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★★★ **DID YOU KNOW?** ★★★

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

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Annual Facility Investment Plan wargame prioritizes Army's infrastructure requirements

Senior leaders representing all the active Army's major commands were at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston on Sept. 23-27 to prioritize Facility Investment Plan funding for the Army's future infrastructure needs.



IMCOM ID-Sustainment employee shines with Department of Energy award win

Mark Smith brings some powerful game to his job as the Energy and Utilities subject matter expert for Installation Management Command's Sustainment Directorate. So, it's no wonder his coworkers are amped up about his recent selection as a 2024 Department of Energy Federal Energy Program Spotlight Honoree.



Fort Buchanan enables ROTC cadets' readiness

Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets from the University of Puerto Rico, Taino Warriors Battalion, conducted Primary Marksmanship Instruction using the Engagement Skill Trainer 2000 at the Fort Buchanan Training Support Center Sept. 20 in preparation for the Cadet Summer Training 2025.



SFC Marks caps successful Paralympics with five silver medals, co-flag bearer at closing

An earlier rainstorm Sept. 8 didn't dampen the emotions or mood of SFC Elizabeth Marks serving as the United States co-flag bearer during the closing ceremonies of the 2024 Paralympics. Marks is a Paralympic swimmer and Soldier-Athlete with the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. She won five silver medals.



Picatinny series 'Why I Serve:' Army recruiter beats adversity, paves way for family's legacy

After coming to the U.S. mainland from Puerto Rico in 2013 and tackling a language barrier while shedding almost 100 pounds so that he could serve his country, SSG Jose M. Paulacordero has overcome the odds, cementing himself as the pillar of his family's history.



USAG Rheinland-Pfalz DES director reflects on personal journey, honors Hispanic roots

Every year, National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the contributions of Hispanic Americans. LTC David Castillo, who joined the U.S. Army right after high school in 1999, has served as the director of Emergency Services and garrison provost marshal at USAG Rheinland-Pfalz for the past two years.



Fort Liberty's suicide prevention awareness observance focuses on Soldier resilience

The Fort Liberty Army Substance Abuse Program and the Pope Army Airfield Integrated Resilience Office joined forces to host a significant event aimed at raising awareness and support for suicide prevention on Sept. 26. The "But There's Hope" event brought together service members, Families and community members in a united effort to address the critical issue of suicide within the military community.



Redstone Arsenal event participants step out to push suicide prevention awareness

Some 160 runners and walkers took steps Sept. 18 to connect to protect. They participated in the third annual Suicide Prevention Awareness Month 5K fun run near the ChildWise building off Vincent Drive. Carolyn White, employee assistance program coordinator for the Army Substance Abuse Program, served as this year's race coordinator.



Hundreds join Camp Zama suicide prevention ruck march, join effort to raise awareness

Hundreds of Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees joined an early morning ruck march at Camp Zama on Sept. 20 to help raise awareness for suicide prevention. The event, coordinated locally by the USAG Japan Religious Support Office, was part of a worldwide grassroots effort organized by a Soldier in the United States.



More than 100 graduates celebrate academic milestones at USAG Humphreys ceremony

Celebrating the academic achievements of more than 100 service members, civilians and Family members, the USAG Humphreys Education Center hosted a joint-college graduation ceremony Sept. 13 at the Morning Calm Conference Center on the installation.



Leavenworth K-9 team earns Top Dog distinction

A Military Working Dog team at Fort Leavenworth earned the distinction of being among the top 1 percent of the many handler/dog teams trained nationwide by Custom Canine Unlimited during the Advanced Tracking Course conducted at Fort Leavenworth in August. SGT Gerald Leith III, 67th Military Police Detachment (Military Working Dog), Special Troops Battalion, and MWD Zira, a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois, were named “Top Dog” of the course based on academic and practical tracking performance.



Fort Bliss holds POW/MIA Recognition Day

Fort Bliss held a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action recognition ceremony Sept. 20 at Memorial Circle. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually, on the third Friday of September throughout the U.S. and around the world, with a central theme to show commitment to full accountability for the Families of captured service members and missing war heroes.



USAG Benelux marks World Animal Day: Celebrating our planet's diverse wildlife

Every year on Oct. 4, people around the globe come together to celebrate World Animal Day. This special day aims to raise awareness about animal welfare and promote the protection of all animals — whether they are pets, wildlife, or farm animals. Oct. 4, the feast day for St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment, marks the significance of the date chosen.



Appreciating Unity: USAG Yongsan-Casey, Dongducheon celebrate ROK-U.S. friendship

USAG Yongsan-Casey and Dongducheon city hosted a joint ROK-U.S. Friendship Festival on Camp Casey and in Dongducheon, South Korea, on Sept. 28. Over 4,000 South Korean citizens, ROK and U.S. Army Soldiers and government employees attended the festivities on and off post.

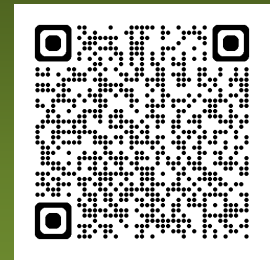
IMCOM GROUNDBREAKING EVENTS

Oct. 31, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall

Ribbon cutting for Barracks Building 248 Renovation Completion.

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