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CH-47 Chinook helicopters assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade sling load M119 Howitzers during air assault operations at Kahuku Training Area (KTA), Hawaii on November 14, 2025. Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center (JPMRC) 26-01 will integrate U.S. forces, along with military members from France, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand, alongside New Zealand Staff Observers to refine joint capabilities and rehearse tactics, techniques, and procedures required to dominate jungle and archipelagic terrain during large-scale combat operations. The exercise underscores the U.S. Army's commitment to ensuring regional security and strengthening partnerships in the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Olivia Cowart)

Fort Rucker Soldiers return home from Horn of Africa



After more than nine months across East Africa supporting air operations in critical locations, Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group, returned home to Fort Rucker late Nov. 19 and reunited with their families. The unit spent most of 2025 deployed providing airfield management, base operations and air traffic services across the U.S. Africa ...

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Army Aviation Soldiers begin training with Stalker UAS at Fort Rucker



Army aviation soldiers began training with the VXE30 Stalker uncrewed aircraft system at Fort Rucker, Alabama, Nov. 18, in preparation for equipment fielding next month. This system incorporates observations from the modern battlefield, including reduced noise and visual signature, vertical takeoff capability and cost-saving munitions technology- underscoring the Army's...

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The Heart of the Commissary: Walt Wilkinson celebrates 50 years



Surrounded by family, coworkers, and loyal customers, longtime commissary bagger Walter "Walt" Wilkinson reached an extraordinary milestone of 50 years serving Fort Rucker one bag-and one smile-at a time. The celebration began with a prayer from Chaplain (Capt.) Travis Wilson, 110th Aviation Brigade chaplain, who reminded attendees that it's "people like Walt that keep us...

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Two Army Aviators Awarded Soldier's Medal



Two Aviation Center of Excellence Soldiers received the Soldier's Medal during a ceremony at Fort Rucker, Ala., Sept. 30. Capt. Gabriel A. Coppinger, who commands Company B, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Shane T. Hawkins, who serves as an instructor pilot at 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment, received the award presented by Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Cole, Aviation Center of Excellence deputy commanding general.

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Maj. Gen. Clair A. Gill, Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, joins other leaders at Fort Rucker to help serve an early Thanksgiving meal to Soldiers at a dining facility at Fort Rucker, Ala., Nov. 25, 2025. (U.S. Army photo by Kelly Morris)

What's Happening FORT RUCKER?

- DEC 05 - POST TREE LIGHTING
- DEC 11 - MEET AT MIKE'S SPOUSE NIGHT
- DEC 13 - BAH HUMBUG BRUNCH
- DEC 13 - ROCKIN' ROUND RUCKER 5k
- DEC 16 - WINTER MOVIE ON THE LAWN
- DEC 31 - PINDOWN COUNTDOWN
- JAN 17 - POLAR PLUNGE 5k
- FEB 13 - DUELING PIANOS

Winter Movie on the lawn DEC. 16TH 5-7

All aboard for a magical evening under the stars!

PREPARE FOR FESTIVE FUN AND WINTER CHEER!

- WEAR YOUR FAVORITE PJS
- BRING LAWN CHAIRS AND COZY BLANKETS FOR A MOVIE OUTSIDE
- ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS INSIDE
- HOT CHOCOLATE, SNACKS, AND FOOD TRUCK ITEMS AVAILABLE

FREE OPEN TO ALL AGES.

Meet at Mike's SPOUSES' NIGHT DEC. 11TH 6PM - 8PM

Join us at Big Mike's for an opportunity to network and fellowship with fellow spouses! Let's support each other and build connections! Make sure to wear your best ugly Holiday Sweater!

HOLIDAY THEMED COCKTAILS AND MOCKTAILS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

FREE APPETIZER BUFFET AND GIVEAWAYS.

Thank you to our sponsor! Flowers Hospital

Big Mike's Bar & Grill BLDG. 319, RUF AVENUE (334) 255-1898

TREES FOR TROOPS AT THE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

COME PICK UP YOUR FREE CHRISTMAS TREE! FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH / 1630-1900 @ FESTIVAL FIELDS

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST | ONE TREE PER FAMILY LEFTOVER DATE IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th FROM 0800-1000

MUST SHOW ID CARD ACTIVE DUTY AND/OR DEPENDENT, NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE ONLY

FORT RUCKER TREE LIGHTING Ceremony

- Hot Chocolate & Cookies
- Lighting of the Tree
- Visit from Santa
- Letters to Santa
- Christmas Carols

Dec. 5th, 2025 5:00-7:00pm Festival Fields

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY! WATCH PARTY DEC 13

FEATURING Army Navy Themed Drink & \$1 Wing Special

Game starts at 1400. Doors open at 1330.

Big Mike's Bar & Grill Bldg. 319, Ruf Avenue 334-255-3816

Fort Rucker Youth Center Santa's Got TALENT SHOW

A HOLIDAY SHOWCASE OF YOUTH CENTER TALENT!

12 DEC 6:30 PM Bldg. 2800, 7th Ave., 334-255-2260

FRIENDS AND FAMILY COME JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

COMMAND Maj. Gen. Clair A. Gill AVCOE and Fort Rucker Commanding General Col. Jeffrey L. Paulus Fort Rucker Garrison Commander

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