

Army general reviews training at KSH

One of the U.S. Army's top medical officers visited Kerrville State Hospital last week to check out the training some of his soldiers are getting. Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, head of the Army's Medical Service Corps, got a taste of the real world experience of soldiers preparing to become behavioral health technicians.

Once deployed, the technicians will assess the mental health of fellow soldiers, recommend treatment and provide counseling. While at Kerrville State Hospital for four weeks, they have an opportunity to observe patient care and interact with patients and hospital professional staff.

Rubenstein was particularly interested in how well the training prepares soldiers for work in the field.

"The behavioral health technician soldiers I served with in Iraq were very well trained and performed at a high level," said Dr. Matthew Faubion, a staff psy-



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Gen. David Rubenstein, right, meets with Stephen Anfinson at Kerrville State Hospital.

chiatrist at KSH who was deployed to Iraq in 2007. Rubenstein met with KSH Superintendent Ste-

phen Anfinson and representatives from the medical staff to discuss the training program. He then toured the hospital's four treatment units, where soldiers currently are assigned.

"We've been told that soldiers consistently make Kerrville State Hospital their first choice for practical training," Anfinson said. "We appreciate this vote of confidence and the opportunity to serve these soldiers and our country."

Since 2004, Kerrville State Hospital has provided practical training for more than 400 soldiers after they complete their classroom training in San Antonio.

Kerrville State Hospital, a 202-bed inpatient facility of the Texas Department of State Health Services, provides psychiatric hospital care for court committed adults. As part of its mission, it serves as a training site for a variety of students pursuing professional degrees.



Schreiner's Greystone welcomes new class

The Greystone at Schreiner University began the school year Wednesday with 28 freshmen enrolled in the program. The mission of Greystone is to provide a university-level program to prepare post high school students academically, physically and ethically to qualify for and succeed at one of the five Federal Service Academies: West Point, Annapolis, Air Force, Coast Guard or the Merchant Marines.

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SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher W. Berglund graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, U.S. Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Bradley Berglund of Fort Worth.

what it means to be a sailor.

Boggs is a 2009 graduate of Riesel High School.

He is the son of Donna L. Keiser of Kerrville and Jeff R. Boggs of Waco.

Felipe-Ortega

LAWTON, Okla. — Army Pvt. Jesus A. Felipe-Ortega has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

The private is a 2003 graduate of James Madison High School in San Antonio.

He is the son of Carlos and Flora Felipe-Ortega of San Antonio.

His wife, Kristen, is the daughter of Robert Taylor of Kerrville and Collen Palacios of Bethel, Alaska.

Moore

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Navy Fireman Herschel A. Moore recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Moore completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis also was placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Moore is a 2009 graduate of Bandera High School.

He is the son of Kim L. and Herschel A. Moore of Bandera.

Prendergast

BALLSTON SPA, N.Y. — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Nelson H. Prendergast recently completed Naval Nuclear Power Training Pipeline.

During the course with Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, N.Y., Prendergast received instruction about nuclear theory, chemistry, physics, reactor operations, safety and security. Upon completion of the course, Prendergast qualified as a Naval nuclear operator.

Prendergast is a 2003 graduate of Tivy High School in Kerrville and joined the Navy in October 2008.

He is the son of Susan Masters and George Prendergast, both of Kerrville.

Soucy

SAN DIEGO — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kelley C. Soucy, along with 1,000 fellow sailors and Marines on the USS New Orleans (LPD-18), home ported in San Diego, Calif., recently

embarked on a scheduled three-month deployment in support of Southern Partnership Station.

SPS is a deployment of various specialty platforms to the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility in Latin America. The mission's primary goal is information sharing with various navies, coast guards and civilians services throughout the region.

The USS New Orleans is a part of Amphibious Squadron FIVE. CPR5 prepares and directs expeditionary warfare missions in support of national objectives by employing the combat power of amphibious ships, cruiser-destroyer attack ships and the Marine Corps in the maritime, littoral and inland environments.

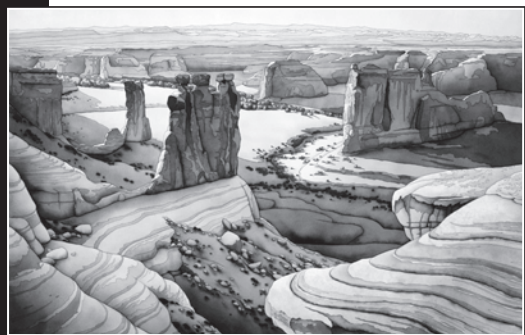
"The training in which we engaged in will continue to solidify the foundation for global security and prosperity," said Capt. Peter J. Brennan, SPS mission commander.

Soucy joined the Navy in June 2006.

She is the daughter of Mariann Slocum and stepdaughter of Gary Slocum of Mountain Home.

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