



# IMCOM Weekly News Sampler



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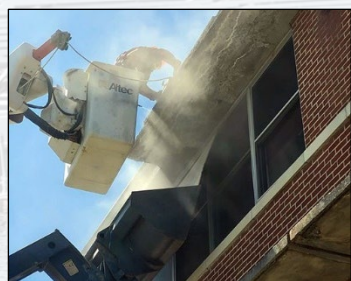
★★★ **DID YOU KNOW?** ★★★

**July is anti-boredom month. Visit your installation MWR site for events happening near you.**



## Assistant SECDEF for Military Community and Family Policy visits Fort Belvoir, MDW

COL David Stewart, Fort Belvoir Garrison commander, briefed Stephen B. Simmons, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) for his first foray to a military installation. Secretary Simmons probed family policy and quality of life on the installation.



## Fort Detrick's DPW saves thousands, enhances installation readiness with in-house project

The Fort Detrick DPW team proactively addressed a critical safety concern at the home of U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity (USAMMDA) by repairing a crumbling concrete awning on the building's exterior. As one of a handful of the Army's only full-time federal employee DPW crews, their efforts saved the Army about \$244,000.



## Fort Buchanan looks at IGSA partnerships to help enable warfighters while saving millions

Fort Buchanan's installation leadership hosted an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) conference with the participation of representatives from the Cataño and Caguas municipalities, the University of Puerto Rico, Texas A&M University, and Sourcewell.



## Fort Rucker senior leaders host luncheon to open dialogue affecting the community

MG Clair Gill, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, hosted a luncheon July 1 for key community leaders to discuss issues affecting the installation and the surrounding Wiregrass Region.





## Fort Leavenworth welcomes new Garrison Commander COL Todd Sunday

On July 1st, the Fort Leavenworth Garrison bid farewell to an outstanding leader and welcomed another. Outgoing GC COL Duane Mosier relinquished the garrison colors to incoming Commander COL Todd Sunday in a change of command ceremony.



## Leader Training Brigade holds change doubleheader at Fort Jackson

It's normal for unit leadership teams to change every two years, but usually not at the same time. COL Eric B. Alexander and CSM Michael F. Johnston took command and responsibility for the LTB from COL Kenneth Dwyer and CSM Jon Otero on June 25 at Fort Jackson.



## 3rd Chemical Bde. welcomes new commander during ceremony at Fort Leonard Wood

COL Hector Montemayor relinquished command of the 3rd Chemical Brigade to COL Kirsten McFarland during a ceremony July 1 in Nutter Field House. The brigade is responsible for the basic chemical, infantry and transportation training at Fort Leonard Wood, home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence.



## USAG Bavaria recognizes 22 Military Academic Achievement Award recipients

The U. S. Army Bavaria Education Center recognized 22 students for their outstanding academic performance and success amidst the demands of their military life during a ceremony June 24 at the Tower View Conference Center. From 130 submissions only those 22 were selected to be recognized and celebrated for their unwavering commitment to excellence.



## Diving group visits Fort Drum for search and recovery case in Remington Pond

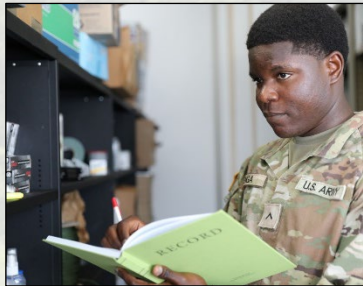
The Chaos Divers, a search and recovery dive team, visited Fort Drum's Remington Pond on July 1 to help an Onondaga County woman on a 26-year search to find her grandfather. Jacob Grubbs and Lindsay Bussick, Chaos Divers owner and manager, respectively, were joined by Jennifer Wood, whose grandfather, Guy Pyke, went missing on April 2, 1999, along with his 1989 Chevy Blazer.





## USAG Italy delegation completes Marche Internationale de Diekirch in Luxembourg

A team of American and Italian Soldiers took part in the 57th annual International March of Diekirch in Luxembourg this year to commemorate the liberation of Luxembourg in 1918 and 1944. The American Soldiers hail from Camp Darby, a small installation located in the Tuscan region and part of USAG Italy.



## Cameroon native serving at USAG Japan finds inspiration in story of his own path

PFC Franck Karel Penga Nkweya's aspirations of Army service took root long before he set foot in America, and he attributes his journey to hard work, dedication and loyalty. Penga left Cameroon in February 2024 at 21 and began the steps of enlistment in order to fulfill his goal of serving in the U.S. Army.



## Picatinny Arsenal hosts exchange of ideas between DEVCOM, Canadian military college

Leaders and students from the Canadian Royal Military College joined leaders and employees from the Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Armaments Center, Joint Program Executive Office Armaments and Ammunition and Project Manager on June 10 at Picatinny Arsenal.



## Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, community celebrate Army's 250th Birthday

In a tribute to a quarter-millennium of military service and sacrifice, the City of Dublin, California, and Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA) proudly hosted a commemorative event marking the 250th birthday of the United States Army on June 14, at Don Biddle Community Park.



## USAG Hawaii Soldier, rugby player named garrison's 2024 Athlete of the Year

USAG Hawaii Garrison Commander COL Rachel Sullivan honored 1LT Faleniko Spino, an administrative officer with the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and a lifelong rugby player, the 2024 Athlete of the Year during a ceremony July 1.