

Brooke Army Medical Center



Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) is comprised of the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC), an Army medical center and the largest of the six treatment facilities in San Antonio under the BAMC command. Other facilities falling under BAMC include the Center for the Intrepid, Fort Sam Houston Clinic, McWethy Troop Medical Clinic, Taylor Burk Clinic at Camp Bullis, and the Schertz Medical Home. SAMMC is the largest inpatient medical facility in the Department of Defense, the only DoD Burn Center and the only DoD Level 1 Trauma Center in the U.S.

BAMC plays a critical role in patient care, as well as taking care of Wounded Warriors in Transition from the Global War on Terrorism. The hospital has cared for more than 5,338 service members including Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen who were injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. At the same time BAMC has deployed more than 1,545 assigned Soldiers in support of OIF, OEF and OND.

The Burn Center at SAMMC has treated more than 900 military personnel injured in overseas contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003. Since the initiation of U.S. military operations in Iraq, the USAISR Burn Flight Team has completed more than 90 overseas flight missions, transporting over 350 burn and trauma casualties from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany to SAMMC for definitive care.

On Jan. 29, 2007, the Center for the Intrepid (CFI) opened its doors. This outpatient rehabilitation facility was conceived by the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and built by the donations of over 600,000 Americans. The CFI is part of BAMC and its day-to-day operations are funded by the Army. Opened at the same time and adjacent to the CFI are two new 21-room, handicap-accessible Fisher Houses to provide a home-away-from-home for Warriors in Transition and their family members.

On Dec. 8, 2008, a groundbreaking was held to recognize the commencement of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction and renovation of BAMC. A contract was awarded to the joint venture of Clark Construction and Hunt Construction Group to build the 760,000-square-foot consolidated tower, additional 5,000-square-foot parking garage, and 22,400-square-foot central Energy Plant and renovate approximately 288,000-square-foot of the existing BAMC facility.

On Oct. 21, 2010, Fort Sam Houston Primary Care Clinic of BAMC officially opened its doors. Due to the BRAC program to transfer all inpatient care and related specialty care from Wilford Hall Medical Center, the new clinic was built to relieve and absorb the existing outpatient care from the Post's existing medical facilities. The new state-of-art clinic provides outpatient services in Family Medicine, Adolescent Medicine, Behavioral Health, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy, as well as Laboratory, Radiology and Pharmacy services.

On Jan. 13, 2010, Camp Bullis Health Clinic was renamed Taylor Burk Clinic in remembrance of Spc. Taylor J. Burk, a 21-year-old Army medic from Amarillo, Texas. He was killed by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq in January 2005. The facility provides medical support for all uniformed personnel who are conducting training operations at Camp Bullis and for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries from infants to 64 year-olds.

On March 16, 2011, BAMC opened Schertz Medical Home in Schertz, Texas. The medical home was implemented due to increasing numbers of people relocating as a part of BRAC. Some of the available services include chronic disease management, preventive health care services, urgent care, laboratory, pharmacy and a licensed behavioral health professional to provide marriage, family and individual counseling.

On Sept. 6, 2011, BAMC officially met its BRAC inpatient deadline from WHMC with the opening of the new SAMMC Labor, Delivery and Recovery ward and welcomed the first baby born Sept. 7 at 4:21 a.m. BAMC has not had a birthing center since it moved into the current facility in 1996. Brian Silva-Valentin, son of Airman First Class Juan Eduardo Silva-Valentin and Sandy Vazquez-Morales, weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces. His father watched his arrival via webcam from his unit in Iraq.

On Sept. 15, 2011, the two medical facilities underwent historic name changes, marking the start of a new era in San Antonio military medicine. The medical center previously known as BAMC transitioned to San Antonio Military Medical Center, or SAMMC, and Wilford Hall Medical Center was designated as Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, or WHASC.

On Oct. 7, 2011, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new 760,000-square-foot Consolidated Tower.

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