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☆☆☆ TIP OF THE WEEK ☆☆☆

**Get on a roll with family and friends
at Army MWR Bowling Centers.**



Fort Leonard Wood Soldiers train with engineer battalion to encounter drones in combat zones

Soldiers training with the 35th Engineer Battalion are learning a new skillset during initial entry training at Fort Leonard Wood — reacting to unmanned aircraft systems on the battlefield. CPT Raymond Sullivan, 35th Engineering Battalion commander, said warfighters are now learning to react to UAS — allied and enemy.



Picatinny-made Reducible Height Gunner Protection Kit thriving with Marine Corps

The Reducible Height Gunner Protection Kit, developed at Picatinny Arsenal, has, in the past five years, turned from a blueprint to a highly successful patented vehicle turret system. More than 3,000 of the kits are in operation across the U.S. Marine Corps since U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command submitted a design patent request in 2021.



New Freedom Center IV barracks nearing completion at Fort Meade

Almost 380 enlisted service members will soon have new quarters to call home as construction on the Freedom Center IV Barracks nears completion at Fort Meade. Construction on the barracks began in November 2023, following years of planning, development and coordination between the DoW, NSA, the Army and the garrison.



Fort Hunter Liggett honors history, supports troop readiness as part of 85th anniversary

Fort Hunter Liggett kicked off its 85th Anniversary with a presentation showcasing the rich military history in California's central coast by retired LTC Erik Brun with the California Military History Department, on Jan. 15. MG Shane Buzza, the 63rd Readiness Division Commander, provided insight and anecdotes into why Fort Hunter Liggett is important to him.



Robotic systems at Fort Leonard Wood transform Chemical Defense Training Facility

While man transportable robotic systems aren't new to the U.S. Army, the way instructors at Fort Leonard Wood's Maneuver Support Center of Excellence's Chemical Defense Training Facility are incorporating the robots into training is transforming the way chemical Soldiers perform site exploration.



Fort Rucker Soldiers work together to help locate missing child of fellow Soldier

SSG Nick Cruz, CPT Grant Wilson, and other Fort Rucker Soldiers sprang into action to help the Enterprise, Ala., Police Department respond to a report of a missing 9-year-old boy, who is the son of a Fort Rucker Soldier away for military training. After a search that lasted more than six hours, the boy was found by the Soldiers.



New 'Stop the Bleed' initiative at USAG Miami empowers community to save lives

A recent initiative by Army Health Clinic SOUTHCOM and USAG Miami is preparing Department of Army Security Guards, service members, families, and civilian employees with the knowledge and tools to save lives. The 'Stop the Bleed' campaign aims to equip the entire community with the skills necessary to control bleeding in emergency situations, transforming everyday individuals into potential first responders.



Red Cross opens donation closet to serve Fort Benning Soldiers, Civilians and Families

The American Red Cross opened a donation closet, named "Our Closet," on Jan. 15 at Fort Benning, located next to their current office in building 9230, near the commissary. The American Red Cross' program, Service to the Armed Forces, provides support during emergencies, deployments, and other major life events.



Garrison commander at USAG Ansbach updates community stakeholders

COL Aaron Southard, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach commander, hosted the garrison's annual Spring Social on Feb. 6 to update the installation's host-nation community and mission partners on milestones from the last year and upcoming goals. Safety and emergency response, economic impact and local investment, and health care and the next generation were the topics Southard covered.



Picatinny Arsenal firefighter's son answers the call to service in a different uniform

With LTC Craig Bonham II administering the oath, Keoni Dickinson, 18, enlisted in the U.S. Army as his father, Charles Dickinson, Battalion Chief of Special Operations with the Picatinny Arsenal Fire Department, and other members of the department as well as Directors assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal watched on.



USAG Humphreys' BOSS program builds community for single Soldiers overseas

In 2025, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program at USAG Humphreys capped off a highly successful year by breaking down those barriers, bringing Soldiers together through hundreds of events designed to build connection, confidence and community. The team hosted cross-garrison initiatives, expanded cultural and recreational trips and visited more than 15 units across the installation.



Presidio of Monterey opens 24-hour access at fitness center for active-duty Soldiers

For the first time in the history of the Presidio of Monterey, 24-hour access to Price Fitness Center is now available. Used more than 15,000 times each month by individual service members, The fitness center is the most popular fitness facility on post, but access was previously limited to times when the center's staff were present.



Korean Good Neighbors provide warm welcome to Soldiers at USAG Yongsan-Casey

Seventeen Soldiers assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan-Casey and 210th Field Artillery Brigade were treated to a 90-minute classical musical performance of entrancing sounds performed by the National Symphony Orchestra at the Uijeongbu Arts Center on Jan. 23. The trip was free and at no cost to participants, courtesy of the installation's Good Neighbors Program, which aims to promote understanding and awareness.

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