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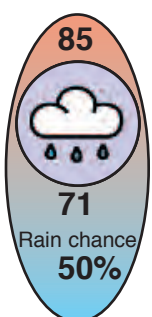


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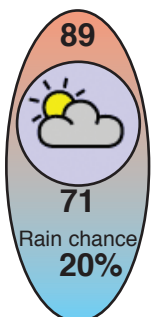
Fort Polk Soldiers, employees and Families tackled the 2019 Mud Run at Alligator Lake Recreation Area Sept. 13 and 14. The 5K course was set up and managed by the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation, included support from several

off post sponsors and featured challenging obstacles — like this tire pit, where one of the participants is pictured about to go head first into the mud! See pages 11-12 of today's Guardian for more photos.

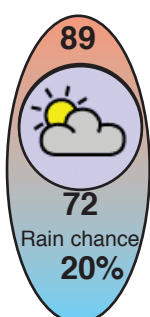
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In our view

Guardian staff asked Fort Polk community members,
"What is your favorite Fort Polk facility?"
Here are their responses:



Tara Ashley: "The AAFES movie theater because it's cheaper than going to the movies off post and they occasionally have free screenings."



Rhonda Roseberry: "The Bayou Theater movie theater. I enjoy taking the family to watch a great movie on the weekends and it's easily accessible because it's on post."



Stacey Delgado: "Warrior Lanes Bowling Alley because the food is amazing, the staff is great and great deals for families. It's a lot of fun!"



Tammy Summers: "The bowling alley because we love to bowl and they have good prices and great food."



Jennifer Ausbun: "Starbucks is good because — coffee! And the employees are very nice there."



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Briefs

RCCC brief

A Reserve Component career counselors brief for first term Soldiers who are slated to ETS within six months is held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in bldg 250, 1716 Third Ave., the installation In/Out Processing, bldg 250.

The brief provides professional guidance and career counseling to Soldiers leaving the active Army.

For more information call 531-1850.

Branch visit

The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk host an infantry officer branch visit Oct. 16-17 at 9 a.m.

in the Fort Polk Mission Training Center theater. Officers in the grades of second lieutenant through major will be given the opportunity to meet their branch manager, receive an informational brief and individually discuss their careers.

POC is 1st Lt. Madeline Platt, **made-line.l.platt.mil@mail.mil** or call 531-1107.

For more information see Fort Polk OPOD 19-073.



Road repair

The contract to repair Louisiana Avenue from the visitor control center to La. Hwy 467 was awarded with a required completion date of Nov. 15.

Work requirements include base failure repairs, removing (milling) the asphalt and repaving with a new asphalt overlay and new pavement markings. The work is planned for a phased execution to minimize disruptions to access control point 1 operations for both inbound and outbound traffic.

The first phase of the project will require the contractor to place one lane closures at multiple locations along Louisiana Avenue to execute the base failure repairs.

Motorists should expect aggregate travel surfaces at the locations the contractor has executed base failure repairs and should be aware of construction crews and equipment adjacent to travel ways.

ACP 1 will remain open for both inbound and outbound traffic for phase 1, but alternate routes are encouraged to minimize delays and traffic congestion at these sites.

Updates will be provided when the Fort Polk Directorate of Public Works receives detailed schedules and traffic impacts for each phase.



Tuck Townsend, a maintenance technician with Corvias Military Housing on Fort Polk, makes repairs to the HVAC unit in one of the houses on Howard Street Sept. 19. A tree fell across powerlines Sept. 14 knocking out HVAC units and some appliances to more than 150 residences on Fort Polk. Matthew McGee, operations director for Corvias Military Housing on Fort Polk said repairs were expected to be completed no later than today.

Communication key to keeping installation informed

By **CHUCK CANNON**

Guardian editor

FORT POLK, La. — On Sept. 14 a tree fell on power lines at Fort Polk which created a power surge that knocked out some of the installation's electrical infrastructure, including HVACs and appliances in about 154 occupied homes in Corvias' Maple Terrace Housing Area.

Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, commander, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, JRTC and Fort Polk Command Sgt. Maj. David Bass, Col. Ryan K. Roseberry, Fort Polk garrison commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Ausbun, along with Corvias local leadership and other members of the garrison staff, scheduled a town hall Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Maple Terrace Neighborhood Center to address residents' concerns.

Although no residents attended the town hall, Frank took the opportunity to conduct an after action review with the leadership in attendance to see what lessons could be learned and what improvements could be made in the event a similar event occurs again.

"The fact that no residents showed up this evening is a testament to how this was approached across the board," Frank said.

"I think communicating with our residents, to include the garrison commander and command sergeant major, along with Corvias leadership walking through the affected neighborhood was important in allaying fears they might have had and reassuring them that help was not only on the way, but imminent."

Some of issues discussed included:

- How can issues like the one experienced Sept. 14 be seen earlier so it can be reacted to earlier.

Frank said that perhaps the only reaction for

installation staff is using social media.

"You guys (Corvias) did the physical reaction, and there is probably not much more that we could have done on Sunday," Frank said.

"There's always something that we can do on social media. The PAO can help us out with Facebook posts. We've seen that be massively effective in the past with notifying Fort Bragg Families when their Soldiers were here on rotation and it looked as if a hurricane might hit us. That's probably where we swing into action, and we can lessen that initial blow and get the word out."

- Use unit commanders to contact Soldiers/Families who could not be reached.

"We should be able to contact a company commander and ask him if a Soldier is on leave or deployed, and if deployed, did his Family leave," Bass said.

"If he's deployed or in school, we can have the commander attempt to reach him and let him know there is an issue with his house and we need permission to enter. If that fails, then we can use Permission to Enter (PTE)."

- Establish a command post at the neighborhood affected in its neighborhood center.

Corvias' Matt McGee said this would alleviate phone calls going to a call center in South Carolina if the event were to occur on a weekend, and misinformation put out by people who are not on the ground here. Also, residents could cvisit the Neighborhood Center for information.

Roseberry said that in addition to Corvias personnel, installation staff that were vital to the event could also be on hand to provide information when needed.

- Flatten the hierarchy. Frank said it is imperative to notify the garrison commander, who

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ARCYBER: Soldiers should safeguard against suspicious tweets

By **JOE LACDAN**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The tweets surface innocently in Twitter feeds, often passing as legit news or normal social media posts.

Often, Soldiers may not even know they have been fed disinformation. According to a Clemson University academic, Russian hackers apply disinformation tactics to spread divisive, political tweets to Soldiers and other Americans. Army leaders discussed the threat at an Association of the U.S. Army "Hot Topics" forum Sept. 16 on cyber and networks.

Army leaders want Soldiers to be aware of disinformation tweets and posts created by foreign agents, especially when perusing social media. Disinformation agents could be using duplicate or fraudulent accounts of military members and often pose as senior U.S. military leaders, according to experts.

Darren Linvill, communications professor at Clemson University, has sifted through millions of tweets by Russian, Chinese and Saudi accounts and said that Twitter ranks as the online tool foreign agents most frequently use to spread misinformation. Russian users in particular have grown skilled in the use of Twitter and can quickly gain followers, he said.

Linvill broke online disinformation in Twitter into two categories: Offensive and defensive. While the majority of foreign agents use "defensive" tweets, often in response to negative news, the Russians primarily use "offensive" tweets to spread dissidence through the social media platform.

"They have decided it's in their best interest to mess with us, pushing the political conversations in this country to polarizing different directions," Linvill said. "It's fundamentally an offensive operation."

Col. Gittipong Paruchabutr, director of information operations, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, said the Army has taught identity management to help Soldiers protect themselves against fraudulent use of social media. He added the Army assigned specialized teams to monitor such activities. Linvill said the offensive tweets have not personally attacked any U.S. Soldiers but Russians have used tweets to attack Ukrainian military members.

Paruchabutr said Soldiers should remain wary of polarizing tweets.

"It's about awareness that these activities are happening at the Soldier level and more importantly how it affects the Soldier's Families," he said. "We have to be cognizant that, even if it's not attacking Soldier X or unit Y, these accounts, these online activities are targeting general Americans and it further polarizes our divisions."

Countering the threats

To help combat disinformation and other cyber threats — such as online hackers and cyberattacks — the Army has been developing and fielding next-generation electronic warfare systems.

The Army has developed "I2CEWS" or intel, information, cyber, electronic warfare and space

elements nested inside the Multi-Domain Task Force.

"That's the element that's intended to penetrate A2/AD (anti-access/area-denial technology) formations and disintegrate formations," said Brig. Gen. Richard Angle, deputy commanding general of operations, Army Cyber Command. "It's up. It's running."

"It's being exercised ... and it's doing some great work."

A2/AD refers to technology used by near-peer adversaries designed to deny freedom of movement to potential enemies, including U.S. forces.

The Army has also established the advanced tactical technology course, taught at Fort Bragg's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. The course trains Soldiers to defend, inform and exploit within the digital terrain through advanced knowledge of computer systems and social media platforms.

The 30-day course trains Soldiers on basic digital force protection, targeting and sub-net target isolation and analysis. Soldiers who meet the prerequisites are eligible to take the course.

"There is a sense of urgency and need for speed," Angle said. "Because as we develop these concepts, we have to recognize this threat is here today, it's not theoretical."

To help advance the ability to counter against cyberattacks, Soldiers take part in cyber-themed exercises including a Cyber Blitz at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Cyber Blitz is an annual exercise co-hosted by the Command, Control, Communication, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance — or C5ISR — Center, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence at Fort Gordon, Georgia. It teaches Soldiers how to employ cyberspace electromagnetic activities across all aspects of Army doctrine, training and education.

U.S. Army Special Operations Command units



now participate in combat training center rotations and warfighter exercises, where they are supported by Army Cyber formations in replicating near-peer information environments against U.S. internal formations, Paruchabutr said.

"This is an absolutely critical capability on how we look at ourselves," he said. "How do our formations look before we go into a combat training center because we know that the competition is here now; our enemies are looking at our formations across the United States."

In order to compete successfully in a congested and contested environment, Angle said the Army must increase leader education and training development at all levels to change the mindset and the culture.

He added that exercises need to be revised with greater "depth" to fully synchronize the Army's new cyber capabilities to gain and maintain an advantage against adversaries.

"And that needs to be exercised in both conflict and competition scenarios and we have to force ourselves to operate it in congested and contested environments," he said.

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would then notify the commanding general if something as serious as the event of Sept. 14 occurred.

"We could have understood earlier the scope and how many Families were affected," Frank said. "We're on post and we can energize the staff on the installation to get the word out."

- Mark Corvias' vehicles so residents know Corvias is responding to the problem, especially when they are responding at night.

"If you see trucks with no markings on them, you're not sure who they belong to," Bass said. "It's to Corvias' benefit that residents know Corvias is working to fix the problem."

- Keep and store the window a/c units used when the HVACs went down in the

event of another emergency, such as a hurricane.

"We were fortunate that we had the air conditioners on hand," McGee said. "We had thought about donating them, but after this event, we're going to rethink that."

McGee told Frank that Corvias technicians and maintenance personnel had worked Sept. 16 and 17 with the HVAC manufacturer to diagnose the issue and order replacement parts, which arrived Sept. 18. Repairs were to begin Sept. 19 and expected to be completed today.

"There are things we could have done better," Frank said. "But overall, I think we did well."

"We kept our Families and Soldiers informed and Corvias worked hard to remedy a situation that could have been much worse."



Medical teams and support personnel with the 32nd Hospital Center set up and managed a Role 3 theater hospital to validate operations and ensure unit readiness. The unit based its operations at Self Airfield in the Joint Readiness Training Center training area (the box) Sept. 13-18 and were evaluated by both JRTC observer/controllers and evaluators from the 1st Medical Brigade.

32nd Hospital Center validates operations during training

By JEAN DUBIEL

Guardian staff writer

FORT POLK, La. — Injury is a consequence of battle. Those who are wounded downrange must receive medical care quickly.

Military doctrine supports a health services system called the “four roles of care” to triage, treat, evacuate and return casualties to duty in a time-effective manner. Each role denotes a more expanded capability than the previous one, according to Joint Publication 4-02, Joint Health Services. These roles include:

- Role 1 — First-responder, unit-level care. This level covers self-aid, buddy aid, combat life-savers and combat medics.
- Role 2 — Trauma management and emergency medical treatment. This includes limited x-ray capability, laboratory, dental support, combat and operational stress control, veterinary medicine and resuscitative surgical support.
- Role 3 — Theater hospital. These are staffed and equipped to provide care to all categories of patients, including military working animals and local nationals (depending on the current rules of engagement), resuscitation, initial wound surgery, specialty surgery (ears-nose-throat, thoracic, urogenital, orthopedic, neurosurgical and general) and post-operation treatment.
- Role 4— Definitive care. These are U.S.-based hospitals and robust overseas medical treatment facilities.

For the first time in nearly 20 years, a Role 3 hospital set up shop at the Joint Readiness Training Center in preparation for an upcoming training event at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. The unit running the hospital: Fort Polk’s own 32nd Hospital Center.

Lt. Col. Jason Marquart, commander of the 115th Field Hospital, 32nd HC, said the field ex-

ercise was an opportunity for the unit to validate its operational planning following the force design update that took place in March — the update converted all combat support hospital units into deployable units to enhance combatant commander flexibility and deliver optimal health service support to the operational force.

“With a conversion, you always have to validate that the unit is able to preform the mission in any environment. Within six months of the conversion we have validated to be an operational unit ready for deployment world wide,” said Marquart.

“The validation (at JRTC) was for the 32nd Hospital Center, the 115th Field Hospital and the 190th Medical Detachment (Intermediate Care Ward). This validation shows we are an operational unit by doctrine. We have the equipment and the knowledge to execute a real-world mission, be it humanitarian or combat.”

Marquart said the unit was evaluated by its higher headquarters, the 1st Medical Brigade, and the JRTC ahead of their Fort Irwin rotation.

“We will go to NTC next month for a rotation, and are the first Role 3 (unit) to go there in a long time,” he said.

“We will be combining with a brigade-level fight, which is unusual because we are usually a corps-level asset. This is a new training modality to ensure the brigade and the operational support understands how the Role 3 would work into the plan. This offers a combined training affect.”

The 32nd HC will support the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment during the NTC rotation.

The 32nd relied on JRTC support to provide convoy and security operations.

“We are not a self-mover and JRTC has provided us prime mover and base defense assets. With all those people helping us, it has allowed us to

focus on our mission. We are thankful for that support,” said Marquart. “Including movement and internalization, we were fully operational in 72 hours. The Soldiers did an excellent job.”

The unit tested its operational plans for patient care and cohesion with higher headquarters.

“We had an operational cell tracking the battle so we could see when patient flow was most likely to occur, and we are supporting the warfighter by doing that,” Marquart said. “We also have a clinical aspect that is receiving and stabilizing patients, and preparing them for movement to the next role (Role 4) if required.”

Soldiers with artificial wounds played the role of injured patients, and simulation mannequins were used for high-risk or invasive medical modalities.

“We are a full hospital and we train to the highest fidelity possible,” said Marquart. “Our preparation at JRTC has prepared us for future success, both at NTC and real world missions.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Dolores Kiyoshi, 32nd HC command sergeant major, said the Soldiers in the unit did well during the exercise.

“The unit is motivated,” she said. “This is what they look forward to. They want to provide world class medical care and this (exercise) was their opportunity to do that.”

The 32nd HC Role 3 hospital set up included:

- 92 patient beds total, distributed into one intensive care unit and four intermediate care wards
- Surgical suites with sterilization facility
- Radiology department
- Pharmacy
- Full lab and blood bank
- Medical maintenance/mechanic area
- Five 100K generators
- Staff support assets (chow, showers, sleeping area)

Nice driving, mate!

British, Australian soldiers learn about driving on right

By JEAN DUBIEL

Guardian staff writer

FORT POLK, La. — “It’s odd driving on the wrong side of the road ... I mean the other side! It’s a bit different.” — Pvt. Jackson Legget, Australian army.

Part of what makes the Joint Readiness Training Center a world-class power projection platform is its ability to integrate several military assets into a rotation — including foreign militaries. And as a big part of rotations includes a driving component, what do you do when your visiting foreign military is used to driving on the other side of the road ... and the other side of the vehicle?

There can only be one answer: Training!

Soldiers with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division stepped up to aid their brothers from across the pond (Britain) and across the planet (Australia) in learning how to navigate traffic from a new perspective.

Staff Sgt. Angel Parker, 317th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd BCT, 10th Mtn Div, was one of the instructors for the Foreign Nationals Driver Training held at North Fort Polk Sept. 16-20. She said the training was important because the visiting soldiers will be sharing the road with other drivers in the training area, and safety is paramount.

“They will be driving tactical vehicles during the rotation, so they need to have the training and the (temporary) licensure,” she said. “We don’t want any accidents, so we want to make sure they get some good training, both in the classroom and on the road. We’re also going to take them out for night driving with (night vision goggles) on both Humvees and the (light military tactical vehicles).”

Parker said many of the drivers had the military occupational specialty of truck drivers and mechanics in their respective armies, therefore understanding many of the concepts quickly.

“This is just to familiarize them with how to drive our vehicles,” she added.

Pvt. Simon Webster, Australian army, said driving here was “a bit challenging because the rules of the road are different. A couple of times I wanted to change to the other side of the road, but that was the only thing I had to (get over). I’m pretty keen to drive tonight — hopefully I’ll do better than today.”

Rifleman Andrew Lang, British army, said he found it strange that the transmissions were automatic instead of stick.

“In the U.K. it’s almost all manual, so that was different. But the wagons are pretty much the same. There are similarities to our Land Rovers,” he said.

Lance Corporal Rhys Overton, also with the British army, said the classroom portion was “quite good,” and thought the differences in



Left: This Australian soldier prepares to drive an LMTV after classroom-led driver training at North Fort so he can get hands-on experience before driving in the box during the rotation.

Below: Staff Sgt. Joshua Touchet (left with humvee hood), 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and Sgt. Jesse Montoya, 2nd Bn, 2nd Inf Reg, 3rd BCT, 10th Mtn Div (left) explain preventive maintenance checks to Australian army Soldiers Sept. 17 during foreign national driver training.



how things work here was interesting.

“Our procedures are slightly different, and the way we use the equipment,” he said. “But ultimately, when you are out there using it, it

is quite similar to how we do things. We should be good for driving out in the box.”

The two armies will be involved with JRTC training for about the next four weeks.

MPs hit Mill Creek training area for riot control operations

GUARDIAN STAFF

FORT POLK, La. — Soldiers with Fort Polk's 258th Military Police Company, 519th Military Police Battalion, headed to Fort Polk's Mill Creek training area Sept. 13 to hone their skills in riot control operations.

The Soldiers donned riot control gear and practiced moving in formation, firing non-lethal weapons and deploying and maneuvering through CS gas.

The pictures on this page show the MPs during their training.



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MPs conduct shoot house training

Soldiers with the 91st Military Police Detachment, 519th Military Police Battalion, conduct room clearance drills at Range 7 Sept. 18. Training like this regularly maintains the readiness, proficiency and lethality of Fort Polk's 519th "Vipers."

Port Arthur hub for transportation of equipment for Fort Polk rotational units

By T.C. BRADFORD

Public affairs specialist

FORT POLK, La. — It's well known that the United States has the best trained, most lethal army in the world. The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk play a major role in keeping the tip of that spear sharp. That's because the JRTC hosts one third of the Army's brigade combat teams every year. They train for future deployments by being subjected to the most realistic, relevant training available. Rotational training incorporates the latest lessons learned from units currently deployed.

In addition to the professional observer/controller/trainers assigned to the JRTC Operations Group, throw in the Army's premier opposing force, the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 509th Infantry Regiment "Geronimos," and a rotation through the JRTC becomes one of the toughest months a unit can face outside the battlefield.

The JRTC credo is to ensure Soldiers face their hardest days at JRTC rather than downrange.

While training is essential, there is more involved in getting these units and all their equipment into and out of the training area than most would imagine. When you consider the fact that one unit is coming in at the same time another is trying to get back to their home base, you can see the problems that might occur.

The JRTC and Fort Polk also has several deployable units that could be notified to respond at any time. So what happens if a unit like the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division has to ship out to the Middle East for a nine- to 12-month deployment? To get two units off Fort Polk while a unit is arriving for its rotation is a logistical challenge.

Lt. Col. Jeff Smith, commander of the 710th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd BCT, 10th Mtn Div, said deploying an infantry brigade combat team comprised of seven battalions requires meticulous planning.

"One of the central challenges we face is the identification of physical space required to preposition equipment that is bound for upload on commercial or military sealift vessels," he said.

Enter the city of Port Arthur, Texas. Port Arthur is a strategic power projection platform for units based at Fort Polk as well as rotational units arriving and departing from JRTC's training area. In fact, the 25th Infantry Division from Hawaii is currently in the process of getting their equipment to Fort Polk for their time in the box.

Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, took a trip to the port Sept. 9. He brought Smith, Lt. Col. Ronnie Crosby, the chief of Sustainment Operations/G4 and a few other Soldiers with him. Smith explained why he was chosen to accompany Frank.

"The 710th BSB coordinates and enables logistics and sustainment for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and a large part of our job within the BSB is to ensure the brigade has the capability required to deploy worldwide should our division require the brigade to do so," he said.

Crosby's office is responsible for the coordination and equipping of incoming and outgoing units as they arrive and depart Fort Polk. He said it was important for the commanding general to get eyes on the ground.

"We were able to provide (Frank) and other military senior leaders a ground level view of this process in action," he said. "We also looked at improvements that could be made in areas like infrastructure to make the process more efficient while benefitting the local economies in the area and along the route."

Some of the improvements discussed included better landing areas for helicopters, and finding areas for units to use for refueling and staging areas so units can prepare their vehicles for convoy to the installation. Crosby said part of the leadership's responsibility was to make that process run as smoothly as possible.

"Methods of arrival include vessels, barges, commercial trucks and military convoys. My team coordinates with military and civilian agencies at the ports and state transportation offices as well as local counties (on the Texas side), city and parish officials," he said.

Frank spoke with port employees, members of the 842nd Transportation Battalion, port officials and Soldiers with the incoming 25th Inf Div. The Soldiers talked with the commander about how operations were working and what improvements were needed to better facilitate the process. Frank was also able to discuss his concerns with Maj. Gen. Stephen Farman, commander of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

Crosby said that was an important conversation for the commander to have.

"As Port Arthur increases its mission it is imperative that the SDDC and Transportation Command see the strategic importance of this port, and work with Fort Polk and the city of Port



Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, gives a pep talk to Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. The Soldiers were at the port preparing for transport to the JRTC for a rotation.

Arthur to increase the footprint and capabilities," said Crosby.

Smith said he was happy with the results of the visit.

"The surrounding community of Port Arthur and port leadership made this visit informative. Continued engaged leadership on the part of Brigadier General Frank in leveraging the resources of the post and our commercial partners has postured the Patriot Brigade to be able to deploy rapidly from Fort Polk should our nation require us to do so," said Smith.

Crosby said the trip was worth the effort.

"The visit went well, and Brigadier General Frank was able to impart to SDDC, Transcom, and other leaders the wide geographical area that JRTC operates in, and the limited resources in which we make these missions successful," said Crosby.

Further collaboration is essential to meeting the overall mission of the JRTC and Fort Polk but that process is ongoing, said Crosby.

"The takeaway from the trip is that efforts are heading in the right direction and the future looks bright for the Army's continued dominance on the battlefield," he said.

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Engineers hone platoon-level skills at Peason Ridge

By **JEAN DUBIEL**
Guardian staff writer

FORT POLK, La. — Soldiers with the 573rd Route Clearance Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, spent time at Peason Ridge Sept. 16-19 going through platoon-level tactical drills for detecting, interrogating and defeating improvised explosive devices during mounted and dismounted patrols. The Soldiers were also required to react to contact and used live ammunition.



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BOSS Beach Bash recognition

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher M. Ausbun, garrison command sergeant major, bestows certificates of appreciation, as well as a few Army Achievement Medals, to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers members and others involved in making the 2019 BOSS Beach Bash a success. The ceremony took place at the Home of Heroes Recreation Center Sept. 12.

Corvias outlines installation guest policy

CORVIAS

FORT POLK, La. — Corvias recognizes the strength and assistance its residents receive from their extended family and friends. It also understands that joining the armed forces generally means a significant amount of time will be spent far from home and the accompanied support system.

Corvias strives to provide its residents and their families with a safe and comfortable environment. One of the key factors in providing the best possible service to its residents is being able to track the number of visitors within the Corvias housing community. With this information, Corvias is better equipped to handle safety situations effectively and efficiently. It is imperative that residents take the necessary steps when inviting guests to reside in their homes.

To help guide residents through the process of registering a guest, here are some frequently asked questions:

Who is considered a guest?

- Any person that is not listed on the lease is viewed as a guest. Anyone on the service member's Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System — DEERS — should already be listed on the lease as an authorized occupant of the home and will not need to be registered as a guest.

When should you register a guest?

- Residents should register anyone staying overnight for more than seven days. Lease hold-

ers may have visitors for a period not to exceed 30 continuous days in a 12 month period.

Where do you register a guest?

- Guests should be registered with local neighborhood offices. All questions or concerns regarding guests and other Corvias policies may be addressed there as well.

How do you register a guest?

- A "Request for Guest" form will be provided to you by your resident management team.
- All guests will need prior approval by the service member's company commander.
- Once all requirements are met, your request will be reviewed for approval.

Your neighborhood center will provide you with a decision within 10 business days. If your request is permitted, you will be provided with a copy of the approval documentation. Your guest should vacate the residence by the expiration date listed on the form. To extend the stay of your guest, an additional request must be re-submitted 30 days prior to the indicated date.

It is also important to remember that residents will be responsible for the behavior of guests and occupants. Corvias wants all of its residents and their guests to be as comfortable as possible. This can be made possible by following all installation and housing regulations.

If you have any questions regarding your home, guests or other policies, stop by your local community center. Corvias associates will happily guide you through this or any other process.

Briefs

School lunch menu

The following school lunch menu is for Vernon Parish schools for Monday through Sept. 27. Meals are served with salad bar and choice of milk:

Monday: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, chilled pear halves, whole wheat roll.

Tuesday: Barbecue ribettes on whole wheat bun, Cajun French fries, peas and carrots, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday: Turkey roast and gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, pear halves, whole wheat roll.

Thursday: Cheesy chili mac, buttered corn, creamy coleslaw, fruit, whole wheat garlic bread.

Sept. 27: Ham and cheese sandwich, oven fries, lettuce/tomato/pickle cup, cantaloupe.

Kid's day

Fort Polk Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Child and Youth Services hosts a Boys and Girls Club Day for kids Saturday from noon-4 p.m. at the Youth Gym, bldg 2070. The event is filled with activities, food and games, and it serves as a reminder that one day can change a child's future. Enjoy bounce castles, art activities, games, food and more. Admission is free. Call 531-1992 to register or for more information.

College fair

Vernon Parish schools host a college fair Sept. 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Leesville High School cafeteria. The event is for juniors and seniors. Representatives from four-year colleges, technical and community colleges and the military will be on hand to answer questions. For more information call (337) 239-3971.

Movie night

Fort Polk Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts an outdoor movie night featuring "The Secret Life of Pets 2" Sept. 28 from 7-10 p.m. on Headquarters Field. Free popcorn, hot dogs and sodas are available. Bring your lawn chairs or spread out a blanket on the ground and enjoy some family fun.

AAFES layaway

Soldiers and military Families can get a jump-start on holiday shopping thanks to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's fee-free layaway through Dec. 24. For program details and eligibility information, shoppers can visit the Fort Polk Exchange customer service desk.

Fort Polk community makes splash at Mud Run

By **JEAN DUBIEL**
Guardian staff writer

FORT POLK, La. — Hundreds of participants from the Fort Polk community tackled the 2019 Mud Run 5K obstacle course Sept. 14 at Alligator Lake Recreation Site. Fort Polk units ran the course Sept. 13. The event was sponsored by Fort Polk's Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation. See page 12 for more photos.



JEAN DUBIEL / GUARDIAN



Mud Run

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Activities can affect surface water quality on, off post

By **DORIS FRITZE**
Water resource tech

FORT POLK, La. — Fort Polk has multiple bodies of water that originate on the installation and flow locally to surrounding parishes.

The Louisiana basins and sub-segments that can be effected by Fort Polk activities include the Atchafalaya, Barataria, Calcasieu, Mermentau, Mississippi, Ouachita, Pearl, Pontchartrain, Red River, Sabine River, Terrebonne and Vermilion-Teche.

There are 66,294 miles of river and streams, 1,684 square miles of lakes and reservoirs, 8,673 square miles of fresh and tidal wetlands, and 7,656 square miles of estuaries.

Fishing, boating, camping, washing cars in an unauthorized area, leaks and spills that are not cleaned up properly, have an impact on water quality.

Polluted stormwater runoff can have adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and communities.

Pollutants that stormwater comes in contact with is discharged into the nearest waterway without the benefit of treatment.

To help improve surface water quality in these surrounding lakes and streams, adhere to the following:

- Pick up pest waste with a doggy bag and dispose of it properly.
- When cleaning areas around your house, dispose of the wastewater in a utility sink, toilet or sanitary sewer system.
- Keep garbage cans tightly closed.
- Maintain your vehicles regularly.
- Always recycle used motor and cooking oil.
- Do not put fats, oil or grease in your kitchen drains.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash.
- Do not wash your tools or paint brushes outdoors; use a utility sink.



The Qualified Recycling Point at the corner of Maine and Georgia avenues on South Fort Polk accepts recyclables such as lead acid batteries, used cooking oil, plastic bottles and other items that should not be disposed of into the environment.

For more information, check out the QRP Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FortPolkEnvironmental/ or call 531-4013.



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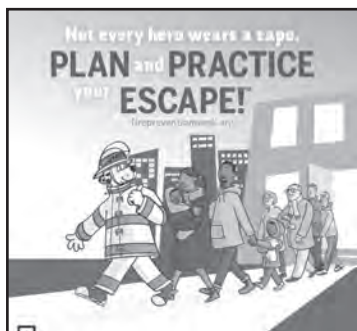
Make plans now for Fire Prevention Week

DES

FORT POLK, La. — Fire Prevention Week kicks off Oct. 6. In preparation, the Fort Polk Directorate of Emergency Services wants to remind installation residents and employees about its biggest fire safety concerns.

Sometimes, no matter how hard people try, fires happen. There will always be a possibility of a fire breaking out in your home, vehicle and place of business. Because of that possibility, it's important to be prepared. Being prepared for such an event can reduce the threat of loss of life and reduce property damage or loss. Having a working smoke detector, practicing fire prevention, having and knowing how to use a fire extinguisher, and establishing an escape plan are four steps people can take to reduce the likelihood of fires.

Smoke detectors save lives. Smoke detectors that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Smoke detectors can wake you up if a fire starts while you are sleeping. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke detectors to give you time to get out.



Facts and figures about smoke alarms

- Smoke detectors sounded in more than half (53%) of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments.
- Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke alarms.
- No smoke detectors were present in almost two out of every five home fire deaths.
- The death rate per 100 reported home fires was more than twice as high in homes that did not have any working smoke detectors compared to the rate in homes with working smoke detectors (1.18 deaths vs. 0.53 deaths per 100 fires).

Here's what you need to know

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke detectors outside each separate sleeping area. For extra protection, you may install smoke alarms in every sleeping room. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- If possible, smoke detectors should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all should sound.
- Large homes may need extra smoke detectors.
- Test your smoke detectors at



least once a month. Press and hold the test button to be sure the detector is working.

- Today's smoke detectors will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
 - When a smoke detector sounds, get outside and stay outside.
 - Replace all smoke detectors in your home every 10 years.
 - In fires in which smoke detectors were present but did not operate, almost half (46%) of the smoke detectors had missing or disconnected batteries.
 - Dead batteries caused one-quarter (24%) of the smoke detectors failures.
- One of Fort Polk's issues with smoke detectors is in the barracks. Some occupants have been tampering with or disconnecting their smoke detectors.
- Tampering with the devices could cause more issues with the detector and the fire alarm system as a whole resulting in destruction of government property and possible legal actions.

If you live in the barracks and

you are having issues with your smoke detectors or fire alarm call the DES dispatcher at 531-2026 and ask to have the fire department come take a look at it. Do not try to fix the issue or remove the smoke detector yourself. Remember, there is no smoking in the barracks. Tobacco cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vapes will activate the smoke detectors.

If you are a resident of Corvias Housing and have an issue with your smoke detector, call (866) 436-2047 to have a Corvias representative come out to investigate the issue.

For those who live off post, visit a local retail or hardware store to purchase smoke detectors. Don't forget to purchase extra batteries. A good rule of thumb is to replace your detectors' batteries every time you change your clock for Daylight Saving Time.

Many people already have smoke detectors in their residence. If they "fall asleep" on any of the other steps in fire safety, at least you will have a working smoke detector to wake them up.

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Registration essential for health, safety of pets, residents

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FORT POLK, La. — Corvias understands that pets are more than just animals; they are a part of your family.

Pet registration is essential for maintaining the health and safety of your furry friends as well as the community. Pets living at Fort Polk must be registered with both the Fort Polk Veterinary Treatment Facility and Corvias.

Corvias asks that residents make themselves aware of the Army policy for domestic animals, the Fort Polk Garrison policy and the Corvias pet policy.

Pets must be registered at the Fort Polk Veterinary Treatment Facility before they are allowed into

your home at Fort Polk.

The registration process is made easy by the Fort Polk VTF staff. They take pet registrations from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. They are closed Thursdays and weekends.

They are located at 655 Colorado Ave. across from Allen Memorial Library and can be contacted at 531-1322. To register your pet you must have your military identification, pet's vaccine history and microchip number.

Immunizations need to be current and you can get them updated while at the clinic. You will then receive official paperwork showing that your pet is registered on post and that their microchip number

has been entered into the system.

After you have registered your pet at the VTF, you should bring a copy of the registration to your Corvias Community Center along with a current photo of your pet. Corvias will update your pet addendum and the lease holder will need to sign.

There is a maximum of two pets allowed in the home. This means that you can have one dog with one cat, two dogs or two cats. Fish and small caged birds are excluded.

Unauthorized dog breeds are pit bulls, American Staffordshire terriers, English Staffordshire bull terriers, rottweilers, doberman pinschers, chows, wolf-hybrids and any dogs that have aggressive behavior.

Behavior is not limited to but can

be unprovoked barking, biting, attacking pets or people and escaping confinement to chase people.

No exotic pets, wild or farm animals are allowed onto any Army installation unless they are there for official purposes.

Please view the full list at www.CorviasMilitaryLiving.com.

It is important to review all the policies before getting a new pet or before you move into a Corvias home at Fort Polk.

It is your responsibility to make sure your pets are allowed on base. Any pet that is not registered at the Fort Polk VTF and Corvias housing is subject to immediate removal of the animal or possible eviction.

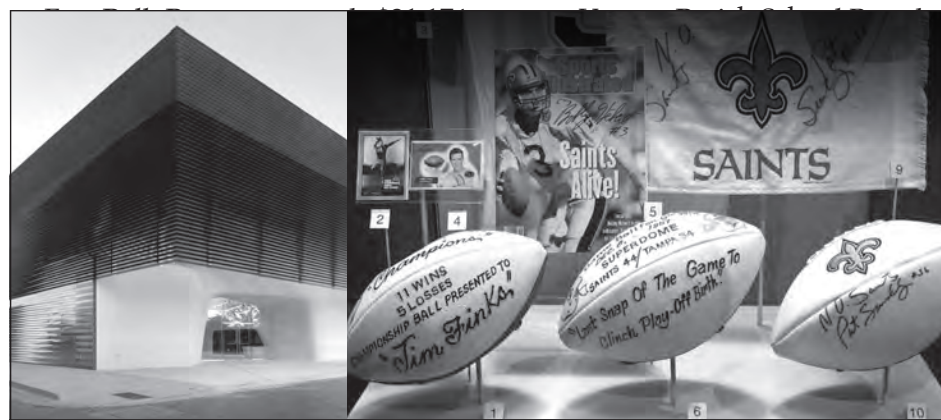
If you have questions, stop by your neighborhood center.



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Who will be first?

The first winner of the Garrison Commander's Anvil Golf Trophy will be crowned today at the conclusion of the monthly GC golf tournament. The winner each month will have their name added to the trophy which remains on display at Warrior Hills Golf Course. The tournament kicks off with an 11:30 a.m. shotgun start at Warrior Hills Golf Course. Cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Price includes cart, golf, range ball, lunch and door prizes. For more information or to register call 531-4661.



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Check out Fort Polk's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers events.

- **Baseball game**

BOSS is attending a Houston Astros vs LA Angels baseball game. Limited space is available so register today. The cost is \$45 per person, which covers transportation and hotel. The trip departs from the Home of Heroes Recreation Center, 2165 9th St., Saturday at 11 a.m. and will be returning Sunday afternoon.

- **Lemon lot**

Trying to sell your vehicle? Bring it to the BOSS Lemon Lot. Registration is \$5 for 30 days. Cars that are not registered will be towed. Register at the Home of Heroes Recreation Center. For more information call 531-1948.

Festivals

- **Fall festival**

The First United Methodist Church of Leesville, 202 North Fifth St., hosts a Fall Festival Sept. 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be food, face painting, games, crafts and tons of fun. For more information about the festival or being a vendor, call (337) 239-3828.

- **Arts festival**

Sample a variety of local food and art during the Red River Revel Arts Festival, Sept. 28-Oct. 6 in downtown Shreveport's Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St. This enormous, family-friendly festival features more than 100 visual artists, music from every genre, food and

drink vendors and more.

For more information call (318) 424-4000.

Miscellaneous

- **Butterfly blast**

Visit Allen Acres, 5070 La. Hwy 399, Pitkin, for its annual Butterfly Blast Sept. 27-29. You will enjoy watching butterflies in all their stages from caterpillar to chrysalis and adulthood. You'll see monarchs, skippers, large swallowtails and more. Photography is encouraged. For more information call (337) 328-2252.

- **Recognition Day**

Leesville Veterans of Foreign Wars post 3106, 242 Harriet St., Leesville, hosts a POW/MIA Recognition Day today at the Vernon Parish Veteran's Plaza, downtown Leesville, at 6 p.m. The event focuses on remembering those who put country before self, but have yet to return home from their wars. For more information call (337) 238-0041.

- **Quilt show**

The Annual Red River Quilt show takes place Sept. 27-28 at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds, 3701 Hudson Ave., Shreveport. The quilt show displays more than 200 quilts to be enjoyed and judged.

While there, you can enjoy special exhibits, a silent auction of quilted items, vendor mall, product and technique demonstrations, door prizes and more.

Admission is \$8 per person. The show is held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in conjunction with the opening weekend of Red River Revel Arts



Festival. For more information visit www.redriverquilters.com.

- **Beauregard Parish Fair**

The 91st annual Beauregard Parish Fair takes place Oct. 1-5 at the Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds, 506 West Drive, DeRidder. Enjoy live entertainment, rides, arts and crafts vendors and more. Admission is \$5 per person.

For more information call (337) 462-3135 or check out their Facebook page at Beauregard Parish Fair.

- **Forestry Fest**

The West La. Forestry Festival is held Oct. 2-6 at the Vernon Parish Fairgrounds, 276 H M Stevens Blvd., Leesville.

The fair features carnival rides and games, as well as shows such as the 4-H horse and livestock show; 4-H woodsman skills contest; Vernon Parish senior citizens day; and the Leesville Lions Club Rodeo. The festival also features fun fair food, exhibits and vendors. Admission is \$3 per adult. Admission for students is \$2 per person. Kids 5 and under get in

free. Military personnel and family members with valid military IDs get in free.

For more information call (337) 238-0324 or visit their Facebook page at West Louisiana Forestry Festival Fairgrounds.

Clubs/groups

- **Bass Masters**

Join the Fort Polk Community Bass Masters. The club meets monthly on the Tuesday before each tournament. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. at the New Llano American Legion, Post 387, 500 Vernon St. The next meeting is Oct. 8. The October tournament takes place at Toledo Bend, Oct. 12. The entry fee is \$40. For more information visit www.fortpolkcommunitybassmasters.com.

- **Lose weight**

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