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### **502nd Air Base Wing activation makes Joint Base SA a reality**

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Installation management will begin uniting under Joint Base San Antonio during an activation ceremony at Air Education and Training Command headquarters on Randolph AFB July 31 at 9 a.m.

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, AETC commander, will officiate at the ceremony appointing Brig. Gen. Leonard A. "Len" Patrick as 502nd Air Base Wing commander. General Patrick previously served as the 37th Training Wing commander at Lackland AFB.

Under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Joint Basing plan for San Antonio, installation support functions at Fort Sam Houston will combine with those at Randolph and Lackland AFBs to support what will be the largest customer-based organization in the Department of Defense when completed in 2011.

"When we think of the history at Fort Sam Houston and all that it has contributed to the history of our nation, it's pretty amazing," General Lorenz said following a joint basing workshop held at Randolph AFB June 9-11. "What happens with the implementation of joint basing at Fort Sam should be totally transparent. We're in this together as a team."

Guidance for this action comes from the Secretary of Defense and identifies the Air Force as the lead agency.

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**Editor's Note:** Media members interested in covering the activation ceremony should arrive at the Randolph AFB main gate (Pat Booker Rd. near FM-78) no later than 8:30 a.m. July 31.

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