



# IMCOM Weekly News Sampler

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## ★ ★ ★ **TIP OF THE WEEK** ★ ★ ★

Plan an outing at a military campground or RV park with help from [MWR Outdoor Recreation](#).



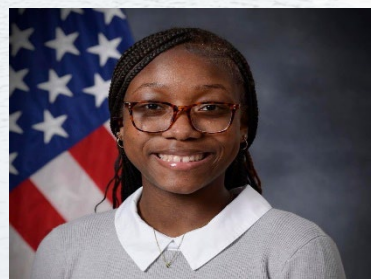
### Major renovations transform housing communities at Fort Campbell

Home is often considered a haven of tranquility for military members. Lendlease, a global-integrated real estate group, has made it their goal to improve the homes of Fort Campbell Soldiers in privatized military housing communities at Campbell Crossings.



### Fort Johnson's Army Community Service hosts virtual naturalization ceremony

Fort Johnson's Army Community Service hosted the first Army Virtual Naturalization Ceremony on May 13 at the Warrior Center. Eight Soldiers took their oath of Allegiance to become American citizens as installation leadership, their fellow Soldiers and Family members attended the event held at the Warrior Center.



### Fort Knox youth wins state Military Youth of the Year Competition; regionals next

Shortly after her family moved to Fort Knox, Kayla Cowart settled into a competitive role, eventually earning top honors in both the state and local portions of the 2024 Boys & Girls Clubs of America Military Youth of the Year Competition. Cowart, 16, won an \$8,500 scholarship toward her Duke University fund and will now compete in regionals Chicago.



### Killeen Rodeo honors Fort Cavazos Soldiers as part of Military Appreciation Night

As if watching cowboys, ride, rope and wrestle in front of an ecstatic crowd wasn't exciting enough, Military Appreciation Night added another level of enthusiasm May 16 and made the 77th annual Rodeo Killeen event even more rewarding for Fort Cavazos Soldiers and other military members.





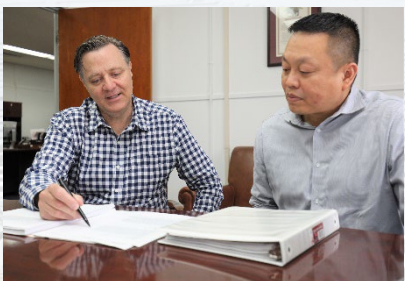
## Fort Buchanan celebrates two DES retirees

Members of the installation's Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) participated in the retirement ceremony of Daniel Martes and Freddie Melendez at the Fort Buchanan's Chapel on May 17. Martes, a monitoring agent, started working at DES after retiring from the Air Force. Melendez, a security assistant, served with the Marines for 3½ years, worked in the private sector for 30 years and worked with DES for the past 10 years.



## Army Audit Drumbeat recognizes personnel at three JMC subordinates

The Army Audit Drumbeat, the newsletter of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, has recognized personnel at the Anniston Munitions Center, Blue Grass Army Depot, and Crane Army Ammunition Activity, which are subordinates of the Joint Munitions Command, for 100% pass rates for Existence and Completeness in FY23.



## Camp Zama Legal Assistance Office earns Army-level award again

The Legal Assistance Office at U.S. Army Garrison Japan recently secured another big win after being named the best in the Army among small installations in fiscal 2023. The office previously earned the Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance in 2018 as well as 17 other times since 1990.



## Redstone Arsenal school liaison officer helps military families with transition

Erica Lewis, Redstone Arsenal's school liaison officer who is also a military spouse for 21 years and the mother of two daughters, is all too familiar with what military families face during a permanent change of station, and her job gives her an opportunity to help them with the transition..



## Hohenfels celebrates military-community partnership during 50th annual Volksfest

Over the course of five days, the Hohenfels military community and its partner communities celebrated decades of friendship during the 50th annual German-American Volksfest May 1 through 5, 2024, at the military installation's Festplatz.. Also, U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria had members of its workforce development team out to talk to festgoers about the career opportunities available during the festival.





## Soldiers lend a hand to Italian partners after Vicenza floods

After flood waters struck Isola Vicentina, Lt. Col. Jae Marquis gathered a team of 14 Soldiers and unit family members, gathered supplies, and headed out to lend a hand. Marquis, commander of the 509th Signal Battalion, has built a strong rapport with the town – just north of Vicenza – through USAG Italy's Community Alliance Program.



## Respect the weather: Meteorological technician serves Fort Novosel with passion

Cindy Howell, Supervisory Meteorological Technician, has been a stalwart to the weather team for over 21 years. Contrary to the Lynard Skynyrd lyric, the skies in Alabama are not always blue. Howell and her team update their Facebook page with daily weather information so those working and living on Fort Novosel can plan appropriately.



## Fort Leonard Wood engineer students build stage, ramp system for area high school

Nearly 20 Soldiers attending the U.S. Army Engineer School's 120A Warrant Officer Basic Course had the chance to build a new, portable stage for Plato High School, in Plato, Missouri, complete with accessibility ramps, as a volunteer class project over the past couple of months.



## U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz celebrates AAPI Heritage Month with cultural tributes

U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz held an Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month event at the Hall of Champions on Smith Barracks, May 23. AAPI Heritage Month is celebrated every May in the United States. Deputy Garrison Manager Jae Kim spoke during today's event, talking about his personal experience as an Asian-American.



## USAG Japan firefighters first international students to pass search and rescue course

Four U.S. Army Garrison Japan firefighters recently attended training in the United States, including two who were the first international students to complete a rigorous urban search and rescue course. Assistant Chief Masahiro Watanabe and Capt. Takanori Saito, a fire crew chief, graduated in late April with honors from the six-week course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.





## Fort Leavenworth Military Prison marks 150 years of service

On May 21, the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, the oldest Federal correctional facility, celebrated the 150th anniversary of the United States Congress approving the establishment of a military prison located on the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. More than 190 alumni attended a welcome reception May 19 at the VFW Post 56 in Leavenworth.

## IMCOM GROUNDBREAKING EVENTS

### June 4, Fort Wainwright, Alaska

3 p.m. Ribbon cutting for Denegee Child Development Center

### June 6, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Ribbon cutting for Building 404, DFAC R&M project

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