 35 runners and strollers participated in the 8 a.m. run which kicked off activities for the six-hour event.

The Family Advocacy Program's fair showcased virtually all of the ACS programs, other programs on post, as well as outside resources available to Families. It was one of numerous installation activities held in October as part of National Domestic Abuse Prevention Month.

"We're focusing on building healthy Families," said Family Advocacy Program Manager Marjorie Loya. "There is so much help and so many resources available to Families."

Fairgoers could visit more than a dozen information booths including Child, Youth and School Services; Directorate of Emergency Services Department; Brooke Army Medical Center; Bexar County Family Justice Center; and CPS Energy.

Children enjoyed themselves with arts and crafts, games, tennis lessons, face painting and met Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog. Parents perused information booths and indulged in massages, facials and Family photos. More than 200 people were expected to attend, Loya said.

Fort Sam Houston Police Department Detective Joseph Cruz worked with parents on Ident-A-Kid packets, which is a record of their children's fingerprints, photos, and DNA samples, such as a hair follicle or tooth.

Early in the fair, Cruz had already helped parents work on about 20 packets.



Luz Myriam Neira of the San Antonio Food Bank offers some tips during a cooking demonstration at the Healthy Families Fair Oct. 25 at Army Community Service. The Family Advocacy Program's fair showcased military and outside resources available to Families to lead a healthy lifestyle.

In a "Cooking on a Budget" demonstration, Luz Myriam Neira and Alma Moreno of the San Antonio Food Bank prepared Mandarin chicken salad.

"Basically, we want to teach participants how to put together recipes that are not very expensive and very nutritious," Neira said. She reviewed the different food groups and

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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.

### MEPS to get new commander

The San Antonio Military Entrance Processing Station will conduct a change of command ceremony Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. The ceremony is open to the Fort Sam Houston community. Navy Cmdr. Tracy Carullo will relinquish command to Lt. Cmdr. Ivan Terry.

### Army Education Center seeks customers' feedback

The Army Education Center is conducting a Needs Assessment Survey now through Nov 27. The survey can be accessed two ways. The first way is to go to <https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/hqdasurveys/>. Click on "Surveys" highlighted by a green check mark. Find the garrison listed Survey Name. Double click on the forward arrow to the right of the open window box until the number three appears. Scroll down to "IMCOM West ACES Sam Houston" click and the survey will open. Click "Finish" when the survey is completed. Another way is to visit <https://fsh-intranet.amedd.army.mil>. Scroll down on the left. Click on "Services". Then click on "Education and Training Services." Scroll down and click on "New" (in red) to take the Army Continuing Education System survey. It only takes a few minutes to complete this important survey.

### BAMC, WHMC consolidate sleep laboratory services

The Brooke Army Medical Center Sleep Disorders Center will move to Wilford Hall Medical Center beginning Nov. 17 and sleep services will no longer be available at BAMC. The move is part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to form the new San Antonio Military Medical Center Sleep Disorders Center which will provide sleep laboratory and clinic services. The new center will open Dec. 1. The SAMMC Sleep Disorders Center will manage all sleep disorders for patients 2-years-old and older. Current sleep patients will continue to see their BAMC provider at WHMC. The SAMMC Sleep Disorders Center's new location will be on Ward 3B at WHMC. Wilford Hall sleep services will also move to 3B. For more information about sleep services, call 292-7621. This phone number will be activated Nov. 17. For more information about medical BRAC issues, visit [www.sammc.amedd.army.mil](http://www.sammc.amedd.army.mil).

# Army operationalizing reserve component

By Elizabeth Collins and Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is changing how it generates forces and is overhauling the National Guard and Reserve, said the commander of Forces Command Oct. 8.

Gen. Charles C. Campbell told reporters during the Association of the United States Army annual meeting that transitioning the reserve component from a strategic reserve to an operational force is a crucial part of modernizing the Army.

"We will organize the Guard and Reserve along modular lines and equip (the reserve component) in ways that make it fully interoperable with the active component," Campbell said. "There are some costs associated with that that are pretty significant, but nonetheless, at end state, our intent is to modularize the Guard and Reserve."

Its difficult and complex to operationalize the reserve component, Campbell said Oct. 7 at the AUSA Land Warfare Forum on the subject. But he emphasized that its crucial.

"Clearly what is required is adequate equipment that enables home-station training" at reserve centers and armories prior to mobilization, Campbell said. He added that the Guard and Reserve must also be equipped and trained for homeland defense and homeland security.

Making sure reserve-component Soldiers have the right training and equipment is especially important because the Army relies on them so much today, and because in January of 2007, the secretary of defense shortened National Guard and Reserve mobilizations to one year for both time in theater and training at mobilization stations. So the Army needs to make training



Photo by Elizabeth Collins

Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commander of Forces Command, talks to reporters about operationalizing the reserve component at the Association of the United States Army annual meeting Oct. 8, in Washington, D.C.

time count, he said.

Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1, said that prior to 2001, the Army Reserve and Guard was primarily considered a strategic reserve. Under the mobilization concept, if the balloon went up, units would be called

Since 2001, more than 600,000 reserve-component Soldiers have been mobilized, with 92 out of 105 National Guard brigades and a comparable percentage of the 60-plus Army Reserve brigades expected to be modularized by the end of 2009.

up for the duration of a war plus six months. But that's not how they're used today, he said, with Guard and Reserve units doing rotations to theater and back.

"The Cold War mentality simply doesn't work in the operational environment," Rochelle said.

Because operationalizing the whole reserve component at once could cost about \$28 billion, Campbell said that right now the Army is modernizing and updating National Guard and Reserve units that have been alerted for deployment.

According to Campbell, since 2001, more than 600,000 reserve-compo-

nent Soldiers have been mobilized, with 92 out of 105 National Guard brigades and a comparable percentage of the 60-plus Army Reserve brigades expected to be modularized by the end of 2009.

"Tremendous progress has been made," he said. "We certainly can be blessed as a nation for the citizen Soldiers who stand in our ranks ... and have answered repetitively our nation's call. They have performed splendidly and transparently. There is no longer a differentiation between Guard and Reserve and active component. It is American Soldiers doing our nation's bidding and doing it in a way that is very notable and very conspicuous for the quality of service ... and the quality of young men and women who stand in our ranks."

When National Guard and Reserve units are notified for deployment, it is after the ARFORGEN, or Army force generation process, used to prepare units for deployments based on combatant commanders' requirements.

Under ARFORGEN, units are placed in three categories based on when they're expected to be available for deployment. Units are placed in the

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## Veterinarians bid corps chief farewell



Photo by Edward Dixon

Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, commanding general Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School, presents the Presidential Certificate of Retirement to Brig. Gen. Michael B. Cates, who retired from active duty following 28 years of service during a ceremony at the post flag pole, Oct. 22. His wife, Linda Cates, was presented a bouquet of yellow roses and the Army Certificate of Appreciation. Brig. Gen. Cates served as the chief of the Army Veterinary Corps and also as the first veterinary officer to command the Army's Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal during a change of command ceremony held earlier for his contributions leading installation and deployment Army public health efforts and policy oversight for preventive medicine and public health from seven locations around the world.

### Mission Thanksgiving 2008

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<http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/thanksgivingmission.aspx>

Deadline to register is Nov. 14

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services to Families with special needs. Active-duty Soldiers enroll in the program if they have a Family member with a physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual disorder requiring specialized services, so their needs can be considered in the military personnel assignment process.

"This resource fair is a great idea. I have four children and three of them need special treatment," said Paloma Nielsen. "Having different

organizations under one roof saves the time of calling each one in order to get information about their services."

New Family members to Fort Sam Houston, Eric and Vanessa Sutton, with their daughter Mackenzie and son, Zachary visited the Resource Fair and were amazed at the services that were being offered.

Eric Sutton said, "We came today to find out what type of opportunities there are for our son Zachary. Being that we are new to the installation, having these types of services available

is helpful in our move here."

Representatives from Brooke Army Medical Center Pediatric Speech Pathology, Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District, Army Family Covenant Child and Youth Services Programs and Services, and other organizations set up display booths and provided informational pamphlets, counseling and mementos.

For more information on the Exceptional Family Member Program, call 221-2705 or 221-2418.

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impacting the installation and IH-35 traffic pattern. Replacing the canopy will take approximately two months with an expected completion date of Dec. 19. To increase processing times and reduce delays, beginning Oct. 27 at 4 p.m., all vehicles with decals

were allowed to use the visitors' lane for decaled vehicles should increase the number of vehicles guards can process and reduce waiting time when entering the installation.

For more information, call the Directorate of Emergency Services at 221-1404. (Source: DES)

**RESERVE from P4**

reset/train pool after returning from a deployment and their primary mission is to rebuild and recuperate, while remaining available for disaster relief. As they prepare for future missions and undergo collective training, units move to the ready force pool. When they are ready to redeploy, they go back to the available force pool.

ARFORGEN synchronizes the Army modernizing, organizing, manning, training and equipping systems. The program, Campbell said, was especially successful during the surge in 2007, when ARFORGEN allowed FORSCOM to identify 30,000 additional troops and coordinate their deployment to Iraq.

"Had we not had a process like ARFORGEN, we might not have been able to deploy the capabilities and the capacities that were requested by the combatant commander in the timelines that they needed," he added.

As the Army continues to fulfill, re-examine and adjust its requirements over the next year, Campbell said the Army hopes reserve-component Soldiers will soon be able to spend four years at home for every year of deployment, and that active-component Soldiers will be able to spend two years at home between deployments.

The training battalions that prepare Reserve Soldiers for deployments need to be operationalized as well, said Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve and commander of U.S. Army Reserve Command.

"In the Army Reserve, we have a lot of generating force, as well as expeditionary force,"

Stultz said. He said that some Reserve drill sergeants and trainers have been on active duty for four years. "The generating force needs to be operationalized as well," he said.

Stultz talked about recruiting and partnerships with employers. He has formed a partnership with dozens of employers across the nation in which companies will hire Reserve Soldiers after they finish their active duty. He said the next step is figuring out how to share health benefits, insurance and retirement benefits between the Army and the private sector.

Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, director of the Army National Guard, said that reorganizing and transforming his force included closing more than 150 armories. He said it was painful, but it enabled reorganizing a force that a few years ago was understrength and overstructured. It enabled filling units to 91 percent, he said.

Lt. Gen. Rochelle said it's important to streamline the way Guard and Reserve Soldiers are brought on active duty. He said there's currently 14 different categories of active duty for the components, to include Active Duty for Training, Active Duty Special Work and more. He said that should be streamlined to three or maybe even one.

"It's either active duty or it's not," he said.

Rochelle also said that streamlining the way to bring Individual Ready Reserve and Retired Reserve Soldiers onto active duty will be a force multiplier.

Lt. Gen. James D. Thurman, deputy chief of staff for G-3/5/7, said that operationalizing the force will "change the paradigm."

**COMPETITION from P1**

NCOs and Soldiers in units throughout U.S. Army South who competed.

"This competition is a tremendous achievement for Soldiers," said Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Gonzalez, of U.S. Army South's Special Troops Battalion. "It builds confidence in young Soldiers, increases their self esteem and public speaking skills and gets them in the books studying about Army values, leadership, traditions and history."

The competition began in the dark, early morning hours Oct. 21 with the Army Physical Fitness Test at the Fort Sam Houston track, and then shifted to Camp Bullis for a land navigation course. Here, competitors were allowed four hours and sent out in all directions over rugged, hilly, densely wooded terrain with a map and compass and the task of finding five points.

Prevett, the only competitor to get all five points, finished the task in a blazing 90 minutes, besting his closest competitor by more than an hour.

The final day of competition featured the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Board. The competitors donned their dress green uniform and took turns before a panel of sergeants major, answering a battery of questions ranging from current events, Army history, leadership and military justice, to first aid, weapons and warrior ethos, among others. The Soldiers were judged on their poise, military bearing, uniform, appearance and knowledge.

The competition culminated in a written examination that tested the NCOs' and Soldiers' knowledge over a wide range of military topics.



Photo by Jose Saez

U.S. Army South Special Troops Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Gonzalez presents Staff Sgt. Robin Stack, 314th Military Intelligence Battalion, the Army Achievement Medal after she is named the U.S. Army South NCO of the 1st Quarter, Fiscal 09. Spc. Alex Prevett, also of the 314th and winner of the Soldier of the Quarter Competition, waits for his AAM.

"The competition was a huge success that went back and fourth throughout," said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Hubert, the event coordinator with U.S. Army South Command Group. "There was no clear cut winner until the very end. You could tell they were well prepared."

Stack and Prevett each received the Army Achievement Medal, U.S. Army South Commander's Coin for excellence, gift certificates and savings bonds.

The two victors now set their sights on the NCO/Soldier of the Year competition and then on to the prestigious Sgt. Audie Murphy Club board.

**TAXI from P2**

and Harney roads.

- The Hacienda Recreation Center, Building 1462, off W.W. White Road.
- Mini-mall area, Building 1387, on the corner of Hardee and Williams roads.
- Army Lodging, Building 1002, Gorgas Circle.
- Camp Bullis, Building 110.

Yellow Cab is the only taxi company authorized at the staging areas. The contract does not mean that other taxi services cannot enter the post, but only in the case of dropping off a passenger with a valid Department of Defense ID card. Once the passenger has been delivered to their destination the taxi must exit the post without delay. The contract does not require for customers to only call the Yellow Cab company, but other taxi services will most likely be turned away at the gate. Also, other taxi services

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To use Yellow Cab services, call 222-2222. For more information about AAFES vending services, call 225-1305.

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## Physical Therapy Month



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

John Inzinna, a Brooke Army Medical Center physical therapy assistant, guides Spc. James Gentry through a crutch obstacle course Oct. 23 at the National Physical Therapy Month celebration at BAMC. At the observance, PT Clinic staff members provided information clinics, such as choosing running shoes; improving balance; and stretching exercises for golf. The celebration's theme was "Physical Therapy: It's all about Movement."

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offered health tips, such as using garlic powder instead of salt.

Two representatives from CPS Energy talked with fairgoers about electricity and natural gas safety and offered brochures and giveaways on topics, such as energy conservation.

"Everywhere we go people ask, 'How can I save some money?'" said Jesse Torres of CPS Energy. The most basic thing is the home thermostat settings for summer and winter, he said.

Maj. Jennifer Fenti, assistant chief of Public Health Nursing at BAMC, provided information on domestic violence, tobacco cessation, alcohol and the effects on the family, teen substance abuse, home safety and childhood immunizations.

"I've received a couple questions about immunizations, a lot about the flu shots,

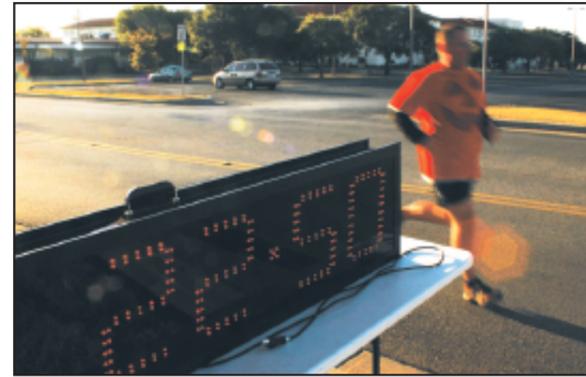


Photo by Jeff Crawley

David Dougherty finishes the Healthy Families Fair 5K Fun Run and Walk Oct. 25 at the Fort Sam Houston Army Community Service. The run kicked off the Family Advocacy Program's first Healthy Families Fair, which was part of National Domestic Abuse Prevention Month activities.

and questions about car seat safety and carbon monoxide poisoning," she said. "And, really a lot of questions about what this event is."

Charles Hall and his wife, Irene Hall, ran in the fun run. Charles Hall, who said he is

about to turn 42, said that they do all the 5K runs on post for fun and esprit de corps.

"This run is really cool because it's for Families and anyone who wants to come out. It's not all competitive," he said.

"I love it that they do this."

# PGA golfers visit Warriors in Transition

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

Several golf professionals from the AT&T Championship, PGA Champions Tour, joined Warriors in Transition from Fort Sam Houston to play in a hole-in-one putting tournament Oct. 23 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course.

Golf pros, their guests and AT&T Championship Charity staff were taken on a tour of the Warrior Family Support Center and the new facility, a 12,500 square-foot building under construction and scheduled to replace the smaller Warrior and Family Support Center located in the Powless Guest House in December.

"I was glad they (AT&T) asked," said Phil Blackmar, professional golfer on tour with the PGA Champions Tour.

"My father flew E-2s in the Navy for 22 years, I'm a Navy Brat. I've been around the military all my life, I was happy when I found out about it."

The Directorate of Family and Recreation and Huffman Developments hosted the putting tournament, which was a preamble to a \$60,000 presentation from the AT&T Championship Charity to the WFSC and the Returning Heroes Home project.

The AT&T Champions Charity gives to several San Antonio-based charities and schools through the PGA Champions Tour that is played annually in October at the Oak Hills Country Club in San Antonio.

See **GOLFERS P10**



Sgt. Brad Beard (right) gets some golfing advice from Phil Blackmar, one of several golf professionals from the AT&T Championship, PGA Champions Tour, who partnered with Warriors in Transition during a putting tournament at the Fort Sam Houston Golf course Oct. 23.

## Sports

### U.S. Army All-American Bowl tickets

The 2009 U.S. Army All-American Bowl will be held Jan. 3, 2009, at noon at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The All-American Bowl is an east versus west showdown that features the top 90 high school senior football players from across the country. It is considered by players, coaches and fans to be the premier high school football game in the nation. Free tickets are available at the Directorate of Family, Morale Welfare and Recreation ticket office located at the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, for military personnel with a military ID card and civilians with a Department of Defense ID card. For more information, call the ticket office at 226-1663.

### Neanderthal Trail Run

The annual 5-mile Neanderthal Trail Run will be held Nov. 21 at 7:15 a.m. at Camp Bullis. The course is run through challenging, rugged terrain. Refreshments and registration begin at 6:45 a.m. The run is open to all active-duty military and DA civilians. The uniform is IPFU or festive attire approved by the unit commander. Guidons are welcome. Register by Nov. 14 through Battalion S-3/Ops. The trail run is sponsored by the Training Support Company, 32nd Medical Brigade. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Intalan at 295-7697.

## Housing Update

Lincoln Military Housing hosted several events in September. The 25th annual National Night Out Oct. 7 was a big hit. Thanks to all who participated. LMH also held an ice cream social at the Watkins Terrace and Harris Heights Community Centers; everyone had tons of fun. Thanks to the mayors of Wheaton Graham and Dickman for their help in their socials. The Watkins Terrace community participated in a drug awareness meeting. The Harris Heights community held a Freedom Walk, Operation-Pick-It-Up, a couple movie nights, pizza night and a crime prevention meeting. Jenny Koranyi won a \$20 gift card for gasoline at the meeting. For the Harris Heights bike rodeo, LMH served refreshments and Nick Jeppe won a goodie bag.

Residents are encouraged to wear costumes to each community center for a Halloween

contest Oct. 31. There will be a winner for each center. The winners will be announced Nov. 3 and will each receive a \$50 gift card to a toy store.

In November, LMH residents can register at their community centers to win Thanksgiving dinners. Registration runs Nov. 1 through 14. The winners will be announced Nov. 17. Dinners must be picked up Nov. 17.

There will be a Cutest Pet Contest where residents can send in photos of their dogs and cats or bring them in and win one of three prizes. For dogs, photos can be submitted Nov. 1 through 7, or residents can bring in their dogs Nov. 7 between 1 and 4 p.m. to their respective community centers. The cutest dog winner will be announced Nov. 10. For cats, photos can be sent in from Nov. 1 through 13, or residents can bring in their cats Nov. 13 between 1 and 4 p.m. to their respective community centers. The cutest cat winner

will be announced Nov. 14.

LMH is also sponsoring a fall décor contest. Residents are encouraged to decorate their home for the season. There will be one \$25 gift card winner for each village. The contest ends Nov. 14. The winners will be announced Nov. 17.

For photos and upcoming activities, residents can log onto LMH's interactive Web site, [www.samhoustonlpc.com](http://www.samhoustonlpc.com). For more information, contact LMH at 270-7638.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiatives)



**September Survey of the month**  
Nathan Williams

**October Yards Of The Month**  
117 Artillery Post  
2279 Hancock  
436 Graham  
3243 Ingram Path  
2801 Marvin R. Wood  
826 Patch  
6896-B Vidales Court

### GOLFERS from P9

A check in the amount of \$30,000 was presented to Judith Markelz, program manager, Warrior and Family Support Center. The WFSC supports wounded warriors and their Family members, who have left their jobs and homes to come to Fort Sam Houston to help with the rehabilitation of their loved ones.

"One of the great things about the tour events, but this one in particular, is that the money raised goes to local charities. It also gets the community involved in supporting the tournament, they come out to the tournament, and we have lots of volunteers. We have 600 volunteers who help support the tournament, and the proceeds are then given back to the local community," said Lora, Watts, senior vice

president of global events and president of the Champions Charity, AT&T.

A \$30,000 check was presented to Steve Huffman, president and CEO of Huffman Developments, a San Antonio construction firm which has been instrumental in donating and raising funds for the Returning Heroes Home project, which broke ground in September 2007.

This is not the first time the Fort Sam Houston golf course has hosted PGA golf professionals. The La Loma course one of two courses at the Fort Sam Houston golf course, developed in 1932, is the only military golf course that has hosted a PGA event and two Texas Open tournaments.

The Fort Sam Houston Golf Course is open to the public, offers private lessons, specialty clinics and a junior golfers program.

## A ghost of a tale

### Unexplained events occur in buildings on post

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison  
Army Community Service Marketing

On the eve of Halloween thoughts go to the spirit world of ghosts that may or may not exist. Whether they do or not, some things have happened in two buildings on historical Fort Sam Houston to cause speculation for those who have encountered the unseen.

In Building 131, home to fire chiefs and fire inspectors, an unseen guest has made itself known to those who sometimes have shifts that require an overnight stay.

Terry Davis, assistant chief for Fire Prevention claims to not believe in ghosts, yet quickly volunteered that something did happen to him.

"Pictures flew off my shelf in my office. The photos of my great grandfather, who was a firefighter, were sitting on the shelf untouched from June to

August. One day they just flew over here," said Davis, as he pointed to a spot several feet away.

There was no fan blowing, no gust of wind from an open window to explain the occurrence. As Davis said, it could have been just something that happened, but it did freak him out.

Sherry Salone, fire inspector and emergency medical technician, believes in the supernatural beings we call ghosts and was full of informative tidbits of eerie happenings and unexplained pranks.

"Keys rattle, doors shake and once a space heater came on when there was no one around," Salone said.

"I was showering and the only one in the bathroom and the shower curtain just fell. It scared me so bad," related Salone. "It was weird; I jumped and hit myself on the

head."

Oddly enough the occurrences with the noisy fellow take place mostly after dark. The folks who work in Building 131 are not aware of any history that could possibly explain the phenomenon.

"The night I heard the keys rattling, it was so loud, that I actually joked with 'it' saying 'come on in,'" Salone said.

During a fire prevention planning meeting, Scott Rath, fire inspector and EMT, had an encounter during the day, in front of others and yet nothing was there to explain what happened.

"We were having a meeting and I was sitting at a table and my back was just a few inches from the wall. I suddenly felt something grab my shirt and there was a pinch mark on my shirt. As soon as it happened, I felt it again. It was a definite tug!" Rath said.



Terry Davis, assistant chief for Fire Prevention, displays photos of his great grandfather, who also was a firefighter, in his office on the top shelf of a bookcase. Although he claims to not believe in ghosts, he said that something happened to cause the photos to fly several feet from the bookcase.

Another unexplained noise was the creaking of a floor board just inside a closed room. According to the firefighters it only creaks when someone steps on that spot. At that particular time there was no one there and the door had not been opened.

But fear is not a factor. "If it hurt me I'd be afraid," Rath said.

"It is kind of fun, especially this time of year," Salone said.

Not far from Building 131 is housing. One home on Infantry Post Road had unex-

See GHOST P18

## Director's Award



Courtesy photo

Retired Col. George Wahl, Fort Sam Houston Army Career and Alumni Program Counselor, receives congratulations from Garrison Commander Col. Mary Garr after having recently been awarded the ACAP Coin for his more than 10 years of service in support of Soldiers in transition from military service. Wahl has served as staff counselor, contract installation site manager, special projects instructor for federal agencies being downsized, national Fire Brigade support Counselor and as a contractor quality control team program evaluator.

# ACAP helps service members make transition

The Fort Sam Houston Army Career and Alumni Program offers a variety of employment programs and services for separating service members.

The Preseparation Checklist Briefing is required for all Soldiers who separating from the service whether it is after 30 years of service or three years. The briefing is offered daily by appointment and covers Army benefits and entitlements.

The Transition Assistance Program is a job-search class to help transitioning service members finds employment. The program is offered over two and one-half days.

The Disabled Transition Assistance Program is similar to TAP, but for service members who are separating with a service-connected disability. A VA representative presents the program.

The four-hour VA Benefits Class goes into detail about VA programs and is highly recommended, said Randy Norman, ACAP contract manager.

ACAP also sponsors programs throughout the year including the Hiring Heroes Career Fair, Marketing Yourself for a Second Career and other job fairs.

The ACAP Web site lists local and national job openings. Businesses and employers can also contact ACAP and request that their positions be posted locally or nationally, Norman said.

ACAP is located at 1706 Stanley Road in Building 2263. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.acap.army.mil](http://www.acap.army.mil) or call 221-1213.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston ACAP)

# FTX tests Fort Sam, Fort Hood in medical logistics

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

More than 200 Soldiers from the 61st Multifunctional Medical Battalion from Fort Sam Houston and Fort Hood, Texas, worked together as a battalion during a field training exercise Oct. 20 through 28 at Camp Bullis.

The units included the 418th Medical Logistics Company, 591st MLC Rear Detachment, 440th Blood Support Det., 582nd MLC, and 583rd MLC with participation from the Texas National Guard.

"We're shooting, we're moving, we're communicating," said Capt. Francis Sullivan, company commander for the 418th. "We started out with live fire ranges - Soldiers in the back of vehicles being ambushed."

The FTX featured everything that would be performed in a medical logistics operation except a Combat Army Support Hospital, he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Davison, first sergeant for the 418th, said the Soldiers were performing their real-world missions. This included providing blood, training on blood storage equipment and shipping and receiving medical supplies, which are known as Class 8.

Near an airstrip, an area of operations was set up that could support up to 22,000 Soldiers, said 1st Lt. Darryl Hopkins, executive officer of the 418th. The site included a motor pool, medical maintenance facility, sleep and mess facilities, a customer service tent where Soldiers could pick up or drop off supplies, storage tent, an optical fabrication lab to make or repair eyeglasses, and an operations facility.

"We can store 51 short tons (2,000 pounds) of supplies and push 11.1 short tons of supplies a day," Hopkins said.

Lt. Col. Ron Krogh, battalion commander for the 61st MMB, said the FTX served several purposes.

The FTX was the mission readiness exercise for one of the battalion's companies, which will be deploying. It

was also an opportunity to practice a long convoy from Fort Hood to Camp Bullis.

"In a military vehicle it's close to four hours, in a car you could do it in about two and a half," Krogh said.

The FTX was very realistic for a field setting though it does not replicate Iraq, where Soldiers would be working at forward operating bases and living in buildings, Krogh said.

Still, the Soldiers used the same type of equipment they will see when deployed and the security awareness at the FTX was the same as in Iraq, he said.

Throughout the FTX, scenarios were injected which tested the Soldiers' abilities, Sullivan said.

"We create an incident to make them do their jobs in the field," Sullivan, "and as commanders we evaluate them."

In the Optical Fabrication Shop, Sgt. Gwendolyn Elliott and Spc. Jonathan Miller, both of the 418th, made and repaired eyeglasses and fixed medical maintenance equipment.

There was not a lot of difference from working on eyeglasses in the field in an Expando Van than at a permanent facility, said Elliott, who is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Optical Fabrication Section.

"It's easy actually. We pretty much have the same equipment," she said. "It's a little older version, but they all work the same."

Capt. Rocky Torres, company commander of the 583rd, said the FTX was an opportunity for his Soldiers to get hands on training, particularly in new areas.

"They're doing great. They're hyped up about the training," Torres said.

Sullivan, who has 28 years in the Army and served in Special Forces and medical groups, said the Soldiers are ready for deployment.

"I have never seen such a high state of readiness as this battalion," he said. "These guys are ready to go, they're highly trained."



Staff Sgt. Andre Barnes, platoon sergeant with the 418th Medical Logistics Company, watches a Black Hawk helicopter transport a humvee during a field training exercise Oct. 23 at Camp Bullis.



Sgt. Gwendolyn Elliott, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Optical Fabrication Section of the 418th Medical Logistics Company, goes through some of the thousands of lenses in a field lab Oct. 23. Making and repairing eyeglasses was one of the services provided during the medical logistics operation in a field training exercise at Camp Bullis.



Soldiers from the 418th Medical Logistics Company learn how to use an artillery simulator Oct. 23 during a field training exercise at Camp Bullis.

Squad Leader Sgt. William Denlinger, of the 418th Medical Logistics Company, instructs Sgt. Delali Sowu and Spc. Sharollette Amos, both with the 582nd MLC, in sling load training with a Black Hawk aircrew from the Texas National Guard San Antonio Army Aviation Support Facility Oct. 23 at Camp Bullis. Sling load training and medical evacuations were some of the airlift operations Soldiers participated in during the nine-day field training exercise.



Medical supplies, known as Class 8, sit in an area of operations waiting for further distribution during a field training exercise Oct. 23 at Camp Bullis. The area can store 51 tons of supplies and Soldiers can move 11 tons of supplies a day.



Eyeglasses and goggles wait to be fitted with lenses or repaired in a field Optical Fabrication Lab Oct. 23 at Camp Bullis. Optical fabrication was one of the services provided during the medical logistics operation. Other support included shipping and receiving medical supplies, repairing medical equipment and supplying and storing blood.



Soldiers from the 582nd Medical Logistics Company, Fort Hood, Texas, head toward a landing zone during helicopter sling load training Oct. 23 at a field training exercise at Camp Bullis. More than 200 Soldiers participated in the medical logistics operation.

**GENERAL ELECTIONS**  
**4 NOVEMBER 2008**

**FORT SAM HOUSTON**  
**HOUSING RESIDENTS**

*Polling Location:*  
**Robert G. Cole Gymnasium**  
1900 Winans Road  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234  
**(210) 368-8736**  
(Enter thru Middle School parking lot - Designated parking area)

*Polling Hours:*  
**7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Fort Sam Houston  
Installation Voting Office Building 2263  
1706 Stanley Road Suite 28  
Fl. Sam Houston, Texas 78234  
210-221-1740

<http://www.bexar.org/elections/>



## 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 is \$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.



#### 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.

#### Unit Family Readiness Training

Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold Unit Family Readiness Training Nov. 3 from 9 to 10 a.m. at ACS, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. This training will define the phases of the deployment cycle, identify stresses and Soldier and Family issues related to deployment and review the Family readiness tasks of the Battalion Rear Detachment Commander in each phase of the deployment cycle. Registration is needed by Oct. 30 by 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 Leads Forum

Army Community Service

Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold a Family Readiness Group Leaders Forum Nov. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. This training provides unit FRG leader issues and share lessons learned in an open forum. Registration is needed by Oct. 30 by 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up call, 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

#### Virtual Family Readiness Group Training

Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will hold Virtual Family Readiness Group Training Nov. 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. This training provides information on the virtual FRG and the ability to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and Families. Registration is needed by Oct. 31 by 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up call, 221-2705 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

#### Survivor Outreach Services

Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment

See FMWR P17

#### FMWR from P16

Program will hold the first quarterly face-to-face focus group for Families of fallen Soldiers Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. at ACS, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. This survivor outreach service will allow the Army to effectively establish services and procedures that meets their needs. This is an opportunity to express specific needs and assist the Army in implementing processes. Registration is needed by Oct. 31. For more information or to sign up call, 221-0946 or e-mail samh.acs.mob.deploy@conus.army.mil.

#### H.U.G.S. playgroup

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program offers a Helping us Grow Securely playgroup each Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721. This weekly interactive fun playgroup for parents and children ages infant to 5 years is a great way for meeting new people, learning new ideas — all while children are having fun. For more information, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

#### Teen talk mixer

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will hold a Teen Talk mixer Nov. 5 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. at Child and Youth School Services. Topics for Teen Talk future meetings will be discussed. Pizza and beverages will be available for the teens. For more information, call 221-2055 or 221-2705.

#### Teen Talk

The Family Advocacy Program will hold Teen Talk every other Wednesday beginning Nov. 12 from 4:30 to 5 p.m. at the Child and Youth School Services. This is an opportunity for teens to discuss issues.

Incentives for participation will be available. For more information, call 221-2055 or 221-2705.

#### Holiday seasonal employment

Army Community Service Family Employment Readiness Program will hold a Holiday Job Fair Nov. 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. at ACS, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. This is an opportunity to find employment for the upcoming holidays, earn extra cash, receive possible discounts on holiday gifts from retail employers, have access to available hiring opportunities and to meet with local businesses. The fair is open to not only to teens, spouses and Soldiers, but anyone interested in seasonal work. Classes on "Dressing for Success" and completing the employment job application will also be held. For more information, call FERP at 221-0427 or 221-2705.

## Child, Youth and School Services

### Family Fun Day Carnival

The Child Development Center will host a Family Fun Day Carnival for Families, whose children attend the CDC. The carnival will be held Nov. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. Activities include indoor games, pony rides, moon bounce and a disc jockey. Refreshments will be sold. For more information, contact 221-5002.

### Basketball registration

Child, Youth and School Services will conduct basketball registration through Nov. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration will be held in Building 2797. Cost is \$45 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child. All participants must have a current sports physicals to register. For more information, con-

tact CYSS Central Registration at 221-4871 or Youth Sports and Fitness at 221-3502.

#### Coaches needed

The CYSS is accepting applica-

tions for basketball coaches for the 2008 season. All applicants should contact Youth Sports and Fitness or CYSS Central Registration to obtain an application.

#### Splash Pad closed

The Splash Pad located in the Youth Sports Complex is closed for repairs. For more information, call 221-3502.

## 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.

### CWOC Meetings

The Catholic Women of the Chapel will meet Nov. 7 at 8:30 a.m. for Rosary followed by a 9 a.m. Mass and program at Dodd Field Chapel. Enrichment or Bible Study is held Mondays from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Child care is provided. For more information, call 442-8957 or 830-914-2326.

### Fort Sam Houston ISD hosts "Straight Talk to Smart Parents"

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will host a "Straight Talk To Smart Parents" presentation Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Cole Middle School mall. The topic will be "the 411 on Drugs." Parents will learn the latest trends in drug use among youth. All parents and community members are invited to attend. The presenter will be Lucien Costley, education specialist from the Region 20 Office of Safe and Drug Free School and Communities program. For more information, contact Assistant Principal Elizardo Hernandez at 368-8736 or e-mail ehernand@fshisd.net.

## Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Weekly Campus Activities — Nov. 3 to 8

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

Nov. 3

Student Mock Election

Nov. 6

Flu mist immunizations 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TAKS information night 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Nov. 7

Spirit Day

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

Nov. 6

Girls JV/V basketball at McCollum High School, 5:30 p.m.

JV football vs. Randolph at Cole, 6 p.m.

Nov. 7

Varsity football at Randolph, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 8

Girls JV/V basketball vs. Jefferson, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Regional cross country meet at Brooks City Base, TBA

## Outstanding students



Photo by Elizardo Hernandez

Each month Robert G. Cole Middle and High School recognizes one student from each grade for his or her outstanding attitude, citizenship and overall contribution to the school. The students are nominated by their teachers and then one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. The recipients for September are (back row, from left) Taylor Williams, 10th grade; Michael Cornett, 12th grade; and Aleksander Bray 8th grade. (front row, from left) Bianca Eubanks, 7th grade; Emily McLamb, 9th grade; Lindsey Wafford, 11th grade; and Corey Schmidt, 6th grade.

### GHOST from P11

plained noises and pranks that were described as frustrating by a Soldier and his Family that called the site home for several years.

"We moved in during the summer of 1997. Because it was summertime the kids were home and up later than normal and we didn't notice anything unusual. But when school started and my wife was home alone she heard footsteps going up the stairs," said Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Class.

Pots and pans rattling during the night in the kitchen below, steps heard from the floor above when everyone was asleep, and the children couldn't be blamed. It was decided something was wrong with the house. The Class Family never felt afraid, but it was unnerving. According to Class, they were never told something else would be living with them or that something had happened inside that would explain the noisy inhabitant.

"I always heard stories about spirits and ghosts, but after living in that house I

guess the stories were true. I never felt the need to know if anything happened there. We just learned to live with it," Class said.

Frustration was the biggest thing experienced when keys and on one occasion the checkbook disappeared.

"There were times things would just disappear. We had a place in the kitchen where we dropped our keys when we came in, and they would just be gone. We found them once in the upstairs bathroom, a place we wouldn't have left them or they would just as suddenly be back in the place we kept them," Class said.

Class added, "It was one of those things that would happen randomly and it was frustrating. We would just blame 'the ghost' and let it go."

Halloween, a time for fun, costumes and tales from the crypt, whether to scare or in jest, raises the question of reality of apparitions known as ghosts. Two sites on the historic soil of Fort Sam Houston, tales from intelligent professional Soldiers and civilians seems to squelch some doubt. Believe it ... or not. Happy Halloween!

## Community

### Events

#### Wurstfest walk

The New Braunfels Marsch und Wandergruppe Volksmarch Club will host a 5K and 10K walk Nov. 1 and 2 from 8 a.m. to noon, to finish by 3 p.m. The walks will start at Schlitterbahn Employee Café, 100 W. North St., New Braunfels, Texas. For more information, call Ray Menzel at 830-907-4488, e-mail rmenzel238@aol.com or visit [www.muw.walktexas.org](http://www.muw.walktexas.org).

#### Upcoming job fairs

The CivilianJobs.com Job Fair Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Hood (Texas) Catering and Conference Center. Visit [www.CivilianJobs.com](http://www.CivilianJobs.com).

The Fort Sam Houston Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Visit [www.transitioncareers.com/careerfair](http://www.transitioncareers.com/careerfair).

The Lackland Air Force Base Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Days Nov. 13 to 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kisling Community Center at Lackland. Visit [www.transitioncareers.com/careerfair](http://www.transitioncareers.com/careerfair).

The Recruit Military Career Fair

Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, Texas. Visit [www.recruitmilitary.com](http://www.recruitmilitary.com).

For assistance with your job search preparation and pre-separation requirements, call the Fort Sam Houston Army Career and Alumni Program at 221-1213.

#### Military Appreciation Monday

The Golden Corral Restaurants salute America's heroes with a free dinner for Military Appreciation Nov. 17 from 5 to 9 p.m. at any local Golden Corral Restaurant. The free "thank you" dinner is available to veterans, retired, active duty, National Guard or Reserves, any person who has ever served in the U.S. Military. For more information, visit [www.goldencorral.com/military](http://www.goldencorral.com/military).

### Training

#### CBRN incidents course

A Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological,

See COMMUNITY P20



#### Lackland Air Show

Lackland Air Force Base will host an air show Nov. 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.lackland.af.mil](http://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.

#### U.S. Navy Rock Band concert

The U.S. Navy Rock Band will perform a free concert Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, 555 Funston Pl. at N. New Braunfels. Doors open at 5 p.m. so concert-goers can tour the gardens, including tree-houses. The concert is open to the public. No tickets are required.

#### 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](http://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](http://www.topsinblue.com).

#### 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 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.

#### Buffalo Soldier Commemorative

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. No tickets are required.

**COMMUNITY from P19**

Nuclear course will be held at the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States 114th annual meeting Nov. 11 to 13 at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio. This condensed course, combines nuclear and radiation with the medical aspects of chemical and biologic warfare agents. This course, adapted specifically for AMSUS attendees, preserves the didactic core of a five-day course. Military and civilian health-care providers, hospital administrators and municipal disaster-response elements should find this course relevant. Continuing-education credits will be awarded, based on hours of attendance and participation. For more information or instructions to register, call 410-436-2230.

**Meetings****NCOs' 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 members are welcome. For more information, call Angie Luna at 333-0821 or 386-8265.

**Volunteer****Community cleanup**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a community cleanup project Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Converse Animal Shelter, Inc., 9634 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas. Students can earn a certificate for up to three hours of community service credit. For more information or to volunteer, call Charlene Houghton at 652-3812.

**Dental patients needed**

The Air Force Oral Hygiene Course is seeking patients, military beneficiaries active or retired, to support the teaching program. Patients with healthy gums and teeth are preferred. Patients accepted in the program will receive annual examinations and teeth cleanings. No other treatment will be provided. Appointment times are approximately two hours. Dependents cannot be accepted if enrolled on the Concordia Dental Insurance and need to be at least 12 years of age. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Tech. Sgt. Perry Whitt at 925-9748 or 925-1846.

**For Sale**  
**Fort Freebies**

**For Sale:** Flat-coated retriever, male, four years old, neutered, up-to-date shots, good with children. Call 214-202-8736.

**For Sale:** Two-piece rosewood china cabinet with mother-of-pearl designs; top piece includes glass doors and glass shelves, bottom piece has drawers with center door, purchased in Japan, excellent condition, \$3,000. Call 373-2965.

**For Sale:** Maytag Neptune TL washer, extra large tub with 11 cycles, various washing temperatures, soil levels and spinning cycles, free Tide detergent as an extra bonus, one year warranty, good condition, \$350 obo. Call 566-0192.

**For Sale:** Bicycle carrier and chrome luggage carrier for 1/4 inch hitch opening, \$175 for both. Call 945-4859, leave message.

**For Sale:** Rims and tires, 22 inch, fits Chevy with six lugs, \$1,600; 1986 Chevrolet Silverado long bed with tool box, \$1,600. Call 680-0241 or 433-7740.

**For Sale:** Golf club set, driver, 3 wood, 5 wood, 7 wood, 9 wood, 3 to PW, Bob Toski irons, sand wedge, GAP wedge, putter, stand alone golf bag,

all for \$100. Call 496-9304.

**For Sale:** Metal trundle daybed, upper part only with white and gold frame, no mattress, \$149 obo; artificial Christmas tree with stand, 7.5 feet, long green pine-type needles, excellent condition, \$149 obo. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** Three-piece solid oak entertainment center with smoked glass, \$400; Touch Ultra mini glucose monitoring system, new, \$15; Ingles Sin Barreras, Volume 1-12, VHS videos with cassette tapes and English and Spanish dictionary, \$400 obo. Call 564-0767.

**For Sale:** Programmable Honeywell digistat thermostat for home A/C, \$30. Call 221-3549.

**For Sale:** Sears Kenmore household freezer, freestanding, 4.8 cubic feet, white, top lid and lower drawer, four years old, excellent condition, \$100. Call Phil at 670-7840.

**For Sale:** Two sets of dishes, Apple Motif, one partial set five plates, seven saucers, six bowls, 18 piece set minus one bowl, \$15; Razor electric scooter, two years old, good condition, \$100; Rival white crock pot, automatic slow cooker, \$10; cassette/radio, \$5; ladies

**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.leader@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.

suits and semi formals, size 10/12, \$25. Call Nancy at 826-0882.

**For Sale:** Authentic Burberry Nova Check, small hobo tote with dusk jacket, excellent condition, \$175; three-tier diaper cake, blue, \$20; wood-grain wall unit entertainment center, \$150; sofa sleeper and love seat, brown/tan, \$225; wood-grain two end tables and coffee table with glass top insert, \$125 for all or \$30 each. Call 852-9927.

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

**Wanted:** Child wing set. Call 897-8737 or 271-9250.