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★★★ TIP OF THE WEEK ★★★

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Infrastructure, lethality and readiness focus of Secretary of the Army visit to Fort Stewart, 3ID

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield welcomed Secretary of the Army, Hon. Dan Driscoll, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installation, Housing and Partnerships, David Dentino, June 23 as they visited the installation and 3rd Infantry Division for the first time. Both saw the Army Transformation Initiative in action and discussed Soldiers' quality of life.



USAG Rheinland-Pfalz real property planning prepares for Army growth, modernization

Leaders, stakeholders and mission partners from across USAG Rheinland-Pfalz, Installation Management Command-Europe, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, 68th Medical Command and the 86th Airlift Wing met June 24 to discuss the garrison's future real property plans at the Fiscal Year 2025 Real Property Planning Board.



Leaders break ground on new CDC at Fort Knox

Leaders from Fort Knox, the surrounding communities and U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell's office broke ground June 20 on the long-awaited new child development center. Speaking at the groundbreaking, BG Moe Barnett, commanding general of U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, expressed gratitude for those who worked on the new CDC.



Software developed at Picatinny Arsenal enables quicker precision drone strikes

A technology demonstration this spring showed that Soldiers operating lethal assault drones were able to more rapidly perform precision strikes against enemy threats using technology developed by U.S. Army engineers from Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.



Fort Jackson welcomes garrison commander

Fort Jackson welcomed COL David G. Gaugush as garrison commander in a ceremony June 17. Gaugush took command from COL Timothy Hickman in an event held at Victory Field. Gaugush comes to Fort Jackson from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was chief of staff for the 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne).



Fort Leonard Wood celebrates partnerships with area communities during sign unveiling

Lincoln Hall Auditorium was packed to standing room only June 13 during a recognition event celebrating Fort Leonard Wood's partnership with two of its adjoining communities. The Army Community Partnership Awards program seeks to highlight examples of exceptional cooperation that have resulted in the improved readiness of Army installations.



New leadership installed at USAG Okinawa

USAG Okinawa held a change of command ceremony to bid farewell to LTC Rachel Bowers and welcome LTC Elizabeth Johnson at Torii Station, Okinawa, Japan, on June 18. The ceremony marked the end of Bowers' two-year assignment as garrison commander. She thanked the leadership, the garrison family and the local community for their support during her time here.



U.S., South Korean Soldiers celebrate 75 years of friendship and camaraderie

U.S. Army bases in the Korean Theater of Operations hosted their annual Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, KATUSA, Friendship Week celebration June 9-12. KATUSA Friendship Week recognizes and honors the enduring bonds of friendship and camaraderie U.S. and South Korean Soldiers have shared through their joint military service since 1950.



Fort Carson, 4th ID Soldiers volunteer during Western Heritage Street Breakfast

Soldiers from Fort Carson helped prepare breakfast for thousands of community members at the annual Western Street Breakfast in downtown Colorado Springs on June 18. MG David Doyle, former commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, introduced MG Patrick J. Ellis, commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson.



Fort Buchanan Fire Department, Emergency Services control fire near installation

Members of the Fort Buchanan Fire Department collaborated with the Puerto Rico Fire Department to manage a challenging lithium battery fire at an Amelia distribution center located adjacent to the installation June 3. This effort was part of a mutual aid agreement with local authorities.



Fort Belvoir leaders enhance safety, hurricane preparedness through training

As weather becomes more volatile, with hotter days and stronger thunderstorms, Fort Belvoir's Emergency Management team conducted a Hurricane Tabletop Exercise on June 3 to test, evaluate and refine emergency response plans in a low-stress environment.



Redstone Arsenal Bicentennial Chapel among those receiving facelift in fiscal 2026

The Garrison's Religious Support Office received some good news June 6. The Installation Management Command announced that Redstone Arsenal will receive the first round of religious education facility updates through the Office of Chief of Chaplains contract. The other Army installations selected include Forts Belvoir, Carson, Knox, Leonard Wood and Meade, and Hunter Army Airfield.



WSMR celebrates at Army Birthday Ball

White Sands Missile Range celebrated the Army's 250th Birthday during the Army Birthday Ball on June 14 at the Las Cruces Convention Center along with members of the local communities. WSMR Commander BG George Turner and CSM Hermes Acevedo welcomed guests to the event.



Fighting Goats enlist at USAG Poland

A pair of camouflaged goats now stand proudly among the newest additions to Poznań's iconic goat statue collection – this time with a U.S. Army twist. The city's tradition honors the tale of two goats who, legend has it, escaped the dinner table and began butting heads atop the town hall tower, bemusing the mayor at the time and earning a place in local lore.