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Rock Island Arsenal, city solidify partnership with Intergovernmental Service Agreement

The almost $40 million contract, signed by U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal Commander COL Joe Parker and Rock Island Mayor Ashley Harris, tasks the city's Public Works department with providing comprehensive road and grounds maintenance, including mowing and snow removal services, for the federal installation.



Fort Irwin Fight Nights combatives tourney showcases warrior endurance, ethos, spirit

Showcasing raw endurance, 44 Soldiers across six weight classes clashed during Fort Irwin Fight Nights, a sprawling combatives tournament putting warrior spirit on full display. They fought preliminary rounds under grappling rules before advancing to championship rounds that allowed open-hand facial strikes with kicks and closed-hand body strikes.



No power, no problem: Camp Humphreys tests energy resilience during blackout drill

Power was deliberately cut to select facilities, forcing backup generators to kick in and some personnel to relocate to continue their missions at Camp Humphreys. The exercise tested the installation's energy infrastructure, the interdependence of critical systems, and the ability of units to adapt under emergency conditions.



Fort Polk's Warrior Operations Center, DPTMS, take HAZMAT class to prepare for exercise

Recently, members of Fort Polk's DPTMS and the WOC took a Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response training class presented by Directorate of Public Works - Environmental Management Support Services - Compliance Management Branch, to learn skills necessary to successfully manage disasters when they strike.



Fort Leonard Wood engineers integrate water survival drills into advanced individual training

Soldiers training to be 12C Bridge Crewmembers with Fort Leonard Wood's 1st Engineer Brigade, are now learning combat water survival skills during advanced individual training. The battalion began the training about six months ago with the main objective of helping Soldiers build confidence in the water while learning basic survival skills.



Beyond Drilling: Sea Cadets at Picatinny gain confidence with Self-Defense Instruction

Approximately 35 Navy Sea Cadets assigned to the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Travis Manion Battalion at Picatinny, took part in a defensive tactics training seminar aimed at developing real-life skills for personal safety March 22 at the installation's Homeland Defense Technology Center.



USAG Bavaria hosts Wildland Fire Exercise to enhance readiness, community safety

U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria firefighters, 7th Army Training Command, Bundesforst Bayern, Bundeswehr, and the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade from USAG Ansbach came together March 24 for a Wildland Fire Exercise at the Grafenwoehr Training Area. The exercise focused on extinguishing wildland fires with aerial support, ensuring readiness and improving coordination among the various agencies involved.



Groundbreaking ceremony for Young Village marks Fort Belvoir's 16th housing development

BG Charles Young, a pioneer of the modern Army, was chosen to be the namesake for a privatized housing village of 200 new officers' homes on post, during a groundbreaking ceremony by Army senior leaders March 5. The project adds to the more than 2,100 Fort Belvoir homes spread across 15 villages.



Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield partners with City of Savannah to host Gold Star Families

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield in partnership with the City of Savannah hosted Savannah Salutes: A Gold Star Tribute & Celebration of Life Friday, March 27, to recognize families whose loved ones passed away while serving in our armed forces.



Natick Garrison Commander Kozlowski reflects on Soldier Systems Center and its future

When LTC Gregory Kozlowski arrived to assume command at U.S. Army Garrison Natick, his first observation of the garrison was how small it was. Now, Kozlowski says the installation continues to surprise him, not for its size, but for its outsized impact.



USAG Bavaria, 7th Army Training Center commanding general recognizes local nationals

Ten long standing friends and partners of the U.S. Army in Bavaria and Franconia were honored with the "Good Neighbor Award" by BG Terry Tillis, 7ATC Commanding General on March 25, 2026, in celebration of their exceptional contributions fostering German-American relations and supporting U.S. military members and their families.



Army Emergency Relief at USAG Okinawa – One scholarship and a lifetime of impact

Demetria Jordan, a military dependent who is now a Family Advocacy domestic violence victim advocate at USAG Okinawa, knows Army Emergency Relief's importance firsthand. She received an AER scholarship for all four years of her undergraduate degree, support that didn't just help her stay in school but changed her life trajectory.



AAFES' 'You Made the Grade' Program Recognizes Fort Bragg Military Students

Now in its 26th year, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's 'You Made the Grade' program recognizes the academic achievements of military children at posts such as Fort Bragg in first through 12th grades by rewarding strong report cards with Exchange gift cards and other perks. Students can earn gift cards and various discounts based on their grades.



USAG Wiesbaden Employee Spotlight: Meet postal operation clerk Steven Rakestraw

Steven Rakestraw, who has been living in Germany for the past 14 years, is a postal operation clerk at the USAG Wiesbaden Postal Service Center. Rakestraw, who also lived in Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern, oversees a postal operation for over 7,000 receptacles daily.