

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

August packed full of events

BY SPC. RYAN KONEWKO
BOSS President

It's Midnight Madness! We are throwing our second softball tournament of the year. If you remember our last tournament we had 48 teams battle it out for a chance to win \$1,000 for their unit funds. This time, we have 36 teams that will compete for the title in a 24-hour, non-stop, action-packed tournament. We've had many requests for a softball tournament like this, so we're making it happen. It'll start on Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. and finish at 6 p.m. the following day. We'll definitely have all kinds of fun. We do have a couple more slots open, so if you have a team that would like to play, give us a call as soon as possible. You can also mark your calendar and come out to support your units on their path to victory.



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Coming up on Aug. 25, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Felt and I will be hosting a fun-filled physical training session in the form of a BOSS run. We'll be standing tall in front of the III Corps flag pole at



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6:30 a.m. to salute the flag. Wear your orange BOSS shirt and summer PT's and don't worry about a reflective vest or belt as the orange shirt is hard to miss. Before we start the run we're going to have a Soldiers vs. sergeants major tug-of-war. This is a great opportunity for every BOSS representative on Fort Hood to come out and motivate the masses!

The very next day, Aug. 26, we're throwing our end-of-summer pool party!

It's a luau! Pluckers is catering the event with a buffet style extravaganza that can't be beat. Can't forget

the limbo contest! You could win and walk away with a surprise prize! Come beat the heat at the 4th Sustainment Brigade's pool, located on 58th Street and Support Avenue. Catch your rays to keep up with those summer days with BOSS.

If you're interested in the Fort Hood BOSS program you can 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.

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BOSS UPCOMING EVENTS

- CAMPING TRIP** Colorado Bend State Park **AUG 30-31**
- MIDNIGHT MADNESS** Softball Tournament **AUG 5 & 6** 4-Plus Softball Complex
- BOSS RUN** 6:30am, III Corp Flagpole **AUG 25**
- TALENT CONTEST** 7pm, Phantom Warrior Center **AUG 27**
- THURSDAY GETAWAY** 4pm, Phantom Warrior Center **SEP 16**
- END OF SUMMER** Pool Party **AUG 26** 5pm, Whanglight Pool
- OPERATION RISING STAR** **SEP 2, 9, 17, 23** 7pm, Phantom Warrior Center
- CALL OF DUTY** Tournament **SEP 2, 10, 16, 23, 30** 1pm, Pluckers

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The site is really easy to find as it is located right on the Fort Hood website. You can see it at www.hood.army.mil/booss. Our office is located in the Phantom Warrior Center just off of 37th Street and

761st Tank Battalion Avenue. Add us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/forthoodbooss as we're always posting cool info on our page. If you have a question to ask, feel free to call us anytime at 287-6116.

Black Jack troops keeping it cool in pool

BY SPC. JUSTIN NAYLOR
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There's no better way to beat the heat in Texas than with a splash in the pool, and there's no better time to go to the pool than when you're supposed to be working.

During a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers event July 16, single Soldiers only see one another during work hours, BOSS events give them a chance to meet in a relaxed environment.

According to Cooper, you actually get to hang out outside of work, and you can see each other as more than just co-workers; you can become better friends.

The event also gave Soldiers a chance to find a fun, new place in the community.

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Greg Levin, an artilleryman with 3-82 FA Regt.

"(This is) a chance to get single Soldiers out into the community to see what is out there other than just the Army," he said.

Many young Soldiers don't take the time to go into the community and have fun, Levin said. BOSS can be the "first foot in the door" that helps them continue to want to get off the post and see the area around them.

Although this was the "Red Dragons" first BOSS event, Soldiers who attended definitely hope it won't be the last.

"This gives us something to do," Levin said. "I'd love to do more of this."

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Photo by SPC. Justin Naylor, 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

Private 1st Class Matthew Ella, a signal specialist with 3-82 FA Regt., 2nd BCT, 1st Cav. Div., shoots out the end of a waterslide during a BOSS program event July 16 at the Summer Fun Water Park in Belton.

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