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Patriot Day is a National Day of Service and Remembrance for the thousands of lives lost on Sept 11.



Solar energy project to enhance energy security for Fort Polk, Joint Readiness Training Center

The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk joined forces with industry partners to enhance energy security for the installation and its families. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Aug. 5 to officially open the \$29 million solar energy project that will provide power to about 1,800 military homes.



U.S. Army Garrison Alaska enters into IGSA with conservation district for installation services

The Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District and U.S. Army Garrison Alaska celebrated entering into an Intergovernmental Support Agreement for environmental services and support, such as snow removal and landscaping maintenance, with a proclamation signing ceremony Aug. 26, at this year's Alaska Defense Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska.



Fort Bliss, 1st Armored Division test Integrated Defense in installation-wide exercise

Sirens blared and emergency vehicles mobilized across Fort Bliss, Texas, Aug. 20, as the installation executed a large-scale integrated defense exercise. The Directorate of Emergency Services coordinated the joint operation, bringing together the Fort Bliss Fire Department, special agents from the Army Criminal Investigation Division, military police, and others.



Communications blackout exercise tests Fort Detrick's response to cyber attack

On Aug. 18, Fort Detrick faced a simulated cyber attack that brought its network and phone systems to a standstill, forcing the garrison to react to a sudden communications blackout. This Integrated Protection Exercise wasn't just about technical recovery; it was a crucial test of Fort Detrick's agility to sustain vital missions and keep everyone safe.



Fort Leonard Wood conservation officers work with Missouri zoo to save bald eagle

An American bald eagle is soaring through the skies over Fort Leonard Wood once again due to the combined efforts of Fort Leonard Wood Conservation Law Enforcement and the veterinary staff of the Dickerson Park Zoo, located in Springfield, Missouri.



Walter Reed study on mitigating impacts of blast exposures continued at Fort McCoy

In April 2024, a study with the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on mitigating the impact of blast exposures was under way during a training session for Soldiers with the Wisconsin National Guard's 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Fast forward to 2025, and the study continued during two weeks of training in June.



Fort Buchanan units cooperate with FBI to promote vigilance with active shooter drill

Army Reserve and National Guard personnel assigned to Fort Buchanan, Department of the Army police officers, firefighters, emergency personnel, and FBI agents conducted an active shooter drill, Aug. 28. The drill was one of many conducted in August, the Antiterrorism Awareness Month.



Two senior noncommissioned officers at Fort Jackson inducted into special club

SFCs Isaac F. Hughes and Fernando G. Osoria became the two newest members of the SGT Audie Murphy Club when Fort Jackson CSM William M. Shoaf placed a medal around their necks. The SGT Audie Murphy Club is a private Army organization for NCOs whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition and may possibly earn the reward of membership.



Black Hawk Training Crash Memorial at Fort Drum a reminder of sacrifice

The Black Hawk Training Crash Memorial at Fort Drum honors the 11 Soldiers killed and two injured during a training exercise in 2003 before Operation Iraqi Freedom. The incident resonated throughout the installation as Fort Drum Soldiers, civilians and family members mourned the tragic loss as a community. The memorial honoring the fallen was erected in 2004 at the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment Headquarters.



IMCOM professional at USAG Natick shares poignant story for Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month, and for Vanessa Josey, the public affairs chief at USAG Natick, it's not just about awareness. It is about survival. She has been on both sides of suicide. She has lost people close to her who attempted, and others who were tragically successful. She also was ready to give up, but she chose life and hope.



USAG Ansbach environmental managers bring new understanding to stinging nettle

The stinging nettle is a widespread plant in Germany, occurring in various habitats such as gardens, hedges, fields and forests. They are well-known and unpopular because of the painful welts that appear on the skin after touching the stinging hairs, but the stinging nettle is regarded as an important medicinal plant and a "super food."



Hiring Our Heroes Career Summit coming to Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Military ID cardholders interested in pursuing civilian careers can participate Sept. 17 and 18 in the free Hiring Our Heroes Joint Base Lewis-McChord Career Summit, a two-day series of job search-related events. Military spouses can join Amplify, a Hiring Our Heroes professional development workshop.



Fort Knox motorcycle safety ride to Kentucky state capital of Frankfort takes place Sept. 19

Fort Knox motorcycle mentorship officials are getting the word out about the safety ride coming Sept. 19 to the state capital of Frankfort. The "Ride to the Capitol" event will celebrate camaraderie and practice safe riding.



Units take to the diamond in Bavaria to compete for IMCOM-E softball championship

Army softball teams from the European theater competed Aug. 22 through 24, 2025 at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria's softball triplex at Grafenwöhr, Germany to determine the best team in U.S. Army Europe. After three days of play, the 317th Support Maintenance Company from Baumholder, Germany at USAG Rheinland-Pfalz beat the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, from Tower Barracks, 27-19.