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The Army's birthday is June 14. Visit your garrison [MWR website](#) for activities your garrison has planned.



Fort Wainwright opens largest child development center in Army

USAG Alaska is now home to the largest child development center in the Army, and leaders marked the occasion Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the brand-new facility. The \$35M center is 42,930 square feet and has a current operational capacity for 284 children.



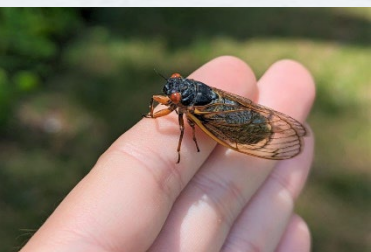
Fort Meade officials break ground on Cooper Avenue road-widening project

Fort Meade officials marked the commencement of the Cooper Avenue road-widening initiative with a groundbreaking ceremony at the intersection of Reece and MacArthur roads on May 24. The event signaled the beginning of a project slated to extend through the remainder of the year and much of 2025.



USAG Yongsan-Casey change of command ceremony includes hails, farewells

USAG Yongsan-Casey hosted a change of command ceremony at Tribute Park on Camp Casey to welcome COL Edward H. Cho to the command and bid farewell to COL Loyd W. Brown on May 29. Cho will assume command of USAG Yongsan-Casey for the next two years.



Cicadas: Gentle giants of bug world feed ecosystem at Redstone Arsenal, elsewhere

They're noisy and they're disgusting looking. The buzzing sound from the trees is a springtime staple in North Alabama. They dive bomb unsuspecting pedestrians. Their carcasses litter the sidewalk. Meet the cicadas.



Partnerships, focus bring expertise to cleanup efforts at Fort Johnson

As a leading combat training center and power projection platform for combat units, Fort Johnson in Louisiana has for many years been a critical installation for Army readiness and an active site – each year contributing more than \$1.5 billion to the state's economy.



Detroit Arsenal taps into geothermal power through DOE partnership

On May 21, the Detroit Arsenal drilled down to power up with the installation of an exploratory geothermal well as part of a Federal Geothermal Partnership initiative with the Department of Energy. This collaboration provides technical assistance for geothermal energy deployment at federal sites.



LCAAP's Peterson fills dual roles for the Army

In the heartland of western Missouri lies the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, a sprawling industrial production facility pivotal to the nation's defense. Amidst the whirring machinery and meticulous processes, resides a man whose commitment to his country embodies the very essence of patriotism. Thomas Peterson is a devoted public servant who seamlessly juggles his roles as an employee at LCAAP, a subordinate of the Joint Munitions Command, and as a dedicated member of the Missouri National Guard.



Community members make pilgrimage to chapel in Graf's training area

Believers from Vilseck and the surrounding area made a pilgrimage to the Wolf Hunter Chapel in the restricted area of the military training area May 26. The Wolf Hunter Chapel was built in gratitude for the rescue of a hunter from certain death over 300 years ago.



Sesame Street brings sunny days to JBM-HH

Sunny Day/Sweepin' the clouds away/On my way to where the air is sweet/Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street? The days were indeed sunny, and the way to get to Sesame Street on May 13 and 15 was through Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall where members of the cast stopped by for a visit.



Fort Drum Natural Resources improving Indian Lake ecosystem with artificial fish habitats

Fort Drum is known as the home of the 10th Mountain Division, but an even larger population of fish and wildlife also claims residence on the installation. Members of the Fort Drum Natural Resources Branch demonstrated stewardship toward their aquatic neighbors when they built fish habitats on Indian Lake, near Training Area 19 D, on May 29.



Research facilities at Natick demand active environmental programs to support Soldiers

With more than 70 research laboratories dedicated to researching, empowering and enabling Soldiers and everything they eat, wear and carry, USAG Natick and the Natick Soldier Systems Center mission partners face a variety of environmental support issues.



USAG Wiesbaden Chaplain serves with love of ministry and family

Nearly 40 years ago, as Becca Whitham and now-Chaplain (MAJ) Nathan Whitham, were preparing to wed over Christmas break of their senior year of college, she was clear that there were two careers she did not want her husband to pursue: pastor and police officer.



Camp Zama community members donate toys to children's homes

The USAG Japan chaplain and other community members brought smiles to the faces of local youths Thursday after they donated several gifts to two nearby children's homes. Chaplain (LTC) Damon Saxton led the delivery effort that had gifts mainly donated by religious followers from Camp Zama and Naval Air Facility Atsugi.



Presidio of Monterey School Liaison Officer discusses his role during PCS season

As peak PCS season approaches, USAG Presidio of Monterey School Liaison Officer Robert Larson is confident in his ability to help military families navigate everything related to schools. "Military Families already have so much to worry about," he said. "I want parents to know that I am here to help."



Picatinny financial panel provides insights

At the end of each month, do you wonder where all the money from paycheck went? When you think about financially planning, do you feel overwhelmed and underqualified? A recent statistic from the Wall Street Journal stated that 61 percent of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck.



Modern technology used to protect, preserve, catalog cultural resources at Fort Bliss

Located on more than 1.1 million acres in west Texas and south-central New Mexico, Fort Bliss is home to more than 20,600 archaeological sites, 465 historic buildings and structures found on the second-largest military installation in the continental United States. Another unique feature on the installation is Castner Range, designated a national monument in 2023.

IMCOM GROUNDBREAKING EVENTS

June 11, Fort Wainwright, Alaska

11 a.m. Ribbon cutting for Fryar Fitness Complex Fieldhouse, FTW453 PFC Annex

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