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Fort Drum's Belvedere Bistro officially opens, offering new way for Soldiers to dine

The Fort Drum community celebrated the grand opening of the Belvedere Bistro, the Army's third Campus-Style Dining Venue, during a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. LTG Chris Mohan, U.S. Army Materiel Command commanding general, said the CSDV program is designed to modernize the Soldier dining experience by providing flexible, healthier food choices.



Joint Base Lewis-McChord officially opens Meriwether Landing housing community

Joint Base Lewis McChord garrison leaders joined I Corps leaders for a ribbon cutting ceremony recently to open the $130 million Meriwether Landing housing community. About 10% of the houses are move-in ready, and more than 200 families are expected to join the community by 2027.



Fort Polk, Joint Readiness Training Center break ground on innovative infrastructure project

A recent groundbreaking for the Rotational Billeting Area at Fort Polk not only will enhance lodging and support for rotational training units – it demonstrates how the Army is modernizing the way it delivers critical infrastructure by using advanced 3D printing technology and modern construction methods.



Fort Meade enlisted service members to enjoy modern living in new barracks

Fort Meade garrison and senior leaders recently celebrated the grand opening of the Freedom Center IV Barracks with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The four-story barracks will house 380 enlisted personnel from every branch of the Armed Forces who support Fort Meade mission partners.



USAG Japan builds enduring bond with neighbors during Sagami River cleanup

Around 75 volunteers, including Camp Zama Soldiers, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force personnel and citizens from neighboring communities, gathered recently at the Shindo Sports Ground for an annual U.S.-Japan joint cleanup, now going on its seventh year.



Free ride-share program at Fort Carson already paying dividends in the lives of young Soldiers

The Carson Connector free ride-share program amassed more than 10,000 rides in its first month of operation. The app-based rides are already paying dividends in the lives of Soldiers such as PFC Eteuati Vaimauga, 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, who used to walk two miles to his duty station.



USAG Rheinland-Pfalz firefighters battle wildland blaze near Baumholder

Firefighters from USAG Rheinland-Pfalz Fire and Emergency Services deployed recently to provide mutual aid assistance during a major wildland fire near the village of Traisen, close to Bad Kreuznach. The fire broke out during a record-breaking heatwave, with regional temperatures reaching 41.1 degrees Celsius (106 degrees Fahrenheit).



Silent sentinels at Aberdeen Proving Ground keep vigilant watch at vital research hub

A dedicated force of Department of the Army security guards, many of whom are veterans, at Aberdeen Proving Ground serves as the first line of defense for one of the military's most vital research hubs. APG is a highly complex security environment that spans the main APG campus, Edgewood areas and the Adelphi Laboratory Center.



USAG Japan civilians train to deploy through Army Expeditionary Civilian Workforce program

USAG Japan employees identified as "emergency essential" in their respective units and organizations recently participated in Army Expeditionary Civilian Workforce training at Sagami General Depot. "The goal of the entire program is readiness," said Yanir Hill, AECW director. "We exist to support the warfighters. It's all about them.



Annual training exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett brings more than 4,700 Soldiers, 74 units

Fort Hunter Liggett's remote location and austere conditions make it a perfect training environment for the Army Reserve Combat Support Training Exercise known as Operation Bold Eagle, which brought more more than 4,700 Soliders and 74 units.



MWD program at Aberdeen Proving Ground brings unique skills to traditional policing

The military working dog kennels at Aberdeen Proving Ground are home to a diverse roster of highly trained German shepherds that bring skills ranging from drug detection, law enforcement patrol, to explosive ordnance detection. These dogs are invaluable partners to their Directorate of Emergency Services human counterparts.



COL Ringo Midles assumes command of USAG Wiesbaden during ceremony

COL Ringo L. Midles assumed command of U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden from COL Troy D. Danderson during a recent change of command ceremony at Allen Field on Clay Kaserne. Wesley Leisinger, Installation Management Command-Europe Chief of Staff, was the first to welcome the new garrison commander during the ceremony.



USAG Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield bids farewell to CSM Marcus Marzett

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield team members said farewell to CSM Marcus Marzett as he relinquished responsibility during a recent ceremony. As the senior enlisted leader, he enhanced the quality of life for Soldiers and their families, fostered a culture of excellence, and ensured the readiness and welfare of the Fort Stewart community.



From green to gold: ACES helped shape a retiring officer's educational journey

When COL Larry Workman walked into an Army Education Center as a young private, he wasn't pursuing a commission. He wasn't planning a distinguished 36-year Army career. In fact, he wasn't even sure college was possible. Thanks to the Army Education Center, Workman earned an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, and two master's degrees.



U.S. Army Human Resources Command names Fort Riley's DEERS office Site of the Year

The U.S. Army Human Resources Command's Army Project Office named Fort Riley's Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS office the 2025 U.S. Army Site of the Year recently for excellence in customer service, efficiency, utilization, and community outreach. The office is responsible for ID cards, TRICARE enrollments, and more.



LTC Kyle Stilwill assumes garrison command at Hunter Army Airfield

The Hunter Army Airfield community welcomed a new leader Friday as LTC Kyle Stilwell assumed command of the garrison from LTC Derick Taylor during a change of command ceremony held at the Garrison headquarters. Taylor led the airfield through significant infrastructure improvements and high-tempo deployment operations during his tenure.



USAG Wiesbaden local nationals spotlight Army careers during Germany's largest state festival

USAG Wiesbaden recently participated in the 2026 Hessentag in Fulda, joining the festivities with a recruiting container and information booth. The Hessentag is Germany's oldest and largest state festival, first established in 1961 to foster a sense of community in the newly formed state of Hesse. Each year, a different Hessian city hosts this ten-day event.



Picatinny Arsenal donation helps local high school rocketeers blast off to great season

A $4,000 grant from the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center's Picatinny Arsenal STEM program has helped propel the Mount Olive High School Air Force JROTC Rocketry program to its best season ever. The program used the funds to purchase high-grade materials and testing data tools.



Past commanders return to Fort Meade to celebrate nation's 250th birthday

Generations of leadership converged as the returning commanders served as the centerpiece of Fort Meade's Freedom 250 celebration. The massive installation-wide observance blended historical reflection with a packed schedule of community events, culminating in a weekend ball and the annual Red, White and Blue celebration.



Fort Hamilton recognizes Soldiers, civilians for third quarter achievements during CY26

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton held its Calendar Year 2026 Third Quarter Awards Ceremony recently at the Fort Hamilton Club, recognizing Soldiers and Army civilian workforce members for achievements and excellence in service to the garrison and surrounding community. Garrison Commander COL Melissa Cantwell presided over the ceremony, joined by DGC Trevor M. Loew and CSM Eric Riding.