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FORGE pilot at Joint Base Lewis-McChord to include 19 base modernization projects

Joint Base Lewis-McChord held a groundbreaking ceremony recently at the I Corps Joint Operations Center to kick off a Secretary of the Army-directed initiative that will include 19 FORGE – facilities, operations, readiness, growth, and experience – projects to modernize infrastructure, housing and energy resilience supporting I Corps and the 62nd Airlift Wing.



Fort Detrick transforms living spaces to improve readiness, boost quality of life for Soldiers

Fort Detrick garrison leadership, in concert with the Medical Research and Development Command, is driving a second round of barracks improvement projects to enhance Soldier quality of life, boost morale, improve readiness, and address aging infrastructure. The project includes 120 bathrooms and kitchenettes across five barracks buildings.



Fourth annual Firefighter Combat Challenge at USAG Stuttgart tests firefighters' skills

More than 80 firefighters gathered to test their firefighting skills at U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's fourth annual Firefighter Combat Challenge recently on Panzer Kaserne. The five-part physical test known as the "toughest two minutes in sports" brings together local German host-nation fire departments and U.S. Army garrison teams from across Europe.



Fort Leonard Wood integrates Dragoon Stakes to forge combat-ready Soldiers under pressure

A Fort Leonard Wood basic combat training battalion is integrating a comprehensive new assessment called Dragoon Stakes, which is designed to ensure Soldiers arrive at their advanced individual training units as highly disciplined, lethal and combat-ready warfighters.



Fort Drum tests emergency readiness during integrated protection exercise

Fort Drum first responders rushed to the incident scene recently, encountering dozens of simulated casualties in urgent need of medical attention following a fuel tank explosion. This was a part of the installation's annual Integrated Protection Exercise.



Fort Hunter Liggett DPW sustains the natural resources that powers lethality, readiness

The Fort Hunter Liggett's Department of Public Works environmental team manages more than 160,000 acres of valleys, mountains, rivers, and open terrain to give Soldiers the space they need to train for real-world operations. It's a year-round effort to keep training areas mission-ready while caring for the natural resources that share the landscape.

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Germany officially adopts USAG Bavaria MP liaison-penned translation of weapons law

In a breakthrough for preventive law enforcement and international diplomacy, German legal and government authorities have officially cleared and adopted an English translation of the German Weapon Law (Waffengesetz) guide, developed at the U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria – Garmisch Provost Marshal Office.



ACS' Family Advocacy Program provides resources to assist new parents

The New Parent Support Program, part of the Army Community Services' Family Advocacy Program, is a place where Army Families can build bonds with their baby, get encouragement and find community. Available at no cost Army-wide, including overseas. Among the offerings are "Baby Boot Camp" classes, dads' groups, and home visits.



Prominent chef's visit to Fort Buchanan elevates warfighter readiness through culinary excellence

Celebrity chef and global culinary mentor Marc Cummings Fort Buchanan recently to support a series of engagements aimed at improving food service capabilities across the joint force. His weeklong mentorship included hands-on collaboration with military culinary teams and youth-focused demonstrations designed to strengthen readiness, morale and community connection through food.



CASCOM Law Enforcement Activity hosts relinquishment of responsibility at Fort Lee

The Combined Arms Support Command's Law Enforcement Activity bid farewell to its outgoing detachment sergeant, SFC Dylan Thillemann, with a relinquishment of responsibility ceremony recently outside of the CASCOM LEA headquarters building. CASCOM LEA provides law enforcement and security to the Fort Lee community.



Regional Training Support Center helps Fort Meade Soldiers sharpen lifesaving skills

Soldiers from Alpha Company, 742nd Military Intelligence Company at Fort Meade conducted Tactical Combat Casualty Care training with assistance from the Military District of Washington Fort A.P. Hill Regional Training Support Center North. It allowed Soldiers to strengthen essential medical skills while preparing for the Expert Soldier Badge.



ACS' Transitional Compensation Program provides assistance to abused families

Abuse—whether physical, emotional or verbal—is incredibly painful and unhealthy. Army Families deserve to feel safe, supported and respected. When they do not, the Transitional Compensation Program through Army Community Services can help. The program was created to support spouses and children navigating process of leaving a physically abusive relationship.



Annual training exercise at Fort McCoy shows installation's ability to support unique training

Approximately 1,000 Airmen and Soldiers from National Guard units representing 35 states, along with federal, state and local agencies, recently participated in Patriot '26, an annual large-scale domestic-response training at Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center and Fort McCoy.



U.S. Army Japan, USAG Japan Soldiers compete in qualifier for the Army Ten-Miler

Soldiers from U.S. Army Japan and U.S. Army Garrison Japan laced up their running shoes recently to compete in a qualifier for the Army Ten-Miler to earn a spot on the USARJ team. The 42nd annual Army Ten-Miler will take place Oct. 11 at the Pentagon.



El Paso minor league baseball team honors Fort Bliss workforce during recent game

Members of the Fort Bliss Garrison workforce were recognized as the night's "American Heroes" by the El Paso Chihuahuas and local sponsors before a baseball game against the Round Rock Express. The Chihuahuas, the Triple-A affiliate, have regularly partnered with Fort Bliss to host military appreciation nights.



Students gain real-world experience at Fort Meade during FutureSuccess program

Three rising high school seniors contributed to active projects at Fort Meade through a five-week internship called FutureSuccess, providing them an invaluable preview of possible career fields before their final year of high school. The students learned the importance of networking and received hands-on experience as they prepare to graduate high school.



Picatinny Arsenal Softball League a home run for community, camaraderie, and morale

Elizabeth Chang, a U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center Executive Fellow, initiated the revitalization of the Picatinny Arsenal Softball League, transforming it from a dormant program into a cornerstone of community and camaraderie. The league initially began as a baseball league almost 100 years ago but fizzled during the COVID pandemic of 2020.



Aberdeen Proving Ground prepares for 2026 National Preparedness Month

As September ushers in the 2026 National Preparedness Month, Aberdeen Proving Ground is calling on Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, contractors, and family members to ensure their households are prepared for any emergency. This year's theme is "Americans Stand Ready."



New York City college students deliver capstone briefing to Fort Hamilton senior leaders

Four college students from the City University of New York system capped their summer internship at Fort Hamilton recently with a formal capstone, presenting their findings on internal control evaluations to the installation's new garrison commander, COL Raul Medrano, and deputy garrison commander Trevor Loew.



Joint Base Lewis-McChord teens brief garrison commander, spur changes for youth

Three Joint Base Lewis-McChord teenagers recently took the helm at Garrison Headquarters, briefing Garrison leadership on top issues faced by military youth and proposed solutions. Their presentation included information from the 2026 Department of War's Joint Service Teen Council and Installation Management Command's Youth Leadership Forum.