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A U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter assigned to Task Force Saber, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade flies while conducting a routine air mission request in a multi-ship UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flight as part of Exercise Balikatan 2026 over the Luzon Strait, Philippines, May 2, 2026. Balikatan is a longstanding annual exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and U.S. military that represents the strength of our alliance, improves our capable combined force, and demonstrates our commitment to regional peace and prosperity. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Olivia Cowart)

New training, new tech, new aircraft will define Army Aviation's future



Maj. Gen. Clair Gill told Army aviation leaders and supporters Wednesday that the branch is transforming at pace to meet a rapidly evolving battlefield, emphasizing culture, modernization and Soldier-driven innovation as the service reshapes training, formations and acquisition priorities. Gill, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence...

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Fort Rucker hosts inaugural Commanding General's Turkey Hunt



Maj. Gen. Clair Gill, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, opened the installation's inaugural Commanding General's Turkey Hunt on April 24 with both mentorship and pride in seeing Soldiers try the sport for the first time. "How many of you is this gonna be a first time you've been turkey smiling as several hands went up. "Awesome. Awesome."

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128th Aviation Brigade places first, second at international maintenance comp.



Soldiers from the 128th Aviation Brigade recently finished in first and second place in the military category of the MRO Americas Aerospace Maintenance Competition. Team Blackhawk won the first-place title, followed by Team Chinook in second place. The brigade's maintainers competed against a field of 90 international teams, including civilian and commercial aviation...

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ARMY HOUSING TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY
DATE EXTENDED TO MAY 15

U.S. ARMY

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Army conducts historic large-scale SERE reintegration exercise



In a historic first, the U.S. Army's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) school at Fort Rucker partnered with U.S. Army South from March 14-18, 2026 to successfully execute a large-scale reintegration exercise, simulating the mass return of service members from a large-scale combat operation. The landmark exercise processed nearly 50 students acting as returned

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Army Aviation Spouses Discuss Resilience in Careers at AAAA Summit



Army Aviation spouses shared hard-earned lessons on resilience, career continuity and raising children through constant change during a fireside chat April 16 at the annual Army Aviation Association of America Summit in Nashville, Tenn. Moderated by Dr. Fran Gill, an emergency room physician and spouse of Maj. Gen. Clair A. Gill, commanding general of the Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, the discussion on being "Resilient by Design" brought together Christine Obadal, a former Army intelligence officer and current Deloitte executive, and...

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Flightwerx launches to prepare Fort Rucker Soldiers for future fight and collaborate with the community



Fort Rucker Soldiers joined regional leaders and industry partners in Daleville, Ala. April 20 to celebrate the opening of Flightwerx, a new facility designed to advance unmanned systems, defense technology and workforce development right outside the home of Army Aviation. Representatives from Grow Southeast Alabama, Innovate Alabama and local officials gathered for the opening, highlighting the collaboration behind the project...

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(Left to right) Chief Warrant Officer 5 William Scott Beaman, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Whitney Boyles, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sammy Echevarria, Sergeant Major Scottie Ku Bogenrief Jr., Sergeant First Class David Vroman, Sergeant First Class Alyssa Crisp retire during a ceremony inside the Army Aviation Museum on Fort Rucker April, 24, 2026. (Brittany Trumbull)

FORT RUCKER UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

MAY

- 01 - SUNSET BOAT RIDE AT LAKE THOLOCCO
- 02 - FITNESS EXPO
- 02 - SWEET CREEK SPRING CHICKEN FESTIVAL DAY TRIP
- 02-03 - THUNDER ON THOLOCCO
- 05 - COMMANDERS CUP SOFTBALL BEGINS
- 05 - COFFEE MEET & GREET CYS & ACS
- 05 - STRESS MANAGEMENT BINGO FAF
- 07 - ART FROM THE HEART FAF
- 08 - MOMMY & ME LIGHT OF MY LIFE
- 08 - MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
- 08 - BEGINNER KNITTING (PURL STITCH)
- 09 - DEEP SEA FISHING
- 10 - MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
- 11 - PARENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
- 15 - SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCREENING FAF
- 16 - FORT RUCKER FREEDOM SK
- 16 - DAY AT THE LAKE
- 21 - EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO BE SAFE FAF
- 22 - CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS - FUND. STITCHES
- 23 - MEMORIAL DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 26-31 - LEVEL UP YOUR SLIMMER! SAC
- 26-31 - YOUTH CENTER SUMMER CAMP
- 28 - VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION
- 29 - SEWING FOR BEGINNERS!

JUN

- 02 - COFFEE MEET & GREET CYS & ACS
- 03 - TREADMILL SK
- 04 - SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS
- 04 - FATHER'S DAY MAKE & TAKE FAF
- 05 - B.O.S.S. GOLF LESSONS
- 05 - DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING FAF
- 05 - SUNSET BOAT RIDE AT LAKE THOLOCCO
- 06 - DINO DAD PLATES ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER
- 08-12 - YOUTH SPORTS SOCCER CAMP
- 11 - MEET AT MIKE'S SPOUSES' NIGHT
- 12 - (CEA) LEARN HOW TO DJ
- 12 - ARMY BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING INITIATIVE
- 13 - DEEP SEA FISHING (PARTY BOAT)
- 13 - ARMY BIRTHDAY GOLF SCRAMBLE
- 16 - LITTLE INNOVATORS PLAYLAB FAF
- 16 - AER CLOSING CEREMONY
- 20 - BREVTON ALABAMA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL DAY TRIP
- 20 - PARENT-CHILD GOLF SCRAMBLE
- 25 - STRESS MANAGEMENT BINGO FAF
- 26 - FREEDOM FEST

JUL

- 02 - FOURTH OF JULY ART JAM FAF
- 03 - SUNSET BOAT RIDE AT LAKE THOLOCCO
- 04 - RED, WHITE, & BLUE GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 07 - COFFEE MEET & GREET CYS & ACS
- 09 - SENSORY PLAY GROUP
- 16 - BABY SIGN LANGUAGE
- 17 - B.O.S.S. GOLF SCRAMBLE

ONGOING EVENTS FOR ARMY FAMILIES & SOLDIERS

- L.I.N.C.**
@ THE LANDING - 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
- GLOW BOWL / EXTREME BOWL**
@ THE FLIGHTLINE EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT
- RIGHT ARM NIGHT & LIVE AT MIKE'S**
@ BIG MIKE'S - TYPICALLY 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
- NEWCOMERS WELCOME**
@ THE LANDING - 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
- TRIVIA TUESDAYS**
@ BIG MIKE'S - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
- BOOKS & BREWS**
@ BIG MIKE'S - 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
- STORYTIME WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**
@ THE CENTER LIBRARY & 3RD SAT OF EACH MONTH
- TEEN BOOK CLUB**
3RD THURS OF EACH MONTH
- STARS & STRIKES BOWLING**
JAN 19th, FEB 14th, MAR 25th, JUN 19th, SEP 19th, NOV 19th, NOV 11th
- CORE & CUDDLES**
EVERY FRIDAY @ SANDREWS PFC, RM SQUASH 114

CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UP TO DATE DETAILS ON EVENTS

VS.

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
RIP HEWES STADIUM | GATES OPEN AT 6PM | KICKOFF AT 7PM

THE LANDING PRESENTS

Mother's Day Brunch

MAY 10 2026
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- 3-5 yrs \$6
- 6-12 yrs \$10
- Adults \$24
- Family \$55

(2 adults + 2 kids 12 yrs & under)

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