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TEDx speakers pose for a photo at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Nov. 4, 2022. This was the second year of the event, which centered around cultivating resiliency and making connections.

TEDx event connects community at JBSA-Lackland

📷 and story by Vanessa R. Adame
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – Cultivating resiliency and making connections, that was the theme of TEDx here, Nov. 4. The event brought together approximately 150 people with a mission to provoke thoughtful conversations.

It was the second year for the event, which was created in the spirit of TEDx's overall mission to discover ideas worth spreading.

Dr. Elizabeth Rich, Chief, Faculty Development Flight, 37th Training Support Squadron, was behind the idea to bring TEDx to JBSA-Lackland. As lead organizer, Rich explained that TEDx has evolved "from an event, into more of an experience." Puzzles and play dough helped add to that experience. The items were placed in the center of tables to encourage attendees to listen while being creative.

"TEDx is not just about the speakers, it is also about the people you meet," Rich said. "We wanted attendees to walk away today with making new connections, which is why we asked attendees to change tables after every break, engage in discussions with new people, and create those new connections...the day was all about thriving by cultivating resiliency and connections."

[Read the entire story here.](#)





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UPCOMING EVENTS

5 Dec: 1430 Non-sup Civilian All-Call at the PRC auditorium

7 Dec: CGO Offsite

8 Dec: 1200 FGO All-Call in DLIELC auditorium

9 Dec: 0900 Civ Sup All-Call in PRC Chief's Room

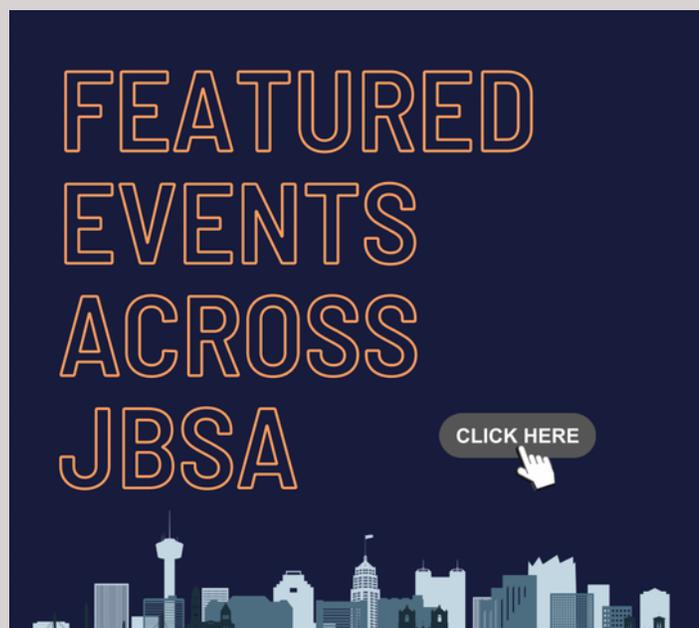
9 Dec: 1100 SNCO All-Call in PRC Chief's Room

10 Dec: BMT BX Extravaganza

10 Dec: 15th Annual Military Children's Christmas Party

20 Dec: U.S. Space Force 3rd Birthday

23 Dec: AETC Family Day



CORRECTION: A.B. Cruz III, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (retired), pictured above, was incorrectly identified as Rey Feo Augustine "Augie" Cortez, Jr., in our October issue. Cruz, is the court prime minister for Rey Feo Program. Cruz was at the Defense Language Institute to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Oct. 14, 2022.



Clockwise from Left: Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall, reads the oath of enlistment to U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training graduates at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Nov. 3, 2022. Kendall served as the presiding official during the BMT graduation, where he welcomed 570 of the newest Airmen to the U.S. Air Force. Right: Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall, center, stands in formation with Lt. Gen. Brian Robinson, center right, commander of Air Education and Training Command, Col. Jeffrey Pixley, left, commander of the 737th Training Group, Chief Master Sgt. Erik Thompson, center right, AETC command chief, and Chief Master Sgt. Dan Anderson, right, senior enlisted leader for the 737th Training Group, at the start of a U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training graduation ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photos by Brian Boisvert)

SECAF Kendall takes a closer look at JBSA missions

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall visited Joint Base San Antonio to meet with leaders across Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Installation Management Support Center and Sixteenth Air Force across the Nov. 4-5, 2022.

Joint Base San Antonio is not only the largest joint base, but is also the “Gateway to the Air Force” and home to the Air Force’s Basic Military Training, which hosts graduations every week, generating the force the Air Force requires.

Kendall, as presiding official, celebrated the graduation of 570 of the Air Force’s newest Airmen and provided the oath of enlistment.

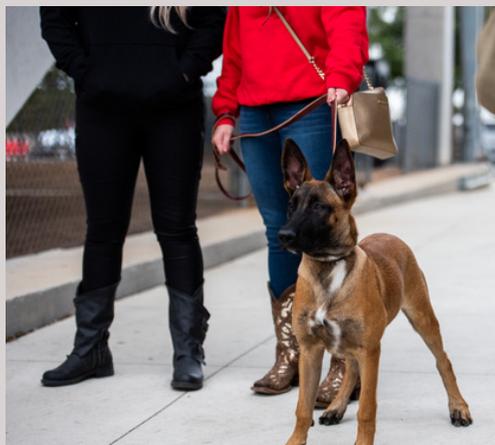
“You may notice that these Airmen are no longer the same people you knew seven-and-a-half weeks ago,” Kendall said. “I remember that transformation in my own son when he completed basic training shortly before deploying to Iraq. It was hard to believe that so much had changed, and changed for the better, in such a short time.”

Kendall, alongside AETC senior leaders, also had the opportunity to chat with graduates, family members, and military training instructors about the roles each played in shaping the future of the Air Force.

“You are now a part of our decisive advantage in this strategic competition. Our enemies are deterred by the professional, disciplined, valued, empowered and well-equipped joint force of men and women committed to the ideas of liberty and democracy,” he said.

From the first steps of active duty service for enlisted Airmen to the professional military education and training of every Airman, Kendall was treated to a closer look at AETC’s wide-ranging mission set.

“Every day our Air Force leaders are challenging the force to pursue developments in training, technology and cultural norms, in order to ready the Department of Defense for high-end competition,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Robinson, commander of AETC. “At AETC, we clearly understand how vital education and training is to every Airman’s career. From continuous and iterative military training and education to our unique special warfare capabilities, we pride ourselves in keeping the heartbeat of innovation and advancement alive and well in every facet of the enterprise.”



Left: A military working dog bites the protected arm of a dog handler at the Military Working Dog Expo at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Nov. 18, 2022. Right: A puppy stands during the Military Working Dog Expo at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Nov. 18, 2022. The event was hosted by the 341st Training Squadron and featured demonstrations with military working dogs in detection, obedience, and patrol. More than one hundred people attended the expo.

View the entire photo album [here](#).

 by C Arce



MILITARY WORKING DOGS IN ACTION



Thousands take part in 15th Annual Fallen Defender Ruck March

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – The 343rd Training Squadron held the 15th Annual Fallen Defender Memorial Ruck March on Nov. 4, 2022, at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis, Texas.

The purpose of the event is to honor all Security Forces members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Over 2,000 participants marched 4.76 miles, which included personnel from the 343 TRS, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, San Antonio Police Department, Gold Star Families, JBSA-Lackland mission partners, and other units from around the world.

Check out more photos [here](#). 



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Forging the next generation: BMT Leads the way

By Joseph Gangemi
37th Training Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas –

Following a 16-year run, Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training, or BEAST, has come to an end. With an eye toward the future fight, Air Force Basic Military Training is implementing a revised training exercise – PACER FORGE -- where Agile Combat Employment and the concept of multi-capable Airmen are the beating heart. Primary Agile Combat Employment Range, Forward Operations Readiness Generation Exercise, or PACER FORGE, is a fast-paced, two-day scenario-based deployment that mirrors the Air Force's force generation process and reinforces concepts introduced at BMT.

"The move toward PACER FORGE is not just a renaming or re-branding of BEAST," said Col. Jeff Pixley, 737th Training Group commander. "This was a year-long effort to reimagine BEAST."

BMT has had dedicated training days to instill the warrior mindset, initially called "Warrior Week," since 1999. In 2004, that training was expanded and in 2006, the four-day BEAST exercise stood up and had largely remained unchanged, until now.



by Thomas Coney

[Read the entire story here.](#) 



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37th Training Wing Commander visits JBSA Fire Station

Col. Lauren Courchaine, 37th Training Wing Commander, visited Joint Base San Antonio Fire Station 1, at JBSA-Lackland, Texas, Oct. 28, 2022. Courchaine met with Station 1 personnel to learn more about their mission across JBSA and visit their facility.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE 37TH TRAINING WING



The 37th Training Wing 2022 Third Quarter Awards was held at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Oct. 28, 2022. A group of 37 Training Group Airmen pose at Mitchell Hall after the event. 📷 by Daniel Cruz



Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morgan, 37th Training Wing command chief, serves Thanksgiving Dinner to trainees Nov. 24, 2022 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. 📷 by Daniel Cruz



A photographer with Airman Magazine captures photos of international military students during a field exercise with the Inter-American Air Forces Academy at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Nov. 15, 2022. 📷 by Vanessa R. Adame



Tech. Sgt. Cassandra Bloomfield (center) was presented a coin, Dec. 1, 2022, for her work as an audio book narrator for the Air Force Handbook 1. Air Force Handbook 1, Airman (AFH1) serves as a collection of references and resources pertaining to a wide range of subject areas in the profession of arms. Many Airmen use this handbook or the sourced enlisted promotion study guides to prepare for promotion testing to E-5 and E-6. Bloomfield is assigned to the 326th Training Squadron.

📷 by Daniel Cruz

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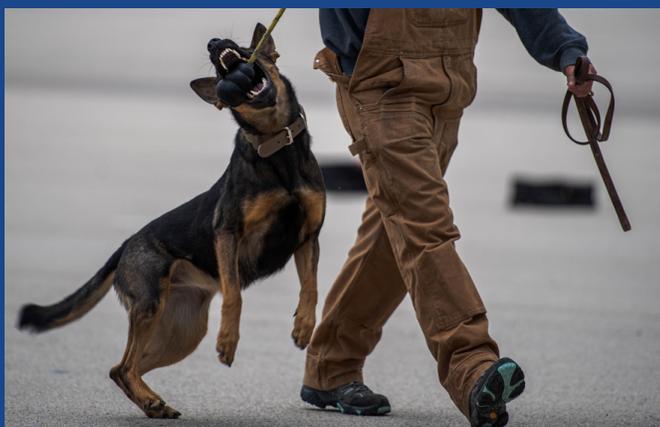
DLIELC Graduates first Coast Guard recruits

The journey is just beginning for two United States Coast Guard recruits who joined U.S. Army Echo Company to study English at the Defense Language Institute English Language Center. Read the entire story [here](#).



Operation Recharge: How 343 TRS puts meaning behind self care

The 343rd Training Squadron, which is home to Security Forces technical training, hosted Operation Recharge for their Airmen on Nov. 18, here. Also known as a resiliency and wellness event, this is the squadron's second event which was held in conjunction with their Thanksgiving luncheon. Read the entire story [here](#).



341st Training Squadron holds first Military Working Dog Expo

The 341st Training Squadron held its first military working dog expo Nov. 18. Squadron personnel spent the morning doing detection, obedience, and patrol demonstrations. They also had a weapons display from the 37th Training Support Squadron Combat Arms Training and Maintenance; foster and adoption information booths; and meet-and-greets with some dogs up for adoption. Read the entire story [here](#).



IAAFA team renovates its Leadership Reaction Course Complex

The Inter-American Air Forces Academy staff and cadre rallied to renovate its Leadership Reaction Course Complex, better known as Project X. About 40 volunteers worked over 100 hours in just two weeks to repair, sand, and paint the 17 obstacles located at Chapman Annex. Read the entire story [here](#).