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To combat the onslaught of challenges and pressures that are unique to military families, and as a community outreach campaign, Christian Joy Center, a local church in El Paso, has designated May 21 through 27 as Save the Family Week. Dr. Mike Brown, CJC senior pastor, met with Huggler April 14 to extend his commitment to get involved and help Fort Bliss families by hosting a free marriage seminar. "Our goal is to foster balance and understanding in marriage relationships and families. Military families sacrifice so much to ensure our freedom and way of life. We want to give something back to them to show our deepest gratitude for their service," said Brown. The marriage seminar will focus on the purpose of marriage, how to achieve happiness and a deeper appreciation for your spouse, and how to communicate more effectively. "Expecting success without preparation is like preparing without an agenda," said Brown.

Army leaders are optimistic about the wide variety of programs to support military families to help them through separations, deployments and the stresses relating to them. The goal is to help couples recognize and address danger signs before they escalate, said officials.

Christian Joy Center is hosting a free one-day marriage seminar for Fort Bliss Soldiers, family members and for the El Paso community May 27 at 6 p.m. Free childcare and refreshments will be provided. For information and to RSVP, call 595-1307.



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New dental assistants honored

The American Red Cross at William Beaumont Army Medical Center held a luncheon April 14 honoring the graduates of their dental assistant training program. The Red Cross dental assistant training program is designed for active duty family members over the age of 18. The six-month program is offered at no cost to the trainee. Upon completion of the program, the graduates are eligible to take the National Dental Assistant Certification Exam and join the Dental Assistant Association in the state they reside. The program is completed through the Fort Bliss Dental Activity. This joint effort enables military family members to have access to quality training in a short period of time. "This is a win-win situation," said Susan Harmon, Red Cross field director, WBAMC. "The DENTAC has an extra of pair of hands and military families have an opportunity to enrich their quality of life."



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