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## Military Family's PCS ingenuity alerts DoD officials to possibilities, sparking process changes

A former Fort Knox military family learned a valuable lesson during their most recent permanent change of station move – making national headlines and leading to Department of Defense talks to improve processes.



## Social media group leads charge on policy change

What started as a Facebook group founded at Fort Sill for active-duty Army mothers to connect as a community, exchange ideas and seek guidance from other Army moms in uniform led to a long-awaited change in parenthood, pregnancy and postpartum policy.



## U.S. Army Garrison Italy Soldiers return Italian woman's birthday cake, 77 years later

Soldiers from U.S. Army Garrison Italy returned a birthday cake to Meri Mion Thursday – 77 years after American troops fighting near Vicenza ate the cake made for her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## Shooting-victim Soldier to spread message of hope at Fort Polk prayer breakfast

Hope. This simple, four-letter word has different meanings depending on a person's circumstances. A student might "hope" to do well on a test. A young man or woman might "hope" their significant other loves them. A person undergoing medical tests has "hope" for a positive outcome.



## Chicago Police Dept. recruiting officials visit Fort Leonard Wood ahead of upcoming job fair

Senior recruiting officials from the Chicago Police Department, along with U.S. Army Installation Management Command transition services officials, visited Fort Leonard Wood this week to meet with leadership to prepare for a special hiring fair scheduled June 4-5.



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## JBM-HH USO Honor Guard Lounge game room keeps service members connected

Since 1941, the mission of the United Services Organizations (USO) has remained the same -- to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their Families, throughout their time in uniform.



## USAG Kwajalein Atoll Emon Beach main pavilion refurbishment completed

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander COL Tom Pugsley thanked the many personnel from the Department of Public Works for their support in completing the Emon Beach main pavilion refurbishment project April 16, ahead of schedule.



## Baby Palooza draws Fort Drum Soldiers, Families

Instead of shopping aisle to aisle at the Post Exchange on April 27, Fort Drum community members were going booth to booth and collecting bundles of information at the annual Baby Palooza event. Baby Palooza gathers representatives from on-post and off-post organizations to answer questions and provide resource material to military Family members.



## Wainwright 'Sugar Bears' provide heavy lift for National Park Service at Denali

Approximately 1,200 climbers are expected to attempt to reach the summit of Denali this year, and their efforts are supported in part by the Sugar Bears of Fort Wainwright, a company of CH-47F Chinooks.



## USAG Japan firefighters practice emergency response to aircraft crash

U.S. Army Garrison Japan firefighters took part in their first downed aircraft scenario in more than a year Thursday, as part of an effort to ramp up emergency training at Kastner Airfield.



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## New renewable energy projects installed at USAG Stuttgart

Using renewable energy is one way employers like the garrison are reducing not only the financial uncertainty of fluctuating prices, but also their reliance on external energy sources. Renewable energy, though, comes at its own cost.



## Presidio of Monterey kicks off use of Army Maintenance Activity website

As of today, members of the U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey community are able to report maintenance requests online through the Army Maintenance Activity, or ArMA, website.



## Homesick Soldier initiates Easter egg hunt outside base in Romania

With Easter approaching, a homesick SFC Cameron Letcher missed his family even more than usual. With his wife and daughters Veronica, 17, and Lily, 12, they celebrate every holiday together. This year, a deployment separated them.



## USAG Ansbach discusses role of Army aviation in Germany at second Speakers Series event

U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach and the City of Ansbach hosted the second of three Speaker Series events April 21 with a discussion about the role of Army aviation in Germany and NATO at Hangar 2 on Katterbach Kaserne.



## Local police teams collaborate for training with Fort Carson military working dogs

Fort Carson military working dog teams maneuvered through hallways, stairwells, meeting rooms and reception areas inside a training building in Colorado Springs April 20.



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## IMCOM GROUNDBREAKING EVENTS

Through Aug. 1, 2022

**May 17, Fort Huachuca 1 p.m. groundbreaking** for \$33.7 million Communication Equipment Building/Lab.

**May 18, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, 10 a.m. groundbreaking** (tentative) for R&M of Building 248 barracks.

**June 15, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting** (tentative) for Building 404 DFAC R&M project.

**Aug. 1, Fort Hamilton, noon groundbreaking** for construction of a 10,872-square-foot, \$24.4M consolidated Information System Facility (ISF). Project management will be conducted by the USACE New York District. Construction contract scheduled to be awarded o/a June 2022, with an estimated completion DTG of July 2024 (approximate two-year construction period). DTG of groundbreaking o/a August 2022; will update as more information becomes available. POC is USAG Fort Hamilton DPW.

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