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Shelter-in-Place (vs) Lockdown

Emergency Resources



FORT POLK, La. - It is important to determine a suitable shelter-in-place locations and lockdown rooms in a facility before an incident. Knowing what characteristics make a room more conducive to shelter in place or Lockdown helps to avoid danger during an incident. Shelter-in-place and Lockdown notifications are based on the pending threat to the community. Both instructions are intended to put effective barriers between the population and a threat. The difference is in the type of threat and what kinds of actions are suggested

Shelter - in - Place:

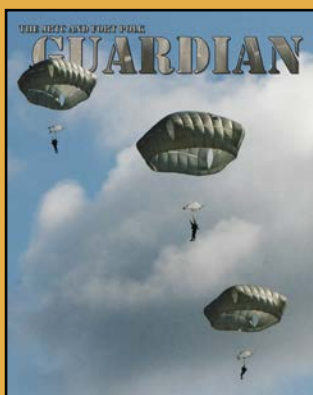
Shelter in place means to take immediate shelter where you are within a facility or structure to provide protection. Certain situations such as a weather emergency, environmental hazard (chemical release, air pollution), or local emergency require sheltering in place. In general, shelter in place is appropriate when conditions outside are unsafe and a higher degree of protection is available inside. When it is necessary to shelter in place, you seek cover in the nearest building. With time permitting, a shelter-in-place situation entails closing and locking all doors and windows and turning off heating, cooling, and ventilation systems.

It is recommended to find an interior room or hallway, and stay away from exterior windows. Lobbies, walkways, atriums, and other large glassed-in areas are not recommended as safe refuge. Additionally, stay away from large, open areas with a long roof span. Large storage closets, utility rooms, pantries, break rooms, conference rooms, and other rooms without exterior windows may work well as shelter areas. During a shelter-in-place alert, no one is to leave the area until an "all clear" is received from authorities.

Lockdown:

Lockdown is a sheltering technique used to limit exposure of occupants within a facility to an imminent hazard or threat outside. When "locking down," building occupants shelter inside a room to prevent access from the outside intruder. Lockdown may be instructed during situations such as the presence of a hostile or armed intruder on the installation or a campus. A lockdown requires locking doors and windows and barricading or blocking entry to a facility, classroom, or office. The purpose is to create a secure physical location where a threat may be physically prevented from entering spaces before and during law enforcement activity. When it is necessary to lockdown, you should find an interior room, and lock all doors and windows. If possible, avoid locking down in rooms with glass windows, as they are easily penetrable. In addition to locking, fortify entranceways with heavy items such as furniture.

In a lockdown, avoid creating indicators that the intruder may see or hear to detect people. Turn off lights and items that may cause noise, such as TVs and radios. Silence phones, close blinds and await further instructions. Do not leave until an "all clear" is received from appropriate authorities.



Cover Photo: Soldiers parachute to the ground during a Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk jump Aug. 12 to celebrate National Airborne Day – Aug. 16. The birthday honors the military's airborne divisions of the Armed Forces.

519th Military Police Battalion hosts change of **command**

By **ANGIE THORNE**

Public affairs and communication

FORT POLK, La. — The 519th Military Police Battalion's change of command was held Aug. 13 at Spike Field.

Outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Shawn C. Keller, relinquished command to incoming commander Lt. Col. Patrick M. Murphy.

Col. Sharon R. Lyght, 16th Military Police Brigade commander, officiated at the event. Lyght welcomed those in attendance and asked that they join her in celebrating the officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers of the 519th MP Bn.

"Vipers, you look outstanding," she said.

Lyght said a change of command is bittersweet as you must bid farewell to a great leader such as Keller and his Family.

"He led this organization with absolute distinction during a challenging 24 months that included the COVID-19 pandemic, two hurricanes and Minnesota-type snow in Louisiana," she said. "Given these conditions, what this battalion has been able to accomplish has been amazing."

Under Keller's leadership, Lyght said the Vipers successfully deployed more than 200 personnel in support of a no notice deployment to the Southwest border — where they provided support to customs and border patrol — trained, certified and deployed two crisis response teams in support of operation Inherent Resolve, stayed laser-focused on large scale combat operation readiness by successfully preparing and deploying a company in support of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division Joint Readiness Training Center rotation and implemented the Army's first automated palletized boat system.

"In between all of that, the battalion and their partners at DES (Directorate of Emergency Services) provided first-class law enforcement, physical security and fire and emergency services to the Fort Polk commu-



Col. Sharon R. Lyght, 16th Military Police Brigade commander, passes the colors to incoming commander, Lt. Col. Patrick M. Murphy at the 519th Military Police Battalion's change of command ceremony held Aug. 13.

nity," she said.

Keller said he was truly honored, yet humbled to have had the opportunity to command the best battalion in the Army.

"Before you are the Soldiers that represent the best of America. The fewer than 1% of our population that has the guts to volunteer to serve our nation and, if necessary, fight and win our nation's wars," he said.

Looking back on the last two years, Keller said the Soldiers of the 519th have performed duties that include civil disturbance operations on the U.S. and Mexican border, keeping Fort Polk's streets clear of trees and debris in 50 plus mile per hour winds, standing in the rain rationing gas and continuing to protect the installation from an enemy they couldn't see.

"They remained on the front lines, at the gates and on the road maintaining good order and discipline," he said.

Keller said the Soldiers are the ones that have made the battalion successful.

"It's their loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, integrity and personal courage that have led us to be one of the most respected battalions on Fort Polk. No matter what the mission was, we accomplished it," he said. "I'm truly humbled to have been your commander."

Lyght welcomed Murphy to the Viper Family.

"I know you are going to do fantastic and I'm excited to see how you move the unit forward," she said.

Murphy said he was honored to be chosen to lead the organization and looks forward to continuing the awesome work the team does day-in and day-out.

"I promise that I'm going to give my best every single day. It's a privilege to join this team and I can't wait to see what our future holds. Thank you for what you do and the sacrifices you make daily to protect this installation.

Briefs

Walk-in vaccination event

The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk hosts a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Main Post Exchange (7742 Colorado Avenue) Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The second dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be available to beneficiaries 12 years and older who received their first dose at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital or during

one of the previous Saturday vaccination clinics. The Moderna vaccine will be available to any Soldier, Family member, retiree, civilian employee or contractor 18 years and older needing their first or second dose. If this is your second shot — remember to bring your vaccination card. Beneficiaries needing their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine may also call 531.3011 to schedule an appointment with the BJACH Immunization Clinic.

Booster shot

Bayne-Jones Army Community Hos-

pital understands that Fort Polk's immunocompromised population is especially vulnerable to prolonged illness from COVID-19. BJACH is now offering an additional dose for moderately to severely immunocompromised beneficiaries in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions you may qualify for a third COVID-19 vaccine shot at this time:

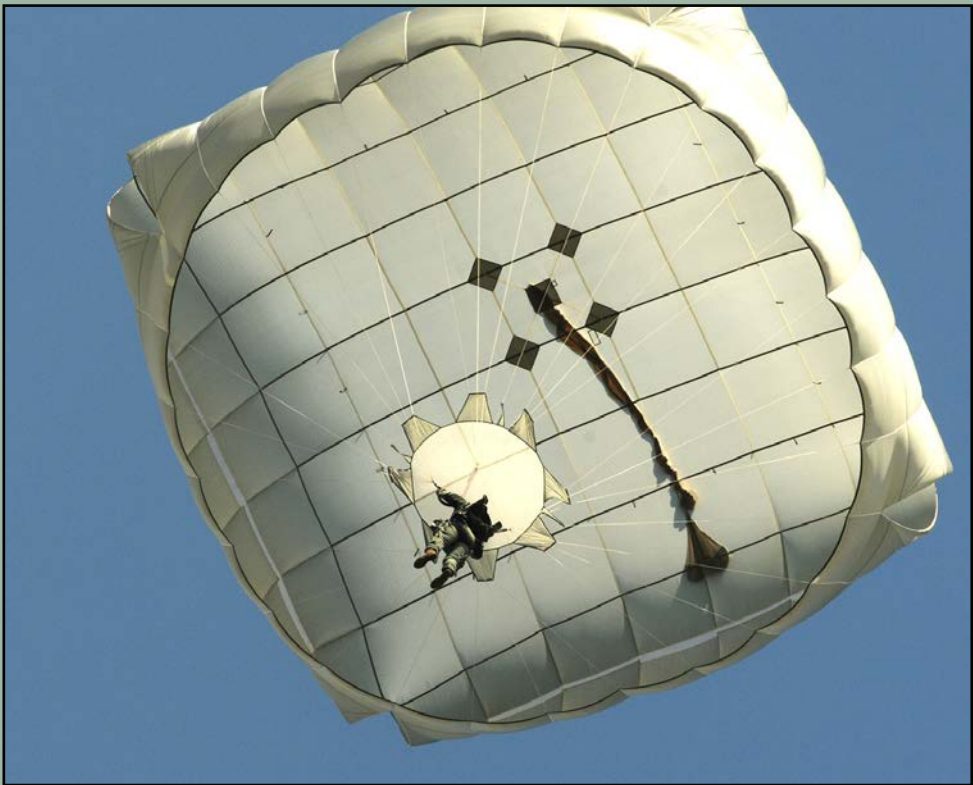
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CELEBRATING AIRBORNE

Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk Soldiers participated in a jump Aug. 12 to celebrate National Airborne Day — Aug. 16. The birthday honors the military's airborne divisions of the Armed Forces.



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First phase of SEDRE mission ends, next phase heads to Fort Polk

By Spc. JACOB WACHOB
40th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.—Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) prepare for their upcoming Sea Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise in conjunction with their rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

This SEDRE is not in response to any international situation or diplomatic conversation. This SEDRE is part of a U.S. Army program and has been in the planning phases since March 2021.

This exercise provides the unit an opportunity to exercise the procedures associated with recalling unit members, preparing personnel and equipment for deployment, deploying, and planning and conducting a mission.

“This is the first time that the majority of our Soldiers will be executing a SEDRE, and it’s a very exciting opportunity for our Soldiers to hone in on an additional capability to win the fight,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Gardner, the noncommissioned officer in charge for Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101 Abn. Div. “It’s not very common that we utilize sea vessels. In my 18-years in the Army this is my first SEDRE too, but the units have been making it happen, there’s a lot of cohesion right now and it’s exciting to see a full scale operation like this executed.”

The balance between readiness and health protection conditions is critical to 101 Abn Div success.

The division has developed and implemented safety-mitigation measures. It set conditions to expand capacity to stop the spread of the virus, while training their Soldiers to fight and win in contested environments.

Phase one of the operation required Soldiers to stage the vehicles and equipment necessary for the mission at the Fort Campbell Railhead where it will then be transported to the Port of Charleston, it will be put on a barge and then convoyed to JRTC, where 3rd Brigade will begin its training rotation.

“The SEDRE has forced us to adapt to win, despite the short notice and sometimes scramble for information, we’re making this happen, and we will succeed,” said 1st. Lt. Rainer Eldred, the executive officer for Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101 Abn Div. “Short notice or no notice deployment exercises definitely cause us to examine the areas that need to be strengthened in our ability to rapidly move and ship out, but it is all part of the process of building upon the lethality of the 101st.”

The objective of a SEDRE is to train units in standard deployment procedures. The SEDRE concept requires the deployment of an



Soldiers assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) transport fuel containers onto the Fort Campbell Railhead Aug. 10 in preparation for their Sea Emergency Deployment Readiness Training Exercise. SEDREs provide Soldiers the opportunity to hone in on an additional capability to win the fight.

entire brigade’s equipment and personnel. The equipment and vehicles must be uploaded and offloaded using port facilities and ships. Challenging training events like deploy-

ment readiness exercises strengthen unit cohesion, improve tactical proficiency and allow the Army to develop agile, adaptive leaders of character.



GC visits SRP
Fort Polk Garrison Commander, Col. Samuel P. Smith Jr., speaks to Soldiers at the Soldier Readiness Processing Center. The visit is part of Smith’s efforts to tour facilities and organizations while improving services for Fort Polk’s Soldiers and customers.

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Fort Polk Soldiers charged with UCMJ violations

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FORT POLK, La. — The preamble to the Manual for Courts-Martial states, “The purpose of military law is to promote justice, to assist in maintaining good order and discipline in the armed forces, to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the military establishment, and thereby strengthen the national security of the United States.”

At the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, the commanding general and subordinate commanders take good order and discipline seriously.

Across Fort Polk, the following disciplinary issues continue to be prevalent: Driving under the influence of alcohol, wrongful use/possession of controlled substances, fraternization, sexual assault and underage drinking.

Below are recent examples of adverse legal actions for units within the Fort Polk jurisdiction.

- A specialist, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, was punished under Article 15 for failure to maintain accountability of their weapon and giving an NCO a false official statement, in violation of Article 92 and Article 107, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The Soldier was sentenced to a reduction to private first class; forfeiture of \$553 pay, suspended; extra duty for 14 days and an oral reprimand.

- A private, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, was punished under Article 15 for failure to report, in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. The Soldier was sentenced to extra duty for 14 days and restriction for 14 days.

- A sergeant, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, was punished under Article 15 for being derelict in their duties by failing to report a lost PVS-14, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The Soldier was sentenced to reduction to specialist, suspended; forfeiture of \$1,414 pay, suspended and extra duty for 30 days.

- A sergeant first class, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, was punished under Article 15 for failure to obey a lawful order, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The Soldier was sentenced to forfeiture of \$2,280 pay for two months, \$2,030 pay suspended; extra duty for 45 days and restriction for 15 days.



- A specialist, assigned to 519th Military Police Battalion, was separated under Chapter 14-12c(2) (Misconduct-Abuse of Illegal Drugs) for wrongful use of a controlled substance. The Soldier was issued a general under honorable conditions characterization of service. Generally, this characterization of service results in the loss of a service member’s educational benefits.

- A private, assigned to 317th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, was separated under Chapter 14-12c(2) (Misconduct-Abuse of Illegal Drugs) for wrongful use of a controlled substance. The Soldier was issued a general under honorable conditions characterization of service.

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- Have you been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood?

- Have you received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system?

- Have you received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system?

- Do you have moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)?

- Do you have advanced or untreated HIV infection?

- Are you currently on an active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response?

If you would like to get an additional dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine, call 531.3011 for a telehealth appointment to discuss whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for you.

24/7 prescription center

The Script Center machine located at

Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital’s Entrance A, is available 24/7 for non-refrigerated prescription refills. It’s quick, easy and hassle free:

Call in a prescription refill to 531.3785. Select Option 2 or request a refill at [tricare-online.com](https://bayne-jones.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy). Prescriptions will be available after noon the next business day. For first time users, bring your Department of Defense ID card and prescription number to register with the Script Center machine.

Once registered, the Script Center can be used 24/7 to pick up refill prescriptions with ID card, username and password or fingerprint login.

For more information visit <https://bayne-jones.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy>

Vaccination appointments

COVID-19 vaccination appointments are available for Soldiers, Family members and retirees at the BJACH Immunization Clinic. Call 531.3011 or visit [www.tricare-online.com](https://bayne-jones.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy) to schedule your appointment. Department of Defense civilian employ-

ees and contractors who are not TRICARE beneficiaries can schedule an appointment through the Department of Public Health Occupational Health Clinic by calling 531.6131/2706.

Movie night

The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk and the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation host movie night Friday at Headquarters Field. Concessions open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 8 p.m. The movie is “Raya and The Last Dragon.”

Skating event

Fort Polk’s Child and Youth Services Youth Sports presents a Family skating event Sunday at the Siegfried Youth Center. From 1-3 p.m. there will be skating with assistance and from 3-5 p.m. experienced skaters take the floor.

The event is \$5 with a skate rental and \$2 if you bring your own skates. Masks are required for those ages 8 and older. The event is open to the public. Call 531.6004 for more information.



COURTESY VERNON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Principal of year

West Leesville Elementary School Principal Karen Robertson is presented a plaque by members of the Vernon Parish School Board following her selection by the Louisiana Department of Education as Louisiana Elementary School Principal of the Year for 2021. Robertson has served as West Leesville Elementary's principal for nearly four years, and she's had a career in education for almost 28 years. Starting as an elementary school teacher, Robertson eventually moved into an administrative role as assistant principal at Pickering Elementary School before becoming West Leesville Elementary's principal. She said the achievement is humbling after her small school community pushed through big obstacles like the pandemic and hurricanes.

Notice of Availability

FINAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Establish and Maintain Line of Sight within Peason Ridge Impact Area at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk

JRTC and Fort Polk has completed a Final Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) to Establish and Maintain Line of Sight within Peason Ridge Impact Area at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Louisiana. The draft EA and FNSI are based on the thorough review of the purpose and need for the action and potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts that were considered and disclosed in the EA. The final draft EA and draft FNSI are being made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The thirty day public comment period will begin once the public notice of availability has been placed in all three newspapers. A copy of the EA is available on-line at <http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/nepa.htm> or a digital copy may be requested by contacting the JRTC and Fort Polk Public Affairs Office (PAO) at the number and address below. Copies of the EA and Draft FNSI are also available at the following libraries:

- Beauregard Parish Library, 205 South Washington Avenue, DeRidder

- Vernon Parish Library, 1401 Nolan Trace, Leesville

- Natchitoches Parish Library, 431 Jefferson Street, Natchitoches

All public comments received will be provided to the Garrison Commander for his consideration prior to making a final decision. Please address questions or comments to: Public Affairs Office, Attn: Kavanaugh Breazeale 7033 Magnolia Drive, Fort Polk, LA 71459-5342; email: usarmy.polk.imcom.mbx.pao-public-response@mail.mil.

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BJACH HOSTS CIVILIAN PARAMEDIC FOR DEMO, COMIC BOOK DISCUSSION

By JEAN CLAVETTE GRAVES

BJACH public affairs officer

FORT POLK, La. — The Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital's education and staff development team hosted a tactical casualty care demonstration for Tony Kittrell, CEO, Advent Comics, at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk medical range Aug. 13.

Kittrell a paramedic and firefighter for the Prince George County Fire Department in Maryland for more than 25 years, was in Vernon Parish for National Free Comic Book Day Aug. 14. National Free Comic Book Day, established in 2002, is normally celebrated the first Saturday in May. According to freecomickbookday.com the event was postponed in 2021 due to disruptions related to COVID-19.

Advent Comics was established in 2009 and has comic books available on six continents and 34 countries around the world.

Kittrell said he wanted to spend time with the combat medics because his former lieutenant at the Prince George Fire Department was an Army veteran and former combat medic.

"He was always telling me stories about what they did and I've been impressed by their abilities," he said. "This demonstration illustrated some differences between civilian paramedics and the military. We assess our patients, put them in the ambulance and work on them as we are headed to the hospital. These medics assess and stabilize their patients before transportation arrives."

Kittrell said his experience with the medics might inspire a new character in an upcoming Advent Comic.

Staff Sgt. Cameron Reeves, noncommissioned officer in charge of the BJACH hospital education and staff development department, admitted to being a comic book fan and was excited to host Kittrell to demonstrate the capabilities of the combat medics at Fort Polk.

"I like comic books, Batman is my favorite," he said. "I like Batman because although he doesn't have any real powers, he is a real person who uses his wealth for good."

Reeves said conducting the tactical casualty care demonstrations for civilian paramedics, like Kittrell, is an important way to illustrate the capabilities of combat medics.

"In combat we have the skills necessary to react and treat traumatic injuries," he said. "What 68Ws do is crucial to Army medicine and readiness."

Pfc. Megan Schindler, 190th Medical Detachment, 115th Field Hospital, 32nd Hospital Center, volunteered to do the demonstration for Kittrell because medicine is always changing and this was an opportunity to practice her skills.

"I just graduated from AIT (Advanced Individual Training) six months ago and it's good



Pfc. Steven Ndong (left) and Pfc. Megan Schindler (right), 115th Field Hospital, 32nd Hospital Center, conduct tactical casualty care during a community relations engagement as Tony Kittrell, CEO, Advent Comics, looks on at the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk medical range Aug. 13.

practice for us to do combat casualty assessments whenever we have the opportunity," she said. "The sound and smoke made this demonstration very realistic for me as I performed my duties. I hope Mr. Kittrell has a better understanding of what our jobs as medics in the Army is all about."

Pfc. Steven Ndong, 115th FH, 32nd HC conducted the demonstration with Schindler.

"My goal is always to be the best that I can be. I knew this was a good opportunity to showcase what I can do in front of others and hopefully get some helpful feedback," he said. "I think it's important for our civilian counterparts to see what we do on a daily basis. It will allow them to see the difference between paramedics in a civilian versus a tactical environment."

Ndong said his favorite comic is Asterix, a French series about Gaulish warriors who have adventures and fight the Roman Republic during the era of Julius Caesar.

The engagement with Kittrell drew combat medics from across the installation to discuss

the difference between military and civilian first response, as well as comic books.

Pfc. Kelton Edwards, 190th MD, 115th FH, 32nd HC, said he was a big fan of Superman.

"I like his background. He was raised by people who weren't his biological parents but they still loved him as if he were their own," he said. "I think it's pretty cool that Kittrell has a character in his Regulators Series who represents real life first responders."

Edwards said his stories can give people interested in the medical field an idea of what it can be like.

"Comic books kind of give you a personal feel to what is going on in the story," he said. "Between the imagery and the dialog the reader experiences what is actually going on in the story."

Spc. Tyler Crandall, 115th FH, 32nd HC, said he loves comic books and Daredevil is his favorite character.

"I like him because of his sensory amplifica-

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EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE A SAFE WALK TO SCHOOL

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tion. He's blind, so no one suspects he's Daredevil," he said. "We are out here doing military training with a civilian counterpart, which is beneficial because civilian paramedics deal with different emergencies than we do."

Crandall said it's good for Soldiers to interact with civilian paramedics because they can learn from one another and get a better understanding of what each does. "In the end," he said, "it's all about saving lives."

Jack Reed, healthcare training instructor for BJACH, is a retired medic and Army nurse. He said the Avengers are his favorite comic book characters.

"It is exciting to have Mr. Kittrell here. This is a great way to show someone what we ac-

tually do," he said. "We wanted to make this experience as realistic as we could make it to give him a better understanding of what our medics are capable of on the battlefield."

Reed said he hopes Kittrell has a good experience while he's at Fort Polk.

Kittrell said his character Titan, the Ultraman, is based on his career as firefighter and a paramedic.

"Titan is a flawed person, he has some strikes against him, but he's trying to be better. He is trying to be what the world needs him to be — a hero," he said. "I blush when anyone calls me, as a firefighter, a hero, because these Soldiers are the real heroes. They are selflessly serving our country. That to me, is the most he-



Soldiers with the 115th Field Hospital, 32nd Hospital Center, listen to Tony Kittrell, CEO, Advent Comics, talk about comics and saving lives Aug. 13.

JEAN CLAVETTE GRAVES/BJACH

COMPETING FOR GUN GREATNESS

The Commanding General's 3 Gun Team Competition was held at the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Recreational Shooting Range Aug. 14. Teams competed in pistol, rifle and skeet events.



Lawson McKee, 14, (right) and his team members Jacob Hagen (middle) and Robert Stewart focus on their target in the pistol portion of the competition held Aug. 14.



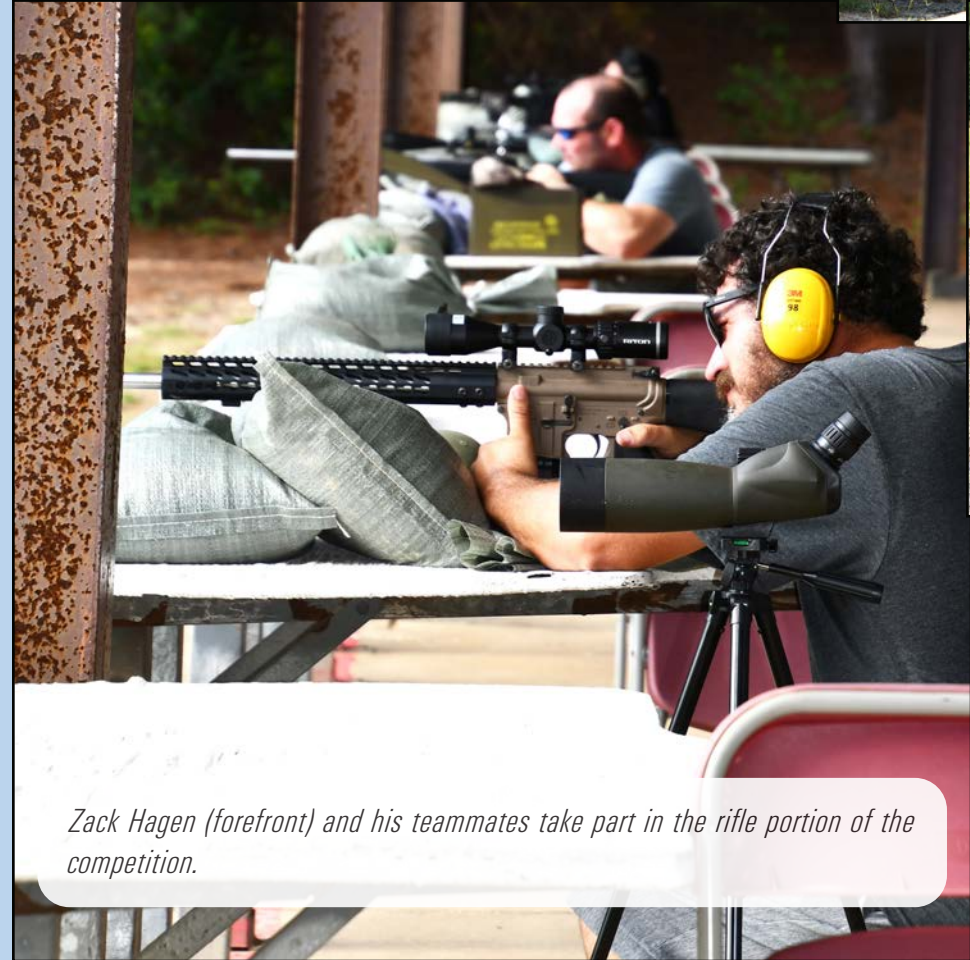
Lawson McKee 14 – the youngest competitor at the event – talks to Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk Commanding General, David S. Doyle, before the competition begins.



Cody Greathouse, pistol range safety officer, hangs the targets before the competition begins.



Bridgit Robertson, takes aim with her rifle.



Zack Hagen (forefront) and his teammates take part in the rifle portion of the competition.



The winning team (from left to right) is Jason Hupcej, David Elitzroth and William Burns. Hupcej was also top shooter.



David Elitzroth shoots at a skeet Aug. 14 during the Commanding General's 3 Gun Team Competition as teammate, Jason Hupcej, controls the clay pigeons.

ANGIE THORNE/GUARDIAN



KAVANAUGH BREAZEALE/GUARDIAN

Collective bargaining agreement signed

The Fort Polk U.S. Army Garrison recently solidified its collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters. The document is an agreement between employees and management, offering a framework for day-to-day firefighter operations. This agreement updates the original CBA last signed in 1998 and assists both parties in resolving problems at the lowest possible level within the organization. The negotiation process between Fort Polk's lead negotiator, Deputy Garrison Commander, Johnny Bevers, (right center) and President of IAFF Local F-215, Jeremy Parker, (left center) began in October, 2019. Bevers says, "We are very proud to have a CBA that not only works for management, but also empowers the great installation firefighters."



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Soldier of Year

From left to right: Joint Readiness Training Center Commanding General, Brig. Gen. David S. Doyle, Sgt. Keegan Reeves, noncommissioned officer of the year, Sgt. Tyre Celestin, Soldier of the Year and Post Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Major Michael C. Henry stand together after being recognized at the Soldier/NCO of the Year ceremony held Aug. 12.

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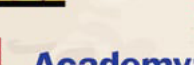
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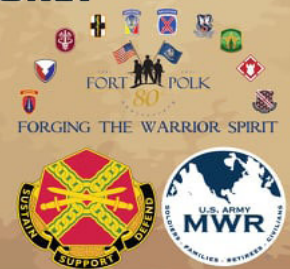
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