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## ★ ★ ★ TIP OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★

Follow our **U.S. Army WCAP Soldier-Athletes** from Feb. 6-22 during the **2026 Winter Olympics** in Italy.



### Fort Leonard Wood Soldier receives Purple Heart almost 14 years after Afghanistan IED attack

Staff Sgt. Paul Schmich received a Purple Heart on Jan. 15, almost 14 years after being wounded in an improvised explosive device attack in Afghanistan — a battlefield experience he is adamant about passing on to Soldiers currently training to be motor transport operators at Fort Leonard Wood.



### Picatinny Arsenal CG helps cut ribbon for new production line and testing range in Wisconsin

MG John T. Reim, Portfolio Acquisition Executive for Agile Sustainment and Ammunition and Commanding General of Picatinny Arsenal, helped cut the ribbon for a new 40mm grenade production line and test range in Janesville, Wis. The new line and range is the latest effort to modernize the Defense Industrial Base.



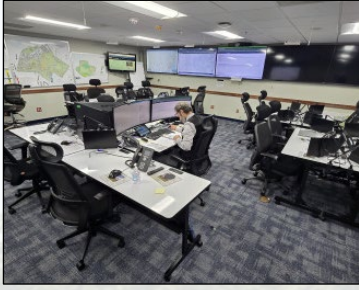
### U.S. Army WCAP to send sizable contingent to compete in the 2026 Winter Olympics

The United States Army World Class Athlete Program will be well-represented in the 2026 Winter Olympics from Feb. 6-22 in Milan-Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. A total of 11 will represent WCAP. Eight Soldier-Athletes, two of whom were named alternates, will go for the gold, and three Soldier-Coaches will help them realize their dreams.



### Fort Hunter Liggett begins the process of modernizing 50-year-old water system

Fort Hunter Liggett's 50-year-old water distribution system will be replaced with a new and efficient system beginning in the fall of this year. The estimated \$165 million project is three-phased and major components include piping, ball valves, butterfly valves, fire hydrants, a 2-million-gallon water storage capacity, and a new water well.



## Fort Detrick's Emergency Operations Center upgrade to better support warfighters

Fort Detrick's Emergency Operations Center has completed a significant reconfiguration and technological overhaul designed to improve collaboration, expand capacity, and modernize how the post responds to crises in order to better support the installation's warfighters and other critical federal agencies.



## A 'tail' of service at Fort Meade: Famous 'doggles' dog Nick retires after eight years

The beloved military working dog known across the force for greeting users when logging in to military devices is now retired from active service. Affectionately called "Doggles," MWD Nick served eight years in the U.S. Army, seven of those at Fort Meade. Nick specialized in explosives detection, where he helped technicians as they confronted and defeated explosives around the world.



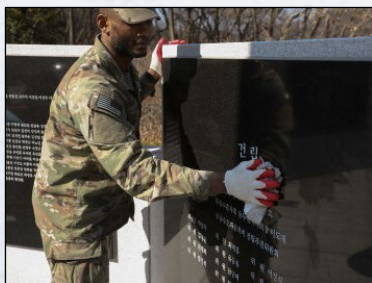
## Fort McCoy moves two new military artifacts to installation's commemorative area

In an effort that was four years in the making, an M7 "Priest" Self-Propelled Gun and an M114 155 mm Towed Howitzer were placed on equipment pads at Equipment Park on Jan. 28 in the Fort McCoy Commemorative Area. According to Historian Ward E. Zischke with the 88th Readiness Division, these two pieces were part of the former Fort Snelling Military Museum Collection.



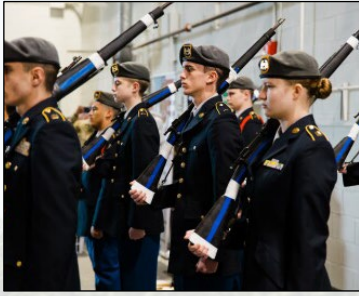
## New cell towers at USAG Bavaria enhance connectivity and benefit environment

U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria officially activated seven new telecommunication towers with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 23. The towers are set to significantly improve commercial network coverage at USAG Bavaria, enhancing both military operations and environmental sustainability.



## BOSS leadership empowers Soldiers at USAG Yongsan-Casey through opportunities

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program at USAG Yongsan-Casey aims to improve the Quality of Life of single and unaccompanied Soldiers by boosting morale, welfare and recreation. Soldiers willing to go above and beyond the call of duty are essential to the program's continued success.



## Fort Rucker connects with installation community for JROTC competition

Nine high school JROTC programs from across Alabama competed in the inaugural Above the Best JROTC Drill Meet at Fort Rucker on Jan. 24, an event hosted by the post's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation program and fully supported by community volunteers. The competition featured six categories ranging from regulations to physical fitness.



## Joint Base Lewis-McChord celebrates Soldier's academic excellence with recognition ceremony

PFC Manuel Kuatche, a supply clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 62nd Medical Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, has been in the Army for less than two years, but he's been balancing the mission with studies at Central Washington University since summer 2025 and maintaining a 4.0 GPA..



## Families at USAG Humphreys find common ground on the basketball court

The Foreign Goods Transaction Office, in coordination with the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Public Affairs Office, hosted a free trip for 35 families to watch the Korean Basketball League's Anyang Red Boosters face the Goyang Sono Skygunners on Jan. 23. The Foreign Goods Transaction Office is one of 11 USAG Humphreys' Good Neighbor Program organizations.



## Fort Hamilton recognizes employees during third-quarter awards ceremony

U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton leadership recognized employees for exceptional service during its third-quarter awards ceremony Jan. 15 at the Fort Hamilton Community Club. COL Melissa Cantwell, garrison commander, and CSM Eric Riding presented awards to civilian employees and acknowledged their contributions to the installation's mission.

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