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### ★★★ **TIP OF THE WEEK** ★★★

**Looking to tighten your budget after the holidays?  
Visit the Army's Financial Readiness Program.**



### **Fort Buchanan continues modernizing its infrastructure to advance mission readiness**

Construction of a modern operations center is underway at Fort Buchanan, which represents a significant investment in infrastructure that further enhances mission readiness across the Caribbean. The approximately \$30 million operations center will provide critical facilities to support units assigned to the 1st Mission Support Command.



### **Fort Carson incorporates new technology to better prepare for future combat operations**

The Trackless Moving Target program, an initiative developed by the Army's Capability Program Executive Simulation, Training and Instrumentation department, combines range control software with legacy targets commonly found at most training installations. Soldiers with the 4 ID were among the first to recently train with the new technology.



### **Officials lead 'Picatinny Charge' to showcase arsenal's role in modernizing Army munitions**

Picatinny Arsenal's top officials joined a delegation of other federal, state and local officials at the Pentagon and Capitol Hill last month to underscore the critical national mission of the Department of War's Joint Center of Excellence for Guns and Ammunition.



### **USAG Wiesbaden Bravo Box set to enhance housing self-help services**

To improve accessibility and streamline housing self-help services, United States Army Garrison Wiesbaden has launched the Bravo Box, offering a convenient solution for minor repairs and maintenance needs. Located across the parking lot from the Re-Use Center, this new container is designed to give the community another option to replenish common housing maintenance items.

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## Assistant SECARMY assesses USAG Hawaii barracks amid rapid force restructuring

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii hosted Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment Jordan Gillis, for a 48-hour assessment Jan. 8 focused on Soldier living conditions, installation infrastructure and key programs supporting readiness across the garrison.



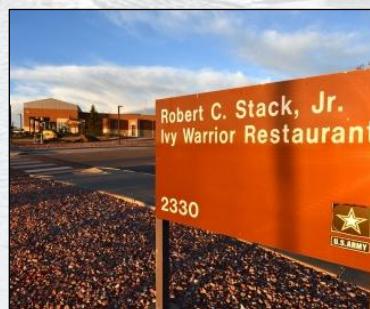
## USAG Ansbach Fire Department answers the call to off-post emergencies

In 2025, the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Fire Department responded to 666 incidents in total, 24 of which were outside the garrison. The USAG Ansbach Fire Department's specialties include airfield operations and specialized hazardous materials response mostly uncommon to many German fire departments.



## Transformation, optimization outlined during MSCoE town hall at Fort Leonard Wood

U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood leaders held a town hall Jan. 7 to discuss MSCoE's role in bolstering a more efficient, agile and lethal Army focused on warfighting and how the center of excellence will continue to propel the Department of War's mission through the Army's Transformation and Training Command, commonly known as T2COM, in the future.



## Campus-style dining at Fort Carson to provide healthier food options, flexible eating schedule

Stack Ivy Warrior Restaurant closed its doors Dec. 8 for renovations in preparation for Army's Campus-Style Dining Venture pilot, which will provide Soldiers with a more flexible eating schedule and healthier food options. The initiative aims to solve common issues with the Soldier dining experience after the Army surveyed Soldiers regarding the quality of meals and service at dining facilities.



## VIDEO: USAG Japan's Rising Sun Show a deep dive into Japanese culture

This month's Rising Sun Show from the U.S. Army Garrison Japan Public Affairs Office spotlights beautiful Kamakura-its fascinating history and tasty local specialties. It's only about an hour from Camp Zama by car or train, so you can easily enjoy a deep dive into Japanese culture.



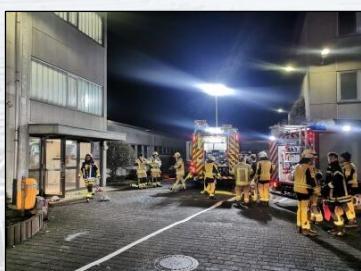
## Joint Base Lewis-McChord fire chief's story 'a master class in dedication'

Christopher Barnard Sr., Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Fire and Emergency Services acting fire chief since 2024 and deputy fire chief since 2022, was officially pinned as chief Jan. 9 at JBLM's Headquarters Fire Station 101, Lewis Main. Barnard has served at Joint Base Lewis-McChord FES since 2002.



## U.S. Soldier at USAG Poland participates in Powidz's Three Kings Day Celebration

Families, neighbors, and U.S. service members gathered Jan. 6 in Powidz to celebrate Three Kings Day. This year, the Three Kings – Kacper, Malchoir, and Balthazar – were portrayed by one U.S. Soldier and two local residents. CPL James Gordon, assigned to the 3 ID Sustainment Brigade, portrayed King Melchior.



## USAG Rheinland-Pfalz firefighter joint training strengthens community safety

U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz's Sembach fire station collaborated with the German Volunteer Fire Department in nearby Winnweiler to conduct a combined structural fire exercise on Sembach Kaserne, on Dec. 1. The exercise strengthened teamwork between the departments so they are always ready to respond to a large-scale emergency.



## Fort Knox sophomore finds patriotism in gratitude, places fifth in VFW essay contest

Fort Knox High School sophomore Raina Benz completed a writing prompt last October on what patriotism means to her. Benz said her teacher encouraged her to enter her essay in the VFW essay contest. Benz's essay competed against 12 others at the local and district levels – winning first place in both – before placing fifth at the state level.



## ACS at Picatinny Arsenal rolls out resume writing assistance during Merit Hiring Plan reform

Army Community Service officials at Tobyhanna Army Depot in Pennsylvania teamed with Picatinny Arsenal counterparts to brief the Office of Personnel Management's new Merit Hiring Plan which modernizes recruitment practices, eliminates outdated barriers, and reaffirms the foundational principle that federal employment is based on skill, dedication, and a commitment to American ideals.