



# IMCOM Weekly News Sampler



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## ☆☆☆ **DID YOU KNOW?** ☆☆☆

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Learn more about MWR's Strong B.A.N.D.S. campaign. Click [here](#) to learn more.



### **USAG Yuma Proving Ground provides real-world combat conditions, weapon training to Marines**

Yuma Proving Ground is the Army's premier developmental tester, yet has for years supported the twice-annual Weapons and Tactics Instructor course in Yuma for Marine Corps aviators, ground combat planners and support personnel. Roughly 300 Marines of Camp Pendleton's 2nd Battalions-5th Infantry spent just over a month living in YPG's Forward Operating Base Laguna.



### **USAG Yongsan-Casey warfighters of 210th FAB find a second home in the heart of South Korea**

USAG Yongsan-Casey hosted a newcomers orientation tour to Seoul for 37 of the 210th Field Artillery Brigade's newest Soldiers on April 24. The aim of the monthly tours is to familiarize newly arrived personnel with South Korean customs and culture and welcome them to the team.



### **V Corps hosts Senior Leader Forum in Poland**

U.S. Army senior leaders from multiple installations and forward operating sites across Europe attended V Corps' spring senior leader forum April 23-25. The forum was designed to gather senior leaders from the area of operations at Camp Kościuszko. Topics included intelligence, Army modernization, Futures and Concepts and Challenges and Opportunities from NATO's Eastern Flank.



### **USAG Rheinland-Pfalz DES firefighters partner with local fire department, discuss emerging tech in emergency response**

USAG Rheinland-Pfalz Department of Emergency Services firefighters and their counterparts from the Kaiserslautern Fire Department met on Rhine Ordnance Barracks on April 17 to collaborate and explore the application of emerging drone technology in emergency





## Fort Bragg family's story of strength, resilience

For the Romero family, resilience is more than a word. It's a way of life. Their journey from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is a testament to the extraordinary sacrifices of military families, especially those raising children with exceptional needs.



## Fort Bliss community supports unaccompanied veteran burial so every Soldier is remembered

The Unaccompanied Veterans Program ensures military veterans without next of kin are interred with military honors and dignity. El Paso's former mayor, the veterans county officer, the El Paso veteran of the year, and others discuss why veterans should never be buried alone.



## Fort Buchanan puts energy resilience into action

Personnel from the Fort Buchanan Directorate of Public Works effectively responded to an energy emergency that left several buildings without power April 14. According to Javier Moyet De León, a high-voltage electrician, a bird caused a transformer to explode by touching two live lines carrying different high voltages.



## Fort Novosel opens training facility to public for Aviation Branch birthday

Fort Novosel opened the William A. Howell Training Support Facility to the public on April 12, showcasing its impressive collection of one-of-a-kind aircraft. This quarterly event was part of the Aviation Branch birthday celebrations and the Spring Fest event. Though U.S. military aviation began during the Civil War, the Aviation Branch wasn't officially established until 1983.



## Picatinny Arsenal leaders sign proclamations supporting Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault and Awareness Month

USAG Picatinny Arsenal leadership signed two proclamations during an all-hands meeting at The Club at Picatinny on April 22. The agreements support Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault and Awareness Month.





## Camp Zama invites Japanese Families to join event celebrating Month of the Military Child

Camp Zama leaders invited Japanese Families to join a festival that celebrated children and featured games, rides, an obstacle course, live performances, refreshments and more. The installation's Child and Youth Services and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation co-hosted the "Kodomo No Matsuri," or Children's Festival, April 12 in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.



## Kinderfest brings laughs, smiles, community to Hohenfels Families as a MOMC activity

The fields next to the School Age Center buzzed with activities as on-post children, accompanied by their Families, ran, bounced, played lawn games and more during Kinderfest on April 26. USAG Bavaria hosted the event to celebrate military children and to cap off April as Month of the Military Child.



## Fort Campbell firefighters prepare for high-risk rescues with swift water rescue training

Firefighters from Fort Campbell and surrounding communities gathered April 24 to take part in annual swift water rescue training, a critical preparation designed to enhance safety and effectiveness during high-risk water emergencies.



## Detroit Arsenal's CYS coordinator receives Stalwart Award for work with Soldiers, Families

Tanya Blatz, the Child and Youth Services Coordinator at the USAG Garrison Detroit Arsenal, was selected as a winner of the highly esteemed Installation Management Command Stalwart Award for calendar year 2024. The nomination, endorsed by garrison leadership, recognizes Blatz's exceptional dedication, leadership and unwavering commitment to the well-being of Soldiers, civilians and Families.



## Fort Belvoir, JBM-HH boxing team coach inducted into USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame

SFC David Pough Sr., Fort Belvoir's Master Resiliency Trainer and NCO in Charge of the Readiness and Resilience Performance Center, was honored as Trainer of the Year with induction into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame.





## Paratroopers honor 80th anniversary of WWII liberation of Montecchio Maggiore, Italy

SGT William Cantrell stood beside Italians dancing in Piazza Marconi to celebrate the 80th anniversary of their town being liberated. And then, he was part of it. “I was on the side and this little old lady just took my hand,” said Cantrell, a Tennessee-born paratrooper from the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion. “I couldn’t say no.”



## Fort Drum welcomes community members to guided tour, presenting Army training, history

Dozens of community members gathered outside the Mountain Training Group complex April 29, where Soldiers demonstrated their skills on the rappelling tower during the Around and About Fort Drum Tour. A helicopter passed overhead, while a group Soldiers enrolled in the Air Assault Course marched out of a classroom – coincidental but as if on cue to show visitors the constant training operations at Fort Drum.



## Ordnance Disposal officer proves mettle during world-record bomb suit run at Fort Cavazos

A U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer proved his mettle by running a mile in a 62-pound bomb suit in 7 minutes and 4 seconds and setting a new Guinness World Record that is currently pending official verification. CPT Travis G. Chewning-Kulick, commander of the 752nd Ordnance Company, accomplished the feat at Fort Cavazos on April 25.



## Best Sapper Competition: 10th Mountain Division (LI) Engineers take the field at FLW

Soldiers descended from a Chinook CH-47 onto the grounds of Fort Leonard Wood as the crowd cheered for the competitors beginning their journey into the 18th LTG Robert B. Flowers Best Sapper Competition. Held April 25–29, the competition brought together 35 teams representing the Army’s top combat engineers.



## Air Force Air Mobility Liaison Officer Course students train at Fort McCoy

Students and staff with the Air Force’s Air Mobility Liaison Officer Qualification Course traveled to Fort McCoy to train April 15-18 at the installation’s Young Air Assault Strip for the first time because of the capabilities found on the post.