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DAYLEY'S UPDATE...



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Garrison Commander

Hello Team Bliss and welcome back from the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope this was a wonderful holiday break for everyone. I know many of you made your way downtown for the Thanksgiving parade and were able to see Fort Bliss' "Lone Ranger" float in action. Thanks to the research and coordination done by the education director of Old Fort Bliss Replica, Wanda Kienzle, and the many hard-working Bliss volunteers, our float took home a well-deserved honorable mention and was seen by more than 250,000 people. What a fantastic way to represent Fort Bliss! It is efforts like this that continue to strengthen the relationship we have with the city of El Paso and ensure Bliss remains an assignment of choice for military families.

Here at Fort Bliss, we are constantly working to improve the quality of life we offer our Soldiers and families while also moving forward in our goal of becoming NetZero in energy, waste and water by 2018. To that end, 4,700 new homes powered through solar energy systems will be built here and at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

These systems will provide our community with energy that is cleaner, cheaper and sustainable. Once completed, it will be the largest solar housing project in the Army and will further cement our reputation as the premiere installation in the Department of Defense.

We have two homes on post that are outfitted with the new systems and exist to give everyone an opportunity to learn how solar energy is produced and how residents can use online tools to monitor solar output and get involved with renewable energy and conservation behaviors.

It is one thing to say the houses we are building our Soldiers and families are first rate and cutting edge, but it is another to prove it. Balfour Beatty Communities has arranged for third-party validation that our homes being built are within the top 1 percent for energy efficiency, not only in the country, but in all of North America.

As many of you know, our dedication to conservation is not going to start with the new homes being built, but is already in progress across the installation. We recently completed our first month of live billing as part of the Live Army Green program.

I am pleased to see the majority of Bliss families are staying on target with their energy consumption and receiving a bill of "no action." I am thrilled that almost a third of you conserved enough to receive a rebate. I know in the coming months these numbers are only going to get even better.

I cannot be prouder of the things we are accomplishing together. Between our current conservation efforts and the cutting-edge communities we are building, Fort Bliss is going to serve as a model to the entire nation of what dedication, innovation and cooperation can make possible.



MARCIE C. WRIGHT / Editor

Intermediate and young (adult) division runners take off for the USA Track and Field sanctioned junior Olympic cross-country Border Association Championship meet held at the Underwood Golf Complex Nov. 3. These are the older age divisions and competed in the 5 km run in their perspective age divisions.

BLISS HOSTS USATF JUNIOR OLYMPIC CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT UNDERWOOD

MARCIE C. WRIGHT
Editor

The USA Track and Field's Border Association held its annual junior Olympic cross-country championship meet at Fort Bliss' Underwood Golf Complex at Logan Heights Nov. 3.

Athletes competed in six two-year age divisions ranging between ages 7 to 17, and ran a course of two, three, four or five kilometers, respectively. As age increases, so does the distance for competition. This year, seven clubs participated, bringing 170 youth athletes to compete at the course.

"The golf course setting is always favorable because of the terrain and it's isolated from the general public," said Casey Parr, Team Bliss head coach and event coplaner. "Parks are usually being occupied by other sport activities and do not provide enough elevation or variation of terrain."

Qualifiers in this meet advance to the Region 10 championship meet held in Albuquerque, N.M., where they have a chance to advance to the national meet slated for Dec. 8 in Albuquerque. According to the USATF Region 10 rules, there are two ways to advance to the next level. Athletes are divided into teams of five to eight runners,

within their own track clubs. Each team has an opportunity to make it based on points, or athletes can qualify as individuals based on time. The top three teams and top 20 athletes will advance.

After weeks of observing at developmental meets, Parr said he had his eye on a few athletic teams and some solo individuals he predicted to go all the way to the national competition. The qualifier proved to strengthen his assumptions.

"The same youth girls team that got a second place medal in the 4-by-800 meter relay at the Youth Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Arlington, Texas [earlier this year], are two time national championship second-place finishers," said Parr of the team who also placed second in the cross-country national championships in Wichita, Kan., in 2011. "They are looking like [ranking] top three in the nation again this year in cross-country.

"They got first place here at Border and are going into 'Region' with a 2 to 3 minute advantage," continued Parr.

Of the 170 athletes, 75 were from Team Bliss's track club and all advanced to the regional level.

UTEP CADETS 'TRAIN UP' AT FORT BLISS

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Cadets from the University of Texas at El Paso Reserve Officer Training Corps conducted a field training exercise at the air assault Course located at Fort Bliss, Oct. 13 and 14. The two-day FTX serves as initial preparation training for the junior level cadets, also known as Military Science 3s, who must attend and complete the Leadership Development and Assessment Course. LDAC, a 29-day event, located at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., assesses all ROTC cadets' basic Soldier and leadership skills required before earning their commission.

The exercise began a month and a half prior to the event when Cadet Sergio Tarin, a senior, psychology major, was assigned as the officer in charge. He and the cadet level command had to coordinate everything: assigning instructors for each training event, gathering needed supplies and training aides. The seniors, MS 4s, are responsible for planning and executing the mission with the guidance of the cadre. Top rated MS 4s are assigned as shop heads and all are involved in the planning and execution of the training conducted. Tarin, who will be an active duty adjutant general officer upon commissioning, felt prepared for the role of OIC. Tarin, noted the difficulties in planning due to the conflicting class and work schedules of his team.

"Planning was challenging, but in the end we were successful," Tarin said.

The first day of training consisted of confidence building events including the air assault obstacle course, repelling off the air assault tower and day and night land navigation. The events are similar to what the MS 3s will experience at LDAC. The rappel masters gave the cadets a safety brief and a block of instruction on tying a Swiss seat rappel harness before being sent up the tower. Even cadets who are scared of heights made it off the edge and finished with a sense of accomplishment.

The obstacle course is performed in squad level teams and is a big morale booster. Even the cadre members participated this year, which was the first time in the history of the UTEP ROTC program. Lt. Col. Alfred S. Roach, the program's primary instructor and commander, and other members of the cadre, ran the course against the cadets.

"As officers ... you are that lead leader on the ground. Your Soldiers want to see you roll your sleeves up and do that stuff," he said.

Roach acknowledged it motivates the younger population to want to keep up with the "old man."

The cadets were then transported to the land navigation site off post. The site is a desolate area in the El Paso desert with one dirt road and one mountain range far in the distance, mak-

ing your compass, maps and pace count the only tools feasible for completion. Many cadets in the past have failed to complete this event successfully because of the lack of terrain features and large dirt mounds that can disrupt one's concentration and pace count. Despite the challenges of the course, the training was successful.

Roach commented on the necessity of "land nav" as a basic Soldiering skill that everyone must have and always continue to work on.

"It's one of those things that if you don't keep practicing, you never really get good at it," said Tarin.

The second day of training tested the cadets' leadership skills

while performing team building exercises. The Leadership Reaction Course located in Abernathy Park at Fort Bliss, consists of four separate events requiring critical thinking and team work. Each event assigned a task such as getting a barrel or ammunition cans across an "off-limits" area using only the tools provided. The tools were different at each event, but usually included planks of wood, 2x4s, a rope or a ladder. The cadets were divided into eight squads, which would rotate to each event. One person per squad was assigned as squad leader, which changed with each rotation, giving all MS 3s an opportunity to lead and be evaluated by the MS 4s. The squads that were not participating were training on the Laser Marksmanship Training System.

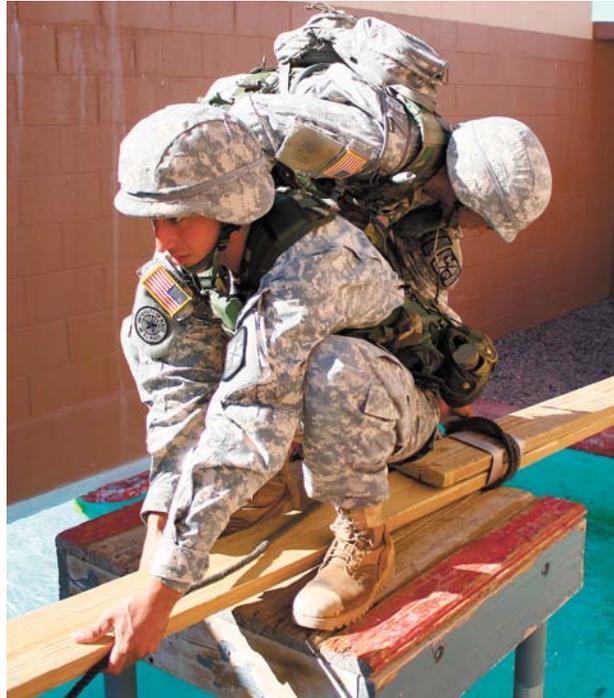
This was the first time the LMTS was used for the university's FTX. Previous years the students trained on the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000. The LMTS is a portable and light weight training system that shoots a laser into a receiver mounted onto the barrel of the weapon and monitors the

movement and direction a round would go when fired. Roach doesn't believe the LMTS or EST 2000 gives the realness of live fire ranges. He wants to implement live fire ranges in next year's FTX to introduce the cadets to the seriousness of weapons training, which causes them to have more attention to detail.

Roach was satisfied with the training coordinated and given by the MS 4s. He commended Tarin, who he noted was quiet in nature and had to lead in a way that showed his assertiveness without being more aggressive.

"It was great training, executed safely, no one was injured and it met all the training objectives. So it went pretty well," he said. Tarin said this event and all training given in the program shows him what it will be like as a lieutenant.

"Every training [event] we do here has a purpose ... It's here to prepare us to look at the big picture of what 'right' looks like," he said.



CADET JUSTIN STENE / UTEP ROTC

Passing land navigation is a requirement for all cadets before earning their commission. Cadets from the University of Texas at El Paso Reserve Officer Training Corps, conducted a field training exercise at the Air Assault Course located at Fort Bliss.



RENEWABLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

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Fort Bliss Net Zero is developing a comprehensive plan for the integration of Net Zero Energy, Water, and Waste activities on post through 2020. Planning activities are focusing on the specific energy, water and waste projects and their interconnection into the legacy infrastructure. The plan will provide the framework for defining the current concept project development and incorporating the energy and water conservation activities; waste management; utility privatization and modernization; as well as the behavioral aspect of both energy and water use and waste generation.

There are specific concerns with the development of large, mid and small scale energy projects as they interconnect to the legacy electrical system. Issues such as energy security and energy management are both part of the program objectives and part of the technical hurdles that have to be overcome for Net Zero to succeed. As the post winds down BRAC construction and facility usage begins to stabilize, the energy consumption of the post is still a moving target. This is in part due to the consumption requirements, but also due to the myriad of small and mid scale energy conservation activities. Additionally, there are a number of initiatives that will focus

on demand management to curb usage during times of the year when the energy is most expensive.

Net Zero Water is focusing on a dual track to achieve Net Zero. Activities split into the reclamation and reuse of water and the implementation of water conservation projects. Recent water balance studies have shown that roughly 50% of our water usage is for irrigation. If the program can develop projects to bring 'purple pipe' reclaimed water to the heavy irrigation centers on post – golf courses and parade fields – and combine this with heavy conservation activities, then Fort Bliss will be within reach of Net Zero Water.

Net Zero Waste is a combination of reduction, recycling, and waste-to-energy. The Fort Bliss recycling program has been a repeated award-winning program that has sought to find new and more efficient methods to increase the amount of recyclable diversion from the waste stream. The proceeds from this program have proven to be a more than \$1 million boon for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program on Fort Bliss. Fort Bliss is also evaluating other potential concepts that could be successful and novel projects to address specific areas of the Fort Bliss waste stream. These projects will require analysis to ensure viability. Efforts in the future will find ways to maximize diver-

sion through recycling efforts and through the development of a 'waste diversion' contract instead of a 'refuse collection' contract. This new contract approach will allow for an even greater share of the waste stream being diverted from a landfill. The waste-to-energy concept could potentially account for the remainder of the waste stream and allow Fort Bliss to reap energy from the last piece of the Net Zero Waste puzzle.

The timeline for the development of this plan folds into Assistant Secretary of the Army plan for interim program reviews for the Net Zero Program. Tentatively scheduled for January 2013, the next Net Zero Waste IPR will examine progress made at Fort Bliss. Our timeline will include an interim draft of the Fort Bliss Net Zero Integration Plan and address the waste portions at the conference for feedback and lessons learned. The plan will continue development and will be briefed at the April 2013 Net Zero Energy, Water and Waste Conference at Fort Carson, Colo. Feedback and lessons learned from this conference will be incorporated into the plan and finalized for review by the end of June 2013. Once approved, planned actions and milestones will be implemented to guide Fort Bliss to Net Zero.

SAFETY AND SECURITY----- TOP CONCERN FOR SOLDIERS IN BARRACKS

SUBMITTED BY BARBRA S. LEHMAN
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In order to improve security for soldiers in living in the barracks, the Directorate of Public Works has taken significant measures to ensure that rooms occupied by Soldiers are safe and secure. When it was discovered that Soldiers living in some of the barracks were experiencing a high number of break-ins by fellow Soldiers using a credit card, DPW took immediate action and discovered the doors were out of alignment. The 4320 doors on all 24 affected buildings were repaired last July.

A contract was also awarded to install peepholes in and magnetic locks in building 919. When completed, the

project will have installed peep holes into doors for every shared and private living space. The contract covers over 10,000 doors, and will be completed by June 2013.

A second contract will be awarded in 2013 to convert twenty buildings that have hard keys and no dead bolts to the Onity magnetic key system. Onity locks include a unique locking code in each door and a manual dead bolt on the interior of the each door. The remaining twenty buildings are being surveyed and estimated now. Additionally, DPW is working on a special contract to bring an Onity maintenance team on site to update site codes in the software system, to include the door locks, as yet another measure to enhance security

and safety for our Soldiers.

Soldiers and unit leadership also play a key role in ensuring Soldiers living in barracks have safe and secure rooms. Such measures include having CQs in every building; not blocking exit only doors; allowing access without signing in with CQ; unit housing team members verifying who is assigned to a room prior to providing access when a Soldier is locked out; making duplicate hard keys rather than re-coring the lock when a Soldier loses a key; allowing Soldiers to retain access to two rooms when they have been moved within the unit footprint; and ensuring that geographical bachelors properly clear emergency rooms and return the key.

PHOTOS BY 1ST SGT. WILLIAM
REMPHER III / Headquarters and
Headquarters Company, Fort Bliss
Garrison

**The Soldiers and family
members of the Headquar-
ters Platoon give their all at
the tug-of-war.**



GARRISON ORG DAY

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U.S. Army Garrison Fort Bliss recently conducted a safety stand down for all its Soldiers, family members and federal civilians. The day was part of the command's proactive approach in communicating its message of health promotion, risk reduction and suicide prevention.

The day began with a series of classes led by different NCOs. The presenting Soldiers utilized different methods and were able to offer training from their many collective points of view.

"A variety of presentation styles kept it fresh," said Sgt. 1st Class Cornelius Hampton, garrison chaplain assistant.

The unit has very few incidents of do-

mestic abuse and DUI. That is due partly to the safety stand downs the unit conducts, but also largely due to the efforts made and climate set by the leadership.

"It has to do with the command leading the way," said Hampton. "As a result senior leaders pick up on that and we do it as well."

The safety stand down is conducted quarterly but this time they did something a little extra and had an organizational day for the Soldiers and their families later in the afternoon.

A morning of training on safety and suicide prevention can be heavy stuff. Following it with an afternoon of fun and family time gave the Soldiers something to look forward to, said Hampton.

Preparing for the safety training part of the day took a lot of hard work and careful planning and the organizational part of was no different.

The unit held fundraisers, many of them barbeque plate sales, for weeks before the big day. They carefully organized basketball and volleyball tournaments. They had a dunk tank and a bouncy house for the little ones and even had the event catered.

At the end of the long day both events were great successes. The safety stand down was well attended and there was nothing but praise for the fun the families had later at Biggs Park.

**Capt. Francisco Rincon and
Pvt. Natasha Parris cut a cake
during Organizational Day.**





FORT BLISS TO HOST 2013 WORLD MILITARY TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

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In October, almost 30 nations sent teams to compete in the 21st World Military Taekwondo Championship in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. In 2013, those teams will converge on Fort Bliss for the event's 22nd iteration.

Eric Hildreth, chief of the Community Recreation Division at Fort Bliss Family and MWR, accompanied the United States armed forces team to Vietnam, where he got a chance to see the tournament in action.

"I had a chance to see how the tournament comes together," he said. "I was able to get a look at the planning, the logistics involved, and the execution of the event itself.

"The experience was amazing," Hildreth continued. "Not only the tournament, but to go into this less-developed, communist nation and see the political dynamics and nationalism in action. What Vietnam is trying to do is open their doors to the rest of the world – hosting the 2012 tournament was one step in trying to accomplish that goal."

The whole nation came together to make possible the tournament, which was completely run by their military, Hildreth said. Next year, when the tournament is on U.S. soil, Fort Bliss will be the lone organizer.

"It's quite a thing for Fort Bliss to be identified as the host of the 2013 World Military Taekwondo Championship," Hildreth noted, adding that he feels the new facilities coming online at Fort Bliss, coupled with the installation's growth and reputation as a can-do organization, led to Bliss' selection as the next tournament site.

"We could almost create an Olympic village on East Fort Bliss, when you consider Soto Physical Fitness Center, the Soldier Activity Center, the aquatics center that will be opening in the spring and the AAFES facility," Hildreth said. "And Fort Bliss is pretty well known for high-quality special events in the sporting world, so our reputation is already strong."

The tournament, which is governed by the International Military Sports Council (CISM), will take place at either Stout or Soto Physical Fitness Center. The site will be determined in the coming months – probably around the turn of the year, Hildreth said – when the CISM Taekwondo



COURTESY PHOTO

Col. William Rabena, IMCOM deputy G-9 for Warrior and Family Support, left, and Eric Hildreth, chief of the Community Recreation Division at Fort Bliss Family and MWR display the cased colors of the CISM World Military Taekwondo Championship in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The colors have arrived at Fort Bliss, which will host the 22nd CISM World Military Taekwondo Championship in 2013.

Committee makes its initial visit to Fort Bliss. The local organizational committee, headed by Garrison Commander Col. Brant V. Dayley, is currently being put together.

The International Military Sports Council – or Conseil International du Sport Militaire – is one of the largest multidisciplinary organizations in the world, responsible for various sporting events for the armed forces of its 133 member nations. Soldiers who may have previously met on the battlefield may meet in friendship on the playing field, hence the group's motto: Friendship Through Sport. The CISM World Military Taekwondo Championship is a world-class event; many of the participants, Hildreth noted, represent their nations on the Olympic level.

"This is quite an honor for Fort Bliss and El Paso," Hildreth said. "We can't wait to show the world all the world-class facilities and programs that make us one of the U.S. Army's installations of choice."

The 2013 World Military Taekwondo

will begin Oct. 14. The tournament's flag, however, has already arrived. Once the colors were cased in Ho Chi Minh City, the flag was presented to Hildreth for safekeeping until the start of the 2013 tournament. The next time athletes of the world see that flag, it will be flying over Fort Bliss.

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at Fort Bliss Family and MWR

NIE 13.1 EXPLORES SMART ENERGY USE

NEW INNOVATIONS IMPROVE SELF-SUSTAINABILITY

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MCGREGOR RANGE, N.M. – Operational energy strategies were evaluated Oct. 29 during test week of the Network Integration Evaluation 13.1 to assess energy-consumption tools that increase tactical capability of equipment and personnel.

NIE 13.1 tests systems in austere tactical environments to gain knowledge of Soldier usage of energy efficient equipment that increases self-sustaining ability of the warfighter.

Power generation will always be a struggle in the Army; because loads, amperages and redundant power sources keep us working to find better solutions for energy. All the new equipment used in NIE 13.1 is checked for compatibility with our current systems or redeveloped for value-added usage, stated Sgt. 1st Class William Lawrence, a system manager, Brigade Modernization Command. After evaluation, systems are labeled as having high, medium or low potential for equipping.

Lawrence oversaw four 60k fuel-powered generators equipped with the latest Load Demand Start Stop Micro-Grid systems, used to eliminate over usage of generators by terminating power when there is no request for energy. This will ensure units are not wasting fuel and more per-

sonnel can be used to support the mission.

“The LDSS sends an accurate signal to the [generator’s] system to terminate usage which in turn reduces the fuel consumption and reduces wear and tear on the equipment,” said Lawrence. “LDSS systems may reduce maintenance on generators and lower operational costs compared to existing equipment.”

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, is working to make field operations more self-sufficient and working to find better solutions for energy consumption.

Sgt. Justin L. Farmer, a training non-commissioned officer in 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, uses a 60-kilowatt quiet tactical generator to power laptops, lights, and communication tools while in a tactical environment. Customarily, power is drawn from generators that run 24 hours a day. According to Farmer, the GenSet Eliminator being tested may decrease generators usage by half – charging the generator for only 12 hours and operating for extended 12 hours without fuel.

“The GenSet Eliminator uses lithium-ion batteries or solar powered energy to store up to 50-kilowatt of energy. After it’s fully charged, it stores energy and we can turn off the generator and run it with

stored energy,” said Farmer. “This latest system saves fuel and makes energy usage more tactical by minimizing generator operating time.”

Solar powered generators could eliminate or minimize manpower, equipment, or fuel costs up to 40 percent, stated Farmer.

“By running a generator half the time, it is definitely good for the environment,” said Farmer. “We minimize the use of fuel, maintenance cost and exhaust emissions.”

For some areas in the Army, less is more. Using fewer resources in a tactical environment allows for more sustainability and minimizes visibility in a field setting.

“We need to use less – to do more. Operational energy works to reduce the footprint of a brigade, battalion or company element,” said Maj. Duncan S. Robinson, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command at Fort Lee, Va., looking at the footprint for 2nd BCT, 1 AD, where more than 50 generators are used to maintain operations during NIE 13.1.

“The Army is working to improving operational costs by using less generators to generate more energy,” said Robinson. “If we use fewer generators, we will use less fuel, and require less manpower to maintain generators.”



PHOTOS BY SGT. IDA IRBY /
24th Press Camp Headquarters

Pfc. Detnarong Chaiyasit, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, refuels the generators Oct. 30, during test week of the Network Integration Evaluation 13.1.



Sgt. 1st Class William Lawrence, a system manager for the Brigade Modernization Command, and Sgt. Justin L. Farmer, a training noncommissioned officer in 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, monitor the GenSet Eliminator System Oct. 30, during test week of the NIE 13.1



PHOTOS BY NATALIE M. HINOJOS /
Special to The Monitor

From left to right: Krystal Johnson, Kila Pringle, Sarah Begley and Tara Ruby, contestants for the Mrs. Military Gem, pose in their evening gowns Saturday.



G.E.M.S. TAKE THE STAGE NOT AN ORDINARY BEAUTY PAGEANT

NATALIE M. HINOJOS
Special to The Monitor

The Fort Bliss Mrs. Military Gem pageant took on its second year gathering inspired women to embrace a challenging role as Mrs. Military Gem at the Trading Post Saturday.

G.E.M.S., Genuine Empowerment for Military Spouses, is not a beauty pageant, but an empowerment pageant. The organization, according to the website, is there to motivate, empower, encourage and uplift military spouses and their families. The pageant is designed to honor all military spouses whose service member is stationed at Fort Bliss.

“I think this is a wonderful opportunity to get El Paso [and] the military community to support the women [behind] the military,” said Shannon Osborne, student leadership program coordinator at the University of Texas at El Paso and volunteer judge for the Mrs. Military Gem pageant.

“I think this is an underserved population in our community and I think this is a way to make it known.”

It began as an idea by Monica Tucker, founder of G.E.M.S., to recognize what military spouses can do for each other and the opportunity to give back to the Fort Bliss community, but within the host city of El Paso.

“I’ve always wanted to do a pageant for military spouses,” said Tucker. “I thought I would find a way to embrace El Paso and I ended up getting together with fellow military spouses and figured out a way to empower each other.”

Each contestant participated in business interviews, a talent show and cultural awareness presentations. Judges were able to analyze how well the women connected with people and what they displayed in their performance.

“I looked at the professionalism, how they presented themselves,” said Osborne.

“I work in the Women’s Resource Center. I was looking for confidence, being unique and a dynamic woman.”

Although the results for the pageant were revealed during Saturday’s event, there were concerns from attendees, which lead to further investigation toward the final results. Tucker released a statement about the official winners of the pageant and the outcome of the decision.

The empowerment pageant is just one small piece of the bigger picture of the Military G.E.M.S. Group. The purpose is to empower peers through positivity, which requires integrity, according to a statement made by Tucker on the Military G.E.M.S. website.

“Standing firm for what is right, is what we do and the only reason we would change the way we choose the spouse who will serve in that [ambassador] role, is if it is absolutely necessary,” said Tucker in the statement.

From left to right: Shannon Osborne, Kim Herring and Andrea Christmas, volunteer judges for the Mrs. Military Gem Pageant watch the contestants perform talents Saturday at the Trading Post at West Fort Bliss.



