

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

You can enhance your career by volunteering

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Did you know you can earn a medal when you volunteer with BOSS? It is called the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. With a 15-point value toward promotion, the medal is equivalent to the Army Achievement Medal and Combat Infantry Badge. It's just below the Army Commendation Medal, worth 20 points; but, in front of the Good Conduct Medal and Expert Infantry Badge, worth 10 points each.

The Army's military awards regulation, AR 600-8-22, requires that Soldiers meet the following criteria

to qualify:

- Perform voluntary service for the civilian community, to include the military family community.
- Be significant in nature and produce tangible results.
- Reflect favorably on the Army and the Department of Defense.
- Be of a sustained and direct nature. Single acts of achievement do not qualify.

A question you may ask is, "How are the hours that I volunteer recorded?" Well, Fort Hood BOSS is established on the Army One Source site. Through this website, Soldiers are now able to track their volunteer hours with the BOSS program. After you submit the hours we can validate them. Visit the Army One Source website at www.myarmyonesource.com and register as a volunteer today! Together we can make a difference in our local community.

In the coming weeks we have sev-



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eral events in which to participate. The first event is 3-9 p.m. Saturday in the Soldier Development Center parking area where BOSS will be selling food and drinks during the "Ford: Operation Drive One" event. You can meet Bill Goldberg and see his 1970 Lawman "Super Boss" 429 Mustang. You can enter for a chance to win a private Toby Keith concert, one of two 2011 Ford Mustang vehicles and one of 12 trips to Homestead Miami Speedway to attend Ford Championship Weekend NASCAR races. For more information, call 287-6116 or stop by the BOSS office located in the Phantom Warrior Center to sign up.

BOSS is volunteering with Camp Care a Lot 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. today through Saturday at Peaceable Kingdom. We need as many volunteers as possible. This summer camp program is primarily for children 5-21 years of age who have chronic illnesses and/or disabilities. Please call the BOSS office for more information.

Do you have a talent that you're waiting to showcase? BOSS will be hosting a talent show at 7 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Phantom Warrior Center Ballroom. This event is sure to be a blast with prizes for the best acts. Be sure to register with the BOSS office by Aug. 20 to participate.

Operation Rising Star is back in 2010 and it's back with a bang. You can showcase your musical talents by competing with other Soldiers on Fort Hood. This event will be an intense battle between the Soldiers

and is similar to the popular American Idol TV series. The first round of the competition is set for Sept. 2, but remember to register with the BOSS office by Aug. 25. For more information, call 287-6116.

If you haven't heard already, the Fort Hood BOSS program is now on the web! Check out our site at www.hood.army.mil/boss and suggest your ideas for events we could host in the future. It's really easy to do and we read every idea. Our mission is to take the ideas from the best possible source: the Soldiers, and then make their ideas a reality.

You can also stay on track with



us on Facebook. Add us at www.facebook.com/forthoodboss. Our primary focus is on our junior enlisted Soldiers. They are the future of the Army and we're working hard to make sure our future is taken care of by ensuring the quality of life for single Soldiers here on Fort Hood is the absolute best it can be.

Thanks again for your support and stay Fort Hood BOSS Strong!



Photos by Spc. Justin Naylor, 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

Col. John Peeler (far right), commander, 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div., and the brigade's senior NCO, Command Sgt. Maj. Emmett Maunakea (second from right), received a 50-inch television on behalf of "Black Jack" Soldiers from the Fort Hood BOSS program July 6 at the brigade's headquarters. Presented by BOSS president Ryan Konewko (far left), Luis Rios, BOSS advisor, and Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Felt, Fort Hood's garrison command sergeant major, the brigade received the television in recognition of their efforts to plan and host this year's Single Soldiers' Festival at the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area.



Colonel John Peeler (right), commander, 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div., talks to Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Felt, senior enlisted advisor for Fort Hood's garrison command, July 6 about the success of the Single Soldiers' Festival, which took place at BLORA June 11.

Businesses help with makeover projects

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The 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program has accepted the challenge to boost the overall morale and improve the quality of life within the brigade.

Each battalion was afforded an opportunity to restore one dayroom located within the barracks. The 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, and 1st Battalion, 44th

Air Defense Artillery, picked a theme to catch the Soldiers' attention. Many great themes were suggested, but billiards and movies were the most popular.

Two area businesses, Copperas Cove Wal-Mart and Ashley Furniture in Killeen, have adopted the 69th's BOSS program and have been supplying them with the tools and supplies needed for each dayroom makeover project.

This project that 69th ADA BOSS program started can be an example for

other units around Fort Hood.

Each dayroom makeover was amazing. Both battalions' dayrooms projects included new furniture, restored pool tables, new TVs and the smell of fresh paint.

Prior to the makeover, both dayrooms were barely used because of their worn down condition. Then we started working on this project. We're hoping, as a team, we can boost the unit's overall morale, as well as create support for the BOSS program.



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Dora Rojas, community involvement coordinator for Wal-Mart in Copperas Cove, applies a fresh coat of paint to a 69th ADA Bde. dayroom. Wal-Mart in Copperas Cove and Ashley Furniture in Killeen adopted the 69th's BOSS program and provided tools and supplies for two battalions to makeover their barracks dayrooms.

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