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U.S. Army Cpl. Justin Khamninh, a CH-47 Chinook helicopter repairer and aircrew member, assigned to Task Force Saber, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, observes his surroundings while flying as part of Exercise Salaknib 2026 near Cagayan North International Airport, Lal-lo, Philippines, June 7, 2026. Exercise Salaknib highlights the enduring U.S.-Philippine alliance, enhancing interoperability and readiness through combined-arms operations, multi-domain integration, and humanitarian assistance efforts to support regional stability. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Olivia Cowart)

Storm Ready: Fort Rucker Prepares for Hurricane Season



Fort Rucker is keeping an eye on the sky as the Atlantic Hurricane Season begins June 1 and runs through November 30. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted a below-normal season for this year, while emphasizing early preparation. Currently, NOAA anticipates 8 -14 named storms, 3-6 hurricanes and 1-3 major hurricanes...

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Army Software Factory NCOs become warrant officers



Army Software Factory noncommissioned officers marked a milestone in their careers as they became software operations warrant officers, graduating from Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker on June 10. The software operations technician military occupational specialty, known as 280A, is the Army's newest functional area. We realized the operational power of ...

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Connecting our community for our kids



Connecting groups of off-post educational professionals with our on-post leadership, professionals, and parents is critical to ensure that our military children receive the best educational experience while attending school here on Fort Rucker or out in the surrounding communities. Educational leaders, superintendents, principals, career tech professionals...

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AROUND THE ARMY

[President Trump to award Medal of Honor](#)

[National Guard Soldiers use UAS to train for tomorrow's battlefield](#)

[11th Airborne Division integrates with joint, partner forces at RED FLAG-Alaska](#)

[NASA selects Soldier, former Black Hawk pilot for Artemis III](#)

[A legacy on the beaches: Sky Soldier honors WWII heroes in Normandy](#)

[Fort Hood adds new barrack to its housing](#)



Double amputee paratrooper trains for historic jump into Normandy



Fourteen years after an explosion in an Afghan village took both of his legs and nearly his life, former 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper Jon Harmon is preparing to step into the door of a World War II-era C-47 over Normandy, France, and jump again. For Harmon, 32, the moment will mark more than a return to the sky. It will mark a return to himself...

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JULY 9

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JOB SEEKER WORKSHOPS
9 AM - 12:30 PM

HIRING FAIR
1:30 - 4 PM

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Col. Clint Cody, Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff, welcomes members of the nonprofit 9:57 Project to provide an opportunity for flight school students to learn more about the attacks on the U.S. on September 11, 2001, at Fort Rucker, Ala., June 10 2026. The presentation focused on the story of U.S. citizens who fought back at 9:57 a.m. that day against the hijackers of United Airlines Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. (U.S. Army photo by WO1 Natalie Magnuson)

Leslie Herlick, jumpmaster with the Liberty Jump Team and AVCoE Public Affairs Officer, prepares to jump in Normandy, France, June 5, 2026. The Liberty Jump Team has been jumping in Normandy for 20 years to honor the paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions who led the way in the opening hours of D-Day. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Christopher Sanchez)

9 AM
FIRST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH

FORT RUCKER
UPCOMING
EVENTS 2026

JUN

02 - COFFEE MEET & GREET CYS & ACS

03 - TREADMILL 5K

04 - SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS

04 - FATHER'S DAY MAKE & TAKE EFMP

05 - B.O.S.S. GOLF LESSONS

05 - DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING EFMP

05 - SUNSET BOAT RIDE AT LAKE THOLOCCO

05 - KING/QUEEN OF THE HILL HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

06 - DINO DAD PLATES ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER

08 -12 - BRAZILIAN YOUTH SPORTS SOCCER CAMP

11 - MEET AT MIKE'S SPOUSES' NIGHT

12 - (CEA) LEARN HOW TO DJ

12 - ARMY BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

13 - DEEP SEA FISHING (PARTY BOAT)

13 - ARMY BIRTHDAY GOLF SCRAMBLE

16 - LITTLE INNOVATORS PLAYLAB EFMP

16 - AER CLOSING CEREMONY

16 - 20 CARD MAKING KITS

20 - BREWTON ALABAMA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL DAY TRIP

20 - PARENT-CHILD GOLF SCRAMBLE

21 - FATHER'S DAY BOWLING SPECIAL

21 - FATHER'S DAY KAYAK RENTAL SPECIAL

24 - ZOO ANIMAL PLATE PAINTING

25 - STRESS MANAGEMENT BINGO FAP

26 - FREEDOM FEST

JUL

01 - ART SPARKS - STEAM BASED ART FOR KIDS

02 - FOURTH OF JULY ART JAM EFMP

03 - SUNSET BOAT RIDE AT LAKE THOLOCCO

04 - RED, WHITE, & BLUE GOLF TOURNAMENT

07 - COFFEE MEET & GREET CYS & ACS

09 - SENSORY PLAY GROUP

10 - KING/QUEEN OF THE HILL HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

17 - NO-TAP SINGLES BOWLING TOURN. BEGINS

17 - B.O.S.S. GOLF SCRAMBLE

18 - LEISURE TRAVEL DTS OMAHA BREWING COMPANY

20 - EFMP STORYTIME

25 - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

25 - DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT CC

31 - KING/QUEEN OF THE HILL HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

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04 - COFFEE MEET & GREET

06 - BUBBLE PALOOZA EFMP

07 - THROTTLE THURSDAY

07 - SUNSET BOAT RIDE AT LAKE THOLOCCO

08 - DEEP SEA FISHING (PRIVATE CHARTER)

08 - ARMY TEN-MILER QUALIFIER

15 - TRIPLE 6 GOLF TOURNAMENT

17 - EFMP STORYTIME

18 - STRESS MANAGEMENT BINGO FAP

19 - SFRG TRAINING

20 - REIGNITE OUR CONNECTION

21 - GLOW RUN

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 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH 3RD THURS 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

@ BIG MIKE'S - 3RD THURS OF EACH MONTH

STARS & STRIKES BOWLING

JAN 19th, FEB 14th, MAY 22nd, JUN 19th, JULY 2nd, SEPT 17th, OCT 12th, NOV 11th

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

EVENT PARKING

Legend

Freedom Fest Event Parking

Road Blocked at 0800

Road Blocked at 1500

Road Blocked at 2100

Crosswalk

Marquee

ECP

LEGEND

Ozark Gate Parking Area and Traffic Flow

Enterprise Gate Parking Area and Traffic Flow

Daleville Gate Parking Area and Traffic Flow

Enterprise Gate Parking Area and Traffic Flow

Freedom Fest Area

Handicapped/VIP/Vendor Parking Area

Fort Rucker Recreational Area (opens at 4 PM after the concert) is closed and Traffic Flow is closed

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& THE 41st ARMY JAZZ BAND

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