

# Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

## Camping, softball, PT up next for BOSS program

BY SPC. RYAN KONEWKO  
BOSS President

Have you heard about the BOSS camping trip? We're taking a trip to Colorado Bend State Park July 30-31. If you have read the *Traveling Soldier* article that was in the *Sentinel* a few weeks ago, then you may already know a little about the park.



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The tranquil and beautiful Gorman Falls are a part of the park and we will be taking a short hike to see them. We've found a campsite located right on the river that is well shaded by a couple of trees. The way the trees have grown is very unusual in the way they seem to wrap around the fire pit. This will definitely make for a very interest-

ing night around the fire. To add to the list of activities in which you'll have an opportunity to participate, we'll be kayaking, swimming, fishing and spelunking. We're providing just about everything you need for only \$20! Come by the BOSS office today and register or visit our website for more information.

If you remember, we had a 24-hour softball tournament scheduled during July. Because of inclement weather, the tournament was postponed. We've locked in 6 p.m. Aug. 5 to 6 p.m. Aug. 6 for 24 hours of non-stop softball action. The teams have been determined and we do have 36 of them. Come on out and watch the games to support your units. The bigger the crowd the more fun it'll be so mark your calendar for this action-packed tournament.

Coming up on Aug. 26, Command Sgt. Maj. Don Felt and I will be hosting a fun-filled PT session in the form of a BOSS run. We'll be standing tall in front of the III



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Corps flag pole at 6:30 a.m. to salute the flag. Wear your orange BOSS shirt and summer PTs and don't worry about a reflective vest or belt as the orange shirt is hard to miss. This is a great opportunity for every BOSS representative on Fort Hood to come out and motivate the masses!

Over the weekend I had the opportunity to head out to the BLORA marina and rent a boat. I must say that even though the boater's safety course may be a bit of an inconvenience, it is full of very useful information that can keep you, your friends and Fort Hood families safe when out on the water

boating. The prices at the marina are reasonable. Life jackets are free and you can rent tubes, water skis, kneeboards and even wakeboards. Overall this is a very cool program that MWR has created for the Soldiers of Fort Hood. I highly recommend checking it out.

If you're interested in the Fort Hood BOSS program, keep up-to-date on our new website! There is a plethora of information available on the site. You can print out the latest calendar, read our meeting agendas, and check out our event flyers. You can even suggest ideas for future BOSS events. The site is really easy to find; it is located right on the



Fort Hood website. You can see it at [www.hood.army.mil/boss](http://www.hood.army.mil/boss). Add us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/forthoodboss](http://www.facebook.com/forthoodboss) as we're always posting cool info on our page.

Our office is located in the Phantom Warrior Center just off of 37th and 761st Tank Battalion Avenue. If you have a question to ask, feel free to call us anytime at 287-6116.

## Leisure, Rec

BY SPC. CAT WILSON  
BOSS Secretary

Need a break from work? Want to get out of your barracks room for a while? Get away from day-to-day stress? Then the Boss program might be just what you need. We try to create many opportunities for Soldiers to just hangout and relax. One of our three pillars is all about just that. Every month we plan a Thursday getaway to give Soldiers a chance to get out and have fun. In the past we have done paintballing, bowling, laser tag and pool parties. The list is endless. Next month our calendar is packed. These are so many things that we do to make life fun for single Soldiers here on Fort Hood and we're always looking for new event ideas.

So if you have that creative spark, feel free to get on our website at [www.hood.army.mil/boss](http://www.hood.army.mil/boss) and submit your ideas. You never know, our next event might be just what you suggested because that is how we work. We take your ideas and make them a reality. BOSS Strong.



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(From left) Spc. Steven Janowski, 69th ADA Bde. BOSS Rep, Spc. Cat Wilson, BOSS Secretary, and Spc. Ryan Konewko, BOSS president, pose in front of a BOSS sign.

## Community Service

BY SPC. STEVEN JANOWSKI  
69th ADA Bde. BOSS Rep.

While visiting a neighboring town today, I realized the importance of community service. Come make a difference with BOSS and help the community by volunteering, even if you only have an hour or so a day. If you have an unpredictable schedule like mine, volunteering with BOSS is a great opportunity to meet with new exciting people in the community around you. I never knew how much work is done by volunteers until I started volunteering at the USO at COB Basrah, Iraq, during Operation

Iraqi Freedom. I didn't see it as being fun, exciting or even inspiring like I do now. Volunteering together as a family is a wonderful way of creating a special bond and lasting memories between one another.

BOSS provides opportunities to give back to others. From ideas on inspiring and teaching compassion to community service project ideas for kids, teens, and families there is something for everyone. I hope this will inspire others to join our team; I have compiled a collection of community service ideas so stop by the BOSS office if you'd like to hear more.

## Quality of Life

BY SPC. RYAN KONEWKO  
BOSS President

We all know that sometimes living in the barracks can be a little aggravating. Things happen: the air conditioner quits working, washers and dryers flat-line, the roof leaks when it rains and even the hot water gets cold feet. What's great about Fort Hood is that there are programs in place to ensure every one of these issues will be addressed in a timely manner. Nine times out of 10 there are no issues but

sometimes things happen the way they shouldn't and an issue can get overlooked. If this happens to you let us know! We're here to help you, the Soldier.

BOSS works to improve overall quality of life on the installation by being the voice of the Soldiers. If you think there is something that could be done differently here on Fort Hood, let us know. We will make sure your voice is heard. We want to make sure you have the best possible quality of life. Speak to your unit BOSS rep today.



Photo by Spc. Ann Marie White, 4th Sust. Bde. Public Affairs

## Soldiers bring tank to PGA event

Soldiers from the 96th Trans. Co., 553rd CSSB, 4th Sust. Bde., 13th ESC, used large Army's Transportation Corps ground vehicles to haul an M1A2 Abrams Tank from Fort Hood to San Antonio for a PGA golf tournament.

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