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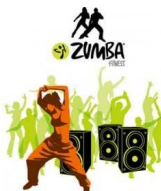
Oldies But Goodies

- Fun Run
- Golf Tournament
- NGAT Welcome Party—(No meal to be served) Casino & musical entertainment
- 9th Annual Silent Auction
- Prayer Breakfast

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

- Skeet & Trap Tournament—(Troy, Texas)
- Texas Hold'em Tournament
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42 TOURNAMENT



Texas Capitol
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MEET OUR NEW SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR BRADLEY BRANDT

Command Sergeant Major Bradley Brandt assumed duties as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Texas Military Forces on July 1, 2011. Command Sergeant Major Brandt was born in Waco, TX and graduated from MacArthur High School, Irving, Texas, in 1973. CSM Brandt attended McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas.

CSM Brandt began his military career in June 1975, enlisting in the U.S. Army to serve as a UH-1 helicopter mechanic. CSM Brandt's initial assignment was with 2nd Aviation Company, 2nd Armored Division, Ft. Hood, Texas, where he served as a UH-1 helicopter mechanic and crew chief. Upon completion of his initial active duty tour, CSM Brandt joined the Texas Army National Guard in 1983, where he gained additional training and qualifications as a motor vehicle mechanic, water purification supervisor, supply logistics supervisor, senior logistics NCO, and operations sergeant major.

CSM Brandt's assignments include Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic, Logistics NCO, Senior Logistics NCO, Supply and Services Operations Sergeant, and First Sergeant all in the HHC 49th DISCOM, 49th AD and Command Sergeant Major duties with the 949 Forward Support Battalion, 49th AD/36th ID, 449th Aviation Support Battalion, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, 36th Sustainment Brigade, Standing Joint Interagency Task Force (SJIATF), and 36th Infantry Division (Rear) CSM. CSM Brandt's deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF 06-08) 2006-2007.

CSM Brandt is a graduate of the Basic Non-Commissioned Course, Advance Non-Commissioned Officer Course, and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 'M' device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Texas Medal of Merit, Adjutant Individual Award, and Texas Faithful Service Medal with silver cactus leaf.

CSM Brandt and his wife Sharon live in Round Rock, Texas, and have two sons Matthew, 26, and Kirk, 21.

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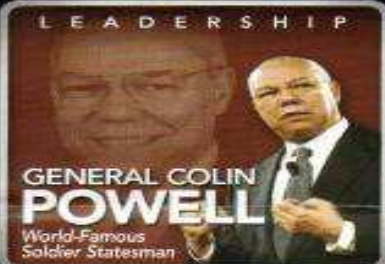


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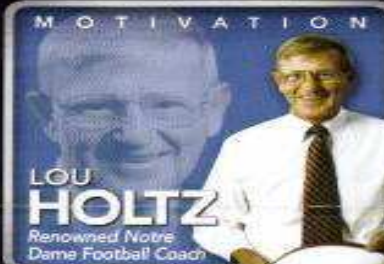
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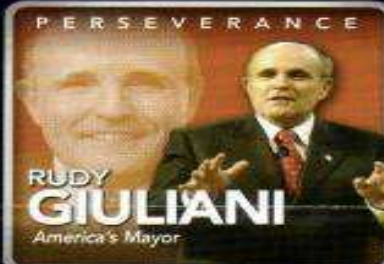
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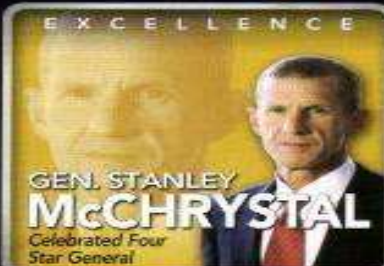
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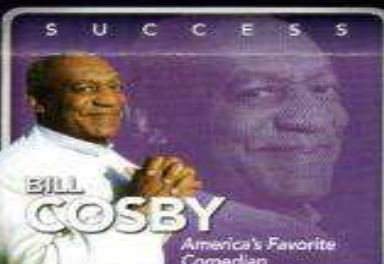
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Nearly 1.5 million Americans actively served in our military and armed forces as of 2010, whether in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard. Another 800,000-plus served in the Reserves. With so many men and women defending and aiding our country under difficult conditions, it's not surprising retailers, restaurants, service providers, and travel and entertainment companies now offer a wide variety of discounts in grateful thanks. As our way of thanking those who serve, we've compiled a detailed list of ways to

save for veterans, all active branches and, in some instances, the families who stand behind them. Participation may vary at different locations, so check first. Do you know of a military discount we are missing? Let us know at ngatnews@ngat.org



Restaurants Abuelo's Mexican Food - Abuelo's offerings vary by region, be sure to call ahead to see what discounts or freebies are included.

Applebees - All veterans and active duty military eat free from a limited menu at Applebee's on Veterans Day.

Chili's — Veterans and active duty dine for free from a special limited six item menu on Veterans Day.

Golden Corral — Golden Corral Restaurants' Military Appreciation Monday free dinner will be available on November 15, from 5 pm to 9 pm. Military retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves are all welcome.

Hooters — All Veterans and active duty eat free. The free entrees must be selected from a special Veterans Day menu.

Krispy Kreme - All active-duty, retirees & veterans get a free doughnut on Veterans Day. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

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McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants — Participating McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants offer a complimentary entree to vets from a special menu on a space available basis. Online reservations are highly recommended.

Outback Steakhouse — Veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary Bloomin' Onion and non-alcoholic beverage on Veterans Day.

UNO Chicago Grill — UNO is offering a Buy One Get One free offer to Service members or Veterans with a military or veteran I.D. or in uniform or with a photo of themselves in uniform. The Veterans Day BOGO offer includes a free entree or individual pizza, with the purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value.

Texas Roadhouse - Free meal from opening until 4pm on Veterans Day. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's - Veterans and Service members Buy One Get One free from Nov 11-14. Contact your nearest location for more details on their Veterans Day BOGO offer.

The Dollar General — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families will receive a 10-percent discount with a Veterans Day coupon. The coupon may be found in store circular ads or by asking a sales associate.

Home Depot — Offers a 10 percent discount to all Veterans everyday. The offer is available in stores only and is limited to in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000.



Lowe's — All veterans receive the 10-percent discount every day. The offer is available in stores only and is limited to in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000.

Sam's Club — Sam's is giving away 36,000 collapsible Hugo Canes on Veterans Day to military veterans in need of mobility assistance. Sam's Club will not require membership for this offer, but proof of service may be necessary.

Amazon.com - Free "Veterans Day Honor" MP3 album download. The album includes 12 songs by The Bands and Ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Cabela's Outdoor Store - Offers their employee discount to all veterans, active-duty military and reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel November 11-12. Discounts vary from 5% to 50%, depending on the item.

Build-a-Bear Workshop - Members of the armed services including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Reserve Officer Training Corps, will receive a 20% discount November 11-15 on any one transaction at Build-A-Bear Workshop.

Fashion Bug - 20% off all plus-size and misses clothing purchases with a copy of military ID or spouse's military ID.

Sports Clips Haircuts - The men's hair salon chain is offering a free haircut to active military and veterans on Veterans Day.



Foot Locker — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families with a Foot Locker Veterans Advantage Card receive a 20 percent discount every day of the year. That offer is good both online and at any store location, including Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, Footaction and Champs Sports — even on sale items.



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WARRANT OFFICERS HOLD 100 MILE RELAY RACE

The inaugural Camp Mabry 100 relay race and 10 miler was held on the Camp Mabry track on October 5th, 2011, to raise money for the Audie L. Murphy Chapter of the US Army Warrant Officers Association Scholarship Fund. Three relay teams participated in the 100 mile relay and about 20 more runners ran the 10 miler. CW2 Michael Long (right) attempted to complete the full 100 miles by himself but fell short after retiring with 73 miles completed. The winner of the relay race was Major Laura Jane Stephens' all-female team "Girls Can't What?" in a time of 16 hours and 28 minutes. Captain Chris Graves held off CW2 Ricky Downs to win the 10 miler in 1 hour and 7 minutes. Overall, the event was a huge success, raising over \$800 for the scholarship fund. Participants ranged in ability from walkers to current and former members of the Texas National Guard marathon team. Through the heat of mid-afternoon until after midnight, supporters, spectators and volunteers gathered to cheer on the runners.



**Team Roster for "Girls Can't What?"
MAJ Laura Jane Stephens
CPT Melva Rivera
MAJ Heather Flores
SSG Daisy Prieto
CPT Laura Cross
SSG Millie Henderson
1LT Crystal Garcia
CPT Yael Rackley
LTC Sharon Henderson
Carol Sutherland



TACO CHAIN OFFERS DISCOUNT

Military personnel and their families can now save 20% off their purchases at Taco Cabana. Beginning October 14, 2011, the Texas-based chain is offering a military discount to service members who visit a location in uniform or who can show proof of ID.

The Taco Cabana military discount is part of a new partnership with the [Warrior and Family Support Center](#), a San Antonio-based non-profit that provides a safe place for wounded personnel to reconnect with family members during treatment or rehabilitation.



CSM (Ret) Eddie "Critter" Chambliss celebrates Sep 19th "International Talk Like A Pirate Day." Ahoy Matey want to know how to get your mug in this publication? Well shiver me timbers it's not that hard. Just send ye best mug to
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Austin, TX 78723

Nov 9

10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Dallas Marriott Las Colinas
223 West Las Colinas Blvd
Irving, TX 75039
516-515-9943

San Antonio Veteran Diversity Professional Job Fair
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Norris Conference Center
4522 Fredericksburg Road
Crossroads Mall
San Antonio, TX 78201

Diversity job fair
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport
4545 W John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, TX 75063

Nov 11

Dallas North Job Fair
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Plano East
700 Central Parkway East
Plano, TX 75074

Nov 15

11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Plano East
700 Central Parkway East
Plano, TX 75074

Nov 16

10:30 am to 2:00 pm
Norris Conference Center
2525 W Anderson Ln
Austin, TX 78757

Diversity Job Fair
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Hilton Houston Southwest
6780 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77074

Nov 17

10:30 am to 2:00 pm
Doubletree Hotel
2015 Markey Center Blvd
Dallas, TX 75207

Nov 30

Civilianjobs.com
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Club Hood
24th and Wainwright, Bldg 5764
Ft Hood, TX 76544

Dec 1

11:00 am to 3:00 pm
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1241 West Mockingbird Lane
Dallas, TX 75247

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Norris Conference Center
4522 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78201

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Club Hood
24th and Wainwright, Bldg 5764
Ft Hood, TX 76544

Dec 1

Civilianjobs.com
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
1396 Chaffee Rd
Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234

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Houston Career Fair
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Norris Conference Center
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Dec 5

Austin Career Fair
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Dec 6

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Houston, TX 77061

Dec 7

Houston South Job Fair
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Houston, TX 77061

Dec 8

San Antonio Job Fair
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