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USAG Yongsan-Casey Welcome Center brings new information, resources to Soldiers near DMZ

Members of the U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan-Casey community gathered at the Casey Bus Terminal to open a Welcome Center at Camp Casey, South Korea, on Oct. 16. The center provide Soldiers and members of the Camp Casey Community with a place to learn about South Korea, base services, and the local community.



Fort McCoy's \$55.75M Collective Training Officers Quarters Project nearly 35% finished

The \$55.75 million Collective Training Officers Quarters Project at Fort McCoy is nearly 35 percent complete, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project includes two buildings being constructed in a sizeable construction space of the installation's 1600 block of the cantonment area.



VIDEO: Camp Zama Military Police conduct trainings for law enforcement certification

Soldiers assigned to the 88th Military Police recently sharpened their law enforcement skills through a nonlethal weapons training course held on Camp Zama. The trainings included proper procedures involving pepper spray and tasers.



Fort Belvoir EOD officer sets new world record in 1-mile run while wearing 48-pound bomb suit

1LT Madison Faust, a 55th EOD Platoon Leader at Fort Belvoir, set a new world record in the one-mile run in 10 minutes, 19 seconds, while wearing a 48-pound bomb suit. Designed to shield Soldiers within inches of unexploded ordnance, it requires head-to-toe shielding. Faust said she was eager to highlight the new Army technology.



USAG Poland welcomes new CSM Romar, praises predecessor CSM Jones' guidance

USAG Poland welcomed CSM Alejandro Romar as the new senior enlisted advisor during a change of responsibility ceremony Nov. 21 and honored CSM Jason Jones for helping to guide quality of life improvements across the 12 garrison installation sites during his time as the senior enlisted advisor.



CSM Rivera joins USAG Rheinland-Pfalz as garrison bids farewell to CSM Wrensch

CSM Randy Rivera took responsibility as the U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz senior enlisted leader in a change of responsibility ceremony at Daenner Kaserne on Oct. 9. Rivera assumed responsibility from CSM Raymond Wrensch, who served as the garrison's top enlisted leader and advisor since October 2023.



Norwegian Ruck March pushes Fort Meade service members to earn international badge

The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade partnered with the Norwegian embassy to allow service members on Fort Meade to qualify to wear the Norwegian Foot March Badge on their service dress uniforms. To earn the certification, they had to complete the 18.6-mile march wearing a 25-pound rucksack within a given time based on their age and gender.



VIDEO: Rookie firefighters forge skills at Camp Zama's 2025 Academy

From fire suppression to vehicle extrication and comprehensive inspections, four rookie firefighters at Camp Zama's Fire & Emergency Services enhanced their skills during a three-week, hands-on academy. Takahiro Tsuji, from Fire Station 2, successfully completed the challenge through teamwork and a proactive approach to training.



Engineers at Picatinny Arsenal champion future STEM talent at massive RoboCon event

Nearly 60,000 people, including students, educators, mentors, and engineers at the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center at Picatinny Arsenal, packed the Bridgewater Commons Mall on Sept. 27 and 28 for the region's largest public robotics event, known as RoboCon. The two-day extravaganza invites STEM enthusiasts for a glimpse into the future.



Fort Jackson holds induction ceremony as 15 Soldiers join the NCO Corps

Fort Jackson welcomed 15 Soldiers into the Noncommissioned Officer Corps during a ceremony held Nov. 21 at the Post Theater. The NCO Corps is backbone of the Army and provides direct leadership and mentorship to the lowest ranking Soldiers. It also helped sustain the Continental Army through hardships during the Revolutionary War.



For Army cooks at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Thanksgiving is their 'Super Bowl'

PFC Joyslin Valenzuela experienced her first Thanksgiving in the Army – and her first “Super Bowl” as a culinary specialist – at Joint Base Lewis-McChord this year. She went to work at 5:30 a.m., helping to make and decorate baked goods for about 800 hungry service members expected to head to Lancer Bistro to feast.



VIDEO: Zama Middle High School honors veterans in community with breakfast event

BG James Dooghan, commanding general of U.S. Army Japan, had a special message for Zama Middle High School students who hosted a Veterans Day breakfast there Nov. 7.



USAG Poland's Powidz Team sets the standard for Transfer of Authority Sustainability

Powidz provided critical support during a recent Transfer of Authority, ensuring rotational units received the services and resources needed to assume the mission without interruption. The TOA is the formal mission handover between outgoing and incoming units – most which are on nine-month rotations to the V Corps area of responsibility.



Fort Knox GO honors President Zachary Taylor with annual wreath laying

Soldiers from Fort Knox paid tribute to President Zachary Taylor with a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of his birthday Nov. 24. Taylor, the nation's 12th president, grew up in Louisville before joining the Army in 1808. He was sworn into office in 1849 and served as president for 16 months before his death in 1850. MG Kelly Dickerson of the 84th Training Command placed a commemorative wreath at the gravesite.