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**By Capt. Paula Bissonette
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RANDOLPH AFB, Texas --**
Air Education and Training Command officials signed an order March 16 on Randolph AFB that established an operating location to support the creation of a joint base in San Antonio.

Establishment of the operating location provides a framework against which to assign some of the earliest members of what will become the 502nd Air Base Wing, which is slated to stand up with a skeletal staff in August. The 502nd ABW will be the command structure responsible for executing the installation support mission for the Joint Base, which will include Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases as well as Fort Sam Houston.

Representatives from installation support areas at all three locations have met regularly to determine how best to consolidate their organizations and meet the intent of the Joint Basing Implementation Guidance, or JBIG. The guidance comes from the Secretary of Defense and identifies which functions are considered installation support, and therefore must be included in the Joint Base organizational structure. The guidance also dictates which military service will lead the Joint Basing effort at each of the locations where

it is taking place around the country. In San Antonio, the Air Force was given the lead.

Col. Vincent Feck, director of the Joint Basing Implementation Office at Randolph, is charged with leading the effort to synchronize and integrate the efforts of all the functional representatives to complete the Joint Base standup by October of 2010.

“At Randolph and Lackland, the mission support groups, pretty much in total, along with elements of the wing staff will realign under and become part of the 502nd Air Base Wing,” he said.
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Col. Vincent Feck, sitting on the right, is director of the Joint Basing Implementation Office (JBIO) at Randolph AFB, Texas. The Air Force is the lead agency for Joint Base San Antonio, which is one of 12 locations where the Defense Department will form joint bases.

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HON Wayne Arne talks with Air Force Maj. Gen. Del Eulberg about Joint Basing during a conference at Lackland AFB late last year. (Courtesy 37 TRW)

Ground breaks for \$69.9 million new research laboratory



(Photo by Ron Rogers)



SAN ANTONIO JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE (SAJPO) --

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Tri-Service Research Laboratory took place May 6 at Ft. Sam Houston.

This latest project awarded as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction program in San Antonio will provide a facility that consolidates Air Force and Navy bio-effects research at one location on Fort Sam Houston.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has given a \$69.9 million contract to Skanska USA Building, Inc. for construction of the Tri-Service Research Laboratory, which will be located north of Brooke Army Medical Center. Skanska will oversee the project through its San Antonio office. The company's

headquarters are located in Parsippany, New Jersey.

The Tri-Service Research Laboratory is a 181,000 square foot facility that will house Air Force and Navy research programs that address the health and safety effects of exposure to a variety of stressors. These programs currently operate in a collection of buildings located at Brooks City Base in San

Antonio. The contract went to Blackhawk Ventures, LLC, which is based in San Antonio.

These contracts are among 30 contracts worth more than \$700 million that are scheduled to be awarded for BRAC and other military construction projects in San Antonio by the end of fiscal year 2009, which runs through September 30. They come in addition to the \$1.2 billion in BRAC and BRAC-related construction contracts that were awarded in fiscal year 2008. The prime contractors that have received BRAC contracts are hiring many subcontractors from the San Antonio area to help complete their projects.

The peak of construction activity for the San Antonio BRAC program is anticipated late this summer, when more than 2,200 construction workers are expected to be spread across various project sites.

(The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District also contributed to this story)



headquarters are located in Parsippany, New Jersey. The new facility on Fort Sam Houston is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2011.

The Corps of Engineers has also awarded a related \$367,000 contract for installation of the ducts and cabling necessary to provide voice and data communications to the laboratory facility. This

711 Human Performance Wing looking forward to new classes

By Daryl Mayer
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- Fresh off the first anniversary of the unit's standup, the evolution of the 711th Human Performance Wing at Wright-Patterson continues with the announcement of the first classes.

The U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine supports the Air Force with research, consultation, and academic instruction. The school's first classes to be taught in Ohio are scheduled to start in December 2010, beginning with the Bioenvironmental Engineering Advanced Measurements Course which will hold 25 students.

In January 2011, the first classes for newly minted airmen coming from basic training will begin. Approximately one hundred new airmen will attend Public Health and the Bioenvironmental Engineering apprentice courses. An additional one hundred students, primarily Air Force enlisted, will be attending either the Bioenvironmental Craftsman,

Bioenvironmental Measurement, or Hearing Conservation Certification courses.

"This is an exciting time for the 711th Human Performance Wing," said Thomas S. Wells, 711 HPW director. "These classes represent the first significant mission activity to transition from Texas to the Wright-Patt area. Over the last year, we developed a detailed transition plan that coordinates the movement of people and equipment with the preparation of facilities and scheduling of inbound students--it all begins to happen next year."

Under the terms of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law, units from Brooks City-Base, Texas; Mesa, Arizona; Holloman AFB, New Mexico; and Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, were designated to join existing elements of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Human Effectiveness Directorate to define Wright-Patterson as a Center of Excellence for Human Performance.

"Every day when I drive to work, I see the progress on construction of the 680,000

square-foot complex," Mr. Wells said. "While it is perhaps more difficult to see the progress happening in the unit itself, scheduling these classes is tangible proof that our consolidation here in Ohio is underway."

The establishment of the wing brings nearly 1000 new jobs and \$200 million in construction projects to the Miami Valley.

Because the new HPW complex isn't scheduled to be complete until mid-2011, the initial classes will be held at the nearby Kettering Business Park. Since the business park is a former government facility, the Air Force still holds a no-cost lease for the space.

"There is a natural break in the class schedule that makes January 2011 an opportune time to move the students, but our new facility won't be ready then," said Jacque Fisher, 88th Air Base Wing BRAC director. "The availability of this former government facility made this an attractive solution in terms of taxpayer savings."



Artist conception of the 711th Human Performance Wing complex under construction at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded Archer Western Contractors, LTD./Butt Construction Company, Inc. the \$194.5 million design-build contract.



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"Because the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Sam Houston already exists to provide installation support there, that entity, almost in total, will also fall under the Joint Base."

Each of the three locations will have a Mission Support Group that reports to the 502nd ABW Commander. The majority of functions and personnel at the three locations will remain in place to continue to provide the same installation support they are providing now.

A detailed memorandum of agreement, or MOA is being created to capture exactly how the 502nd ABW and its three mission support groups will continue to provide the same level of support that customers at all three installations experience today. When com-

plete, the MOA will be signed by all Service secretaries involved.

"The MOA spells out not only what services we will provide, but the people and the dollars allocated to provide that support," said Colonel Feck.

Representatives from all three bases and functions involved are currently reviewing a draft of the agreement. One of the next milestones in the Joint Base transformation is the MOA review workshop, scheduled for June of this year. During this review, representatives from the Department of Defense and the different services will be able to review the draft agreement before it is submitted for signature.

"The workshop will give OSD and the services a

chance to see what we have created," said Colonel Feck. "It will give them an ability to interact with us directly in a one-on-one environment to address any issues we haven't been able to resolve at our level."

The MOA should be signed by September, solidifying the definition of what the 502nd ABW will do and how it will accomplish its mission. Armed with this MOA, the newly formed 502nd ABW will begin the implementation stage of Joint Basing in San Antonio, with Lackland and Randolph beginning the transition in January 2010, followed by Fort Sam Houston in April of 2010.

City hires Public Relations firm to publicize BRAC

SAN ANTONIO JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE (SAJPO) --

The City of San Antonio has hired Thompson Marketing to undertake a public relations and marketing campaign for the community on BRAC.

The City Council approved the contract with Thompson Marketing on April 16, 2009.

The primary goals of the San Antonio BRAC Marketing Campaign are to raise awareness, educate the community and actively promote participation in BRAC related activities, initiatives and opportunities.

The campaign will also increase the appeal of San Antonio to BRAC relocatees by highlighting housing, education, workforce, quality of live and recreational opportunities.

The 12 month contract calls for the firm to create a

marketing and public relations plan, develop a slogan and logo for San Antonio BRAC, develop literature and direct marketing materials, develop and design print advertising to include posters, flyers and billboard graphics, and create a San Antonio BRAC website.

BRAC 2005 became law on November 9, 2005. The law requires BRAC actions be complete not later than September 15, 2009.

BRAC 2005 execution is estimated to result in \$5.7 billion in positive economic impact to the city of San Antonio. As a result of the new federal jobs and increases in the military trainee population, once executed, BRAC will continue to add to the San Antonio economy.



Ft. Sam Houston Commissary renovation underway

by Lori Newman

Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office -- The Fort Sam Houston Commissary is receiving a face lift. Renovations began a few months ago and will continue through December.

All the refrigeration units; heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; and the floor tile are being replaced. "The refrigeration and the HVAC systems needed to be replaced for several reasons. One, they weren't energy efficient and two, they are old. They were starting to break down and we were having a lot of problems in that area," said Ralph Maastricht, store director.

All of the refrigerated units will be replaced, and the shelving for the dry goods portion of the store will also be replaced, once the new floor is

put in place.

"The customers will see an immediate improvement when they walk into the store and see a new floor and expanded produce department," said Maastricht.

The produce department will extend from the front of the store and wrap around the back wall. The meat department will also be expanded and have upright cases making product more visible to the customers.

The frozen food section of the store will also get new upright cases that are more energy efficient and part of a wall will be removed in the delicatessen and bakery area so customers are able to see into the section.

The roof is also being replaced and the exterior of the building is being resealed and painted. There will be a new

paint-scheme on both the interior and exterior of the building.

"We understand that this is an inconvenience for our customers. We just hope they will be patient and understanding during the renovations, and to please continue shopping their Fort Sam Houston Commissary" said Maastricht. "The renovation should be completed by Dec. 24 or before, weather permitting."

The total cost of the renovation is \$8 million.

"I really like what they have done so far," said Commissary customer Henriette McCallister.



Saba Oivera shops with her daughter, Estela, in the new produce section of the Ft. Sam Houston Commissary. Many of the produce cases have already been replaced with new, more energy efficient cases. (Photo by Lori Newman)



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 04.20.2009 -- DoD applies telework, subsidies to ease BRAC moves - Federal Times
 04.19.2009 -- Armed Forces center coming to San Marcos - Newstreamz.com
 04.17.2009 -- McNeil pushes through BRAC PR contract - SA Express News
 04.16.2009 -- Rezoning begins around Camp Bullis - SA Communities
 04.15.2009 -- Rush is on to get a slice of BRAC pie - SA Express News
 04.09.2009 -- Light restrictions made to conserve Camp Bullis mission - SA Communities
 04.09.2009 -- Comal County gets break from potential land use law - SA Communities
 04.08.2009 -- County Moving Forward With BRAC PR Campaign - KTSA
 04.08.2009 -- Officials break ground on Defense Media Activity headquarters - Army News Service
 04.08.2009 -- Wright-Patt announces courses at future school - Greene County Dailies
 04.06.2009 -- Post's historic buildings being restored - SA Express News
 04.06.2009 -- Skanska wins design-build lab contract at Fort Sam - SA Business Journal
 04.03.2009 -- Camp Bullis Lighting Restrictions Approved - WOAI
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 04.01.2009 -- Homeowners believe plan could amount to government land grab - WOAI

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Upcoming Events

Event	POC	Date
San Antonio Community - Military Council (SACMC)	Col. Mona Vollmer	5/19/2009
Military Transformation Task Force (MTTF) Meeting	James Henderson	5/20/2009
Executive Integration Oversight Board - Medical	Ron Rogers	5/26/2009
MTTF Economic Development Committee Meeting	Michele Parlett	6/01/2009

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