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## ☆☆☆ **DID YOU KNOW?** ☆☆☆

The Army celebrates its 250th anniversary June 14. Check your garrison's website for more information. Click [here](#) to learn more.



### **Fort Hunter Liggett completes \$5.6 million Multipurpose Range Complex modernization**

The Fort Hunter Liggett Multipurpose Range Complex modernization project is complete after two years of extensive upgrades and new constructions to provide cutting-edge facilities for warrior readiness. The \$5.6 million comprehensive project includes range upgrades, a secure staging area for vehicles and a new bivouac site.



### **Fort Benning promotes warfighter readiness with new Installation Reception Center**

Fort Benning activated its Installation Reception Center during a ceremony June 5, marking a significant step forward in streamlining the in-processing experience for Soldiers. The center is designed to enhance warfighter readiness by rapidly connecting inbound Soldiers and their Families with essential installation resources.



### **Picatinny Arsenal recognized as one of Army's "best garrisons"**

USAG Picatinny Arsenal was recently awarded "best garrison" within the U.S. Army Installation Management Command ID-Sustainment, and fifth overall worldwide within IMCOM, a recognition the northern New Jersey military installation received for the second time in three years.



### **Fort Bliss Transition Assistance Program expo prepares Soldiers for life after military service**

The Transition Assistance Program's Exposition is held annually for Soldiers, their spouses, dependents and retirees in the Fort Bliss community. The TAP is mandated for military members transitioning out of the armed forces.



## New firefighters enhance safety at USAG Italy

USAG Italy firefighters welcomed 17 rookies into their ranks during a May 30 graduation ceremony held on Caserma Ederle. It's the second class to complete the firefighter academy class. They come from all walks of life and have a 20-year range of ages. One recently finished her PhD in genetics. Another was a travelling chainsaw technician.



## Joint cleanup held at Okinawa Peace Park

U.S. Army volunteers joined Japanese Self-Defense Forces and U.S. Navy volunteers at the Okinawa Peace Memorial Park in Okinawa, Japan, on June 7. The cleanup was organized by the JSDF to bring the community together and to beautify the area ahead of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa.



## Water projects at Fort Hood strengthen community collaboration, resource resiliency

Stage 4 water restrictions were lifted Saturday after a week of stringent water conservation measures and completion of two Bell County Water Improvement and Control District No. 1 projects. Completing the connections of a 5,000-foot replacement of a failing section of the 48-inch main pipeline and a new 3-million-gallon surge storage tank marked a turning point for the region.



## Fort Bragg opens new workout space for parents and young children

Parents at Fort Bragg now have a special workout space where they can exercise while keeping an eye on their young children. The new Parent and Tot workout area opened at Hercules Physical Fitness Center on May 21. It's designed for parents who have kids 6 years old and younger, giving them a place to stay active without worrying about childcare.



## Grinston's words continue to reverberate after AER visit to USAG Humphreys

Last month, Army Emergency Relief CEO Tony Grinston and his team visited USAG Humphreys to encourage participation in the program that has provided financial assistance to Soldiers since 1942. Following Grinston's visit, USAG Humphreys experienced an uptick in applications for relief.



## Soldiers with 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment hold slingload training at McCoy; Wisconsin National Guard Black Hawks, crews assist

Soldiers with the Army Reserve's 13th Battalion, 100th Regiment held slingload training at Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport on May 22 at Fort McCoy with the support of two UH-60 Black Hawks and crews from the Wisconsin National Guard.



## Fort Belvoir Safety Expo kicks off 101 Critical Days of Summer

This time of year is a complicated time for Army Families and military leadership at Fort Belvoir as the end of the school year approaches, and plans are made for road trips, cook-outs, and more. But those very activities create a heightened risk for injuries and accidents due to increased recreational activities and potential lapses in judgment.



## Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk honor its fallen heroes

Soldiers, Gold Star Family members, dignitaries and friends gathered May 22 in Fort Polk's Warrior Memorial Park to remember those "honored dead" who gave their lives in defense of freedom. BG Jason A. Curl, commander, JRTC and Fort Polk, was the ceremony's keynote speaker.



## 'Hero's Boots' memorial display at Camp Zama offers deeply personal tribute to fallen troops

As he knelt on the grass viewing combat boots placed there as symbols for fallen service members, CW2 Ronnie Haddox reflected on his personal connection to the display. The "Hero's Boots" ceremony that the Army Community Service team hosted for the public here May 16 in conjunction with Memorial Day was a fitting event for Haddox and others to honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



## Fort Drum celebrates opening of Mountain Peak Ice Cream, the sweetest destination on post

A new ice cream shop at Fort Drum is sure to satisfy Soldiers and Families looking for cold treats to combat the summer heat. Mountain Peak Ice Cream, located behind The Peak, opened for business following a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 6, ushering in the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's sweetest destination on post.