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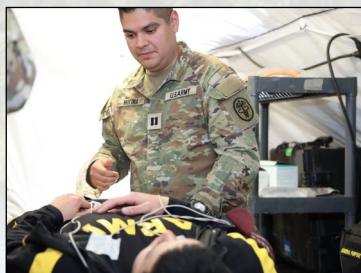
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★★★ TIP OF THE WEEK ★★★

Pools at select garrisons are still open. Visit your garrison's MWR website to find out your pool's hours.



PRFTA tenant units strengthen strategic importance of Bay Area installation

Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA) serves as one of the premier training platforms on the West Coast, with more than 30 tenant units executing essential missions that reinforce Army Reserve and joint operational readiness. PRFTA's tenants are the driving force behind the garrison's operational impact.



USAG-Miami hosts ceremonial coin laying for new South Florida community housing project

U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Army Garrison-Miami held a ceremonial coin laying to officially commemorate Cadence Communities, the new Army Community Housing Project. Featuring 139 homes at its completion, this development marks a significant milestone in the installation's commitment to providing quality housing.



Fort Rucker Gold Star Families learn life skills through SERE Survival Training

Survivor Outreach Services hosted an immersive survival training experience Aug. 2 at Fort Rucker, offering families of fallen Soldiers instruction and fun led by Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape professionals. Sponsored by the Gary Sinise Foundation, the event brought together children, parents, and instructors to teach self-reliance skills.



JBM-HH Child Development Center earns top marks in recent inspection

COL Keith Sandoval, LTC Sabrina Villarreal, and CSM Kenyon Simmons, presented more than a dozen Cody Child Development Center employees with a variety of awards for their contributions in ensuring Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall exceeded the Army's standard during the CDC inspection.



Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood wins Army honors

BG Jonathan Byrom, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center commanding general, announced 17 winners of the fiscal year 2024 Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army, Awards of Excellence in Safety—and the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood made the list, twice..



Ancient Hawaiian petroglyphs revealed at USAG Hawaii's Pililaau Army Recreation Center

On the morning of July 12, as the tide receded on the rugged Waianae coast at the Pililaau Army Recreation Center, seasonal swells unveiled a 115-foot panel of ancient Hawaiian petroglyphs — 26 carvings of stick figures and abstract forms, etched into lithified sandstone more than 500 years ago.



USAG Italy ceremony honors World War II heroes who fought in Tuscan Mountains

In a solemn mountain ceremony, U.S. and Italian officials came together on July 27 to honor those who fought and died along the Gothic Line during World War II, highlighting the legacy of both American Soldiers and the Italian resistance. The ceremony commemorated the lives of troops who liberated Italy from fascist occupation.



Fort Knox welcomes COL David Holstead as new garrison commander during ceremony

COL David Holstead took the reins of Fort Knox Garrison from COL Chris Ricci at a July 18 change of command ceremony in Waybur Theater. IMCOM-Training Director William Kidd presided over the ceremony and praised both leaders for their leadership and for putting people first.



APG marks Antiterrorism Month with "Always Ready! Always Alert!" theme

Aberdeen Proving Ground will observe Antiterrorism Month throughout August with the theme "Always Ready! Always Alert! Because someone is depending on you," Antiterrorism Officer Jeremiah Irvin said. The slogan underscores the personal responsibility of every Soldier, civilian and contractor on post to remain vigilant against emerging threats.



USAG Ansbach conducts protected area inspection at Storck Barracks in Illesheim

Representatives of the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, in cooperation with the higher headquarters of ID - Europe, as well as inspectors from the Bundeswehr Competence Center Construction Management Munich and the Bundeswehr Service Veitshöchheim, conducted a protection area inspection at Storck Barracks in Illesheim on Aug. 4.



Mini college fair at Redstone Arsenal plants the educational seeds for career options

At least 25 people stopped by Redstone Arsenal's Pershing Welcome Center on July 23 to get information from representatives from the three on-post partner colleges -- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Huntsville; Athens State University; and Columbia College -- to further their educational opportunities.



JBLM honors 7th Infantry Division Korean War hero with building dedication

CPL Frederick Arthur Higgins, a 7th Infantry Division Silver Star awardee who risked his life to aid and transport wounded Soldiers during the Korean War while he was wounded too, was honored with the July 30 Joint Base Lewis-McChord building dedication of Higgins Hall Soldier Service Center.



Picatinny Arsenal enhances readiness through comprehensive safety insights

U.S. Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal officials received the Army Safety Excellence Streamer for the fifth consecutive year on Tuesday, highlighting the unit's unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of its employees. CSM Tamisha Love, ID-Sustainment command sergeant major, presented the award to Installation Safety Director Al Morrissey and LTC Craig A. Bonham II.



USAG Stuttgart, host nation first responders prepare for back to school with exercise

Stuttgart High School on Panzer Kaserne, July 28-Aug. 1 held combined training that was part of the garrison's annual emergency response training to enhance familiarity with the school buildings and sharpen response strategies to better protect students and teachers during an actual crisis at a Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school.