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## \*\*\* TIP OF THE WEEK \*\*\*

With children set to return to school soon, visit your local **CYS** for school support services. Click [here](#) to learn more.



### LTG Omar J. Jones IV relinquishes command of U.S. Army Installation Management Command

After three years, LTG Omar J. Jones IV relinquished command of U.S. Army Installation Management Command during a ceremony July 23 at the Fort Sam Houston Theater. MG James M. Smith, formerly the command's deputy commanding general, will serve as the acting commanding general until Jones' replacement is announced.



### FBI and WMD Civil Support Team strengthen partnership during Fort Meade exercise

Members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Maryland National Guard's 32nd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team conducted joint training July 10-11 to strengthen relationships during chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive incidents at high-visibility public events.



### Judge Advocate General's Corps celebrates 250 years during ceremony at Fort Bragg

The Army's legal team, known as the Judge Advocate General's Corps, celebrated its 250th birthday with a big ceremony at Fort Bragg's Courthouse on July 29. Soldiers, attorneys, interns, and civilians came together to remember the past, honor those who served, and look ahead to the future.



### ACS celebrates 60 years of strengthening Soldiers, Families, and Communities

On July 25, 1965, the U.S. Army officially created Army Community Service (ACS) as a grassroots initiative with a simple yet powerful mission: "Enhancing the Well-being of Military Communities by Fostering Resilience and Providing Comprehensive Support."



## Fort Rucker welcomes COL Jeffrey L. Paulus as new garrison commander

Fort Rucker welcomed its new garrison commander, COL Jeffrey L. Paulus, and bid farewell to its outgoing leader, COL John P. Miller, during a Change of Command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum on July 22. ID-Training Director William G. Kidd hosted the ceremony.



## Karner Blue thrives throughout Fort McCoy; efforts supporting endangered butterfly

For decades Fort McCoy has done work to improve the habitat of the endangered Karner Blue butterfly and today the butterfly is thriving on the installation. Fort McCoy Endangered Species Biologist Jessup Weichelt said in 2024 that Fort McCoy has met its Karner Blue butterfly conservation goals.



## USAG Hawaii wins top Army Environmental Award for Cultural Resources Excellence

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii was recently named the recipient of the 2025 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Cultural Resources Management – Team. This prestigious honor, presented by HON Dan Driscoll, Secretary of the Army, recognizes the garrison's Cultural Resources Management Program.



## Fort Buchanan's LRC plays significant role for military readiness and training

For Javier Sierra, Fort Buchanan's Logistics Readiness Center (LRC) Plans and Operations Chief, it is important to highlight the fact that every Army Reserve, National Guard, U.S. Navy, and Marine Corps unit in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean can conduct their required annual training, thanks to the LRC. Sierra also praised the dedication of the LRC workforce to enable the warfighter.



## Fort Drum Medical Simulation Training Center hosts Operation Commanding Force 2025

Fort Drum recently hosted Operation Commanding Force 2025, a two-week medical training exercise that highlighted the interoperability among forces, as Navy Reservists trained with Army, Coast Guard and New York Naval Militia in joint exercises. The culminating exercise required hospital corpsmen, nurses and doctors to move tactically through the combat trauma lanes while carrying a wounded patient on a litter.



## Joint Chiefs of Staff Vice Chairman ADM Grady visits with Fort Knox leaders

The installation received a visit from Navy ADM Christopher Grady, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on July 23 as part of his comprehensive tour of all Joint Force Reserve Officer Training Corps accessioning headquarters. U.S. Army Recruiting Command headquarters was the last stop on his trip.



## Fort Hunter Liggett firefighters deploy to help contain wildfire in Los Padres National Forest

Fort Hunter Liggett provided three heavy equipment operators and two firefighters for a 12-day deployment to support the Madre Fire in the Los Padres National Forest's remote central California area from July 2-14. They were part of the team of hundreds of firefighters and support personnel committed to containing the wildland fire.



## USAG Benelux represents U.S. Army as it marches in first Belgian National Day parade

For the first time, the U.S. Army was invited to march in the Belgian National Day parade July 21, which included a pass and review by Philippe, King of the Belgians and other members of the Belgian Royal Family. Jeremy Benjamin, USAG Benelux military police officer, had the honor of carrying the U.S. Army flag during the parade.



## Camp Zama volunteers join local students for English practice, cultural exchange

Camp Zama volunteers joined local students at Zama City Hall on June 29 for a day of English-language practice, cultural exchange and games ahead of an upcoming sister city visit. The event helped prepare Zama students to host peers from Smyrna, Tennessee, who visited the garrison during the month of July.



## Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, FLW welcome new command chaplain

The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence has a new command chaplain, Chaplain (COL) Craig Ludwig. He officially took over the position July 3 following Chaplain (COL) Brad Godding's retirement ceremony. Ludwig moved to Fort Leonard Wood from Fort Meade, Maryland, where he served as the command chaplain for the 7th Signal Command (Theater).