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A UH-1 Huey helicopter is flown overhead of the dedication Ceremony for the CW4 Michael J. Novosel Soldier Service Center on April 9, 2026 by the Friends of Army Aviation to honor Mr. Novosel who flew the same aircraft. ( Photo by Brittany Trumbull)

## Maj. Gen. Gill outlines Army Aviation transformation at AUSA Luncheon



Maj. Gen. Clair Gill, commanding general of the US Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, outlined a significant transformation for the force, emphasizing a future with advanced unmanned aircraft and the acceleration of next-generation helicopters during a luncheon address on April 8. Speaking to the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) at the Enterprise Civic...

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## Mastery Under Pressure: Fort Rucker Pilot Honored with Broken Wing



Fort Rucker leaders, family members and Soldiers gathered April 10 at Hanchey Army Airfield to recognize retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Hedgpeth, Army Civilian Professional, whose actions saved lives and exemplified the highest standards of Army Aviation. "Every steady hand and every clear mind in moments of crisis comes from above," Chaplain Dane Rinehart ...

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## Army Aviation's Front Door - CW4 Michael J. Novosel Soldier Service



For decades, the number 5700 has been synonymous with a Soldier's arrival to Fort Rucker. Beyond the gates, the first welcome a Soldier receives is at the Soldier Service Center, Building 5700, serving as a hub where careers launch, families transition, ID cards are printed and good coffee can always be found. This makes it a fitting tribute to Medal of Honor recipient...

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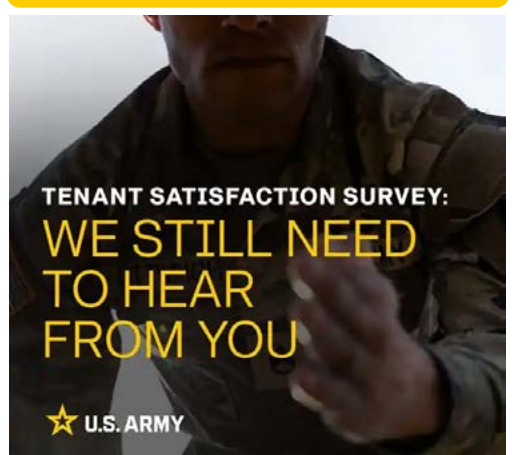
## AROUND THE ARMY

**JIATF-401, JTF-NCR strengthen homeland defense with counter-UAS training in National Capital Region**

**Students at the School of Advanced Military Studies enhance futures thinking, operational, tactical skills alongside successful wargame coach**

**Airfield operations manager devotes four decades of professionalism at Hohenfels**

**SETAF-AF presents Order of Saint Michael to Italian WWII paratrooper Paola Del Din**



## Fort Rucker Soldiers Hit the Mark at National Competition



Sixteen Fort Rucker Soldiers competed with nearly 200 other Soldiers from across the Army in the 2026 U.S. Army Small Arms Championships from March 8-14. The annual weeklong, live-fire competition tests marksmanship fundamentals, weapons handling, and decision-making under pressure. For Maj. Nicholas Barwikowski, AVCOE team captain, this year's All-Army marksmanship competition marked both a culmination and a transition.

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## Fort Rucker Building Dedicated to Joseph P. Cribbins



The headquarters for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command's (AMCOM) Aviation Combined Logistics Command (ALC), building 1116, was officially dedicated in honor of Joseph P. Cribbins, a legendary figure in Army aviation logistics whose career spanned more than four decades. Cribbins began his military career in 1940 as an enlisted cavalryman and was commissioned in 1942.

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Members of the Fort Rucker Family Advocacy Program hosted the annual Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation signing April 3, at Ellis D. Parker Elementary School.

Students opened the event with the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem and some were recognized with awards for a recent art contest. Winning artwork will be displayed in the lobby of Building 5700 throughout April.

Col. Jeffrey Paulus, Fort Rucker garrison commander, presented the awards and emphasized the importance of children in the Fort Rucker community.

"We may have tens of millions of dollars of helicopters on this installation, yet the single most valuable thing inside our gates is right behind me," Paulus said, pointing to the students before signing the proclamation.

### DAY LAKE

Free Event, Everyone is Welcome!

**MAY 16**

10 AM - 4 PM

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

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Food Trucks | Music | Beach Volleyball | Swimming | Free Kayak & SUP Paddleboard Rentals | Free Ice Cream | Sandcastle Building Contest | Bouncy Houses | Games | Adult Beverages & More!

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### FORT RUCKER RIGHT ARM NIGHT

4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

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Lights, Camera, Trivial! Join our Lyster Army Health Clinic for a night of Cinema & Canaparderie.

**FRIDAY APR 17**

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## FORT RUCKER UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

### APR

- 01-30 - WEAR BLUE EVERY FRIDAY
- 02 - COMMANDERS CUP GOLF SCRAMBLE
- 02 - APRIL SHOWERS ART HOUR EFWP
- 03 - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROCLAMATION SIGNING
- 03 - KING OF THE HILL HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT
- 03 - BEGINNER KNITTING: FOUNDATIONS
- 04 - BUNNY BRUNCH AT THE LANDING
- 04 - SPRING FEST
- 06-10 - FIND SGT. TED E. BEAR FAP
- 07 - COFFEE MEET & GREET CVS & ACE
- 09 - CAR SEAT SAFETY NEW PARENT SUPPORT
- 09-12 - MASTERS PAIRINGS COMPETITION

- 10-11 - CAMPING UNDER THE STARS
- 11 - CHAULIUGUA WINEY DAY TRIP
- 11 - ARMY AVIATION BIRTHDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 14 - MOMS DANDELIONS ARTS & CRAFTS
- 17 - CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS
- 17 - FAMILY FUN NIGHT SPEND INTO SAC
- 20 - EFWP STORYTIME
- 22 - PURPLE UP AT THE FLIGHTLINE
- 22 - BUILD YOUR OWN CHIA PET ARTS & CRAFTS
- 22 - RECHARGE WITH RESILIENCE BOSS
- 24 - OPERATION MEGAPHONE YOUTH CENTER
- 25 - ARMY TEN-MILER KICKOFF

**Your Opinion Matters!**

"We still need to hear from you"

## TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY

**2 MAR 2026 - 1 MAY 2026**

The completely confidential survey will be emailed from [ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com](mailto:ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com). For additional questions, please contact your local Army Housing Office.

Your feedback can make a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in the quality of life for Soldiers.

### Your Army Wants to Hear from You!

\*Completely confidential

We are investing significantly in Barracks and Unaccompanied housing improvements to ensure quality living conditions are provided to our Soldiers. Survey feedback will guide the Army's efforts to provide quality, safe and secure housing.

### MAY

- 01 - SUNSET BOAT RIDE AT LAKE THOLOCCO
- 02 - SWEET GREEN SPRING CHICKEN FESTIVAL DAY TRIP
- 02-03 - THUNDER ON THOLOCCO
- 05 - COMMANDERS CUP SOFTBALL BEGINS
- 05 - COFFEE MEET & GREET CVS & ACE
- 05 - STRESS MANAGEMENT BINGO FAP
- 07 - ART FROM THE HEART EFWP
- 08 - MOMMY & ME LIGHT OF MY LIFE
- 08 - MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
- 09 - DEEP SEA FISHING

- 10 - MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
- 11 - PARENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
- 15 - SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCREENING EFWP
- 16 - FORT RUCKER FREEDOM SK
- 16 - DAY AT THE LAKE
- 21 - EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO BE SAFE FAP
- 23 - MEMORIAL DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 26-31 - LEVEL UP YOUR SUMMER! SAC
- 26-31 - YOUTH CENTER SUMMER CAMP
- 29 - (LEARN HOW TO DJ)

### JUN

- 04 - SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS
- 04 - FATHER'S DAY MAKE & TAKE EFWP
- 05 - B.O.S.S. GOLF LESSONS
- 08-12 - YOUTH SPORTS SOCCER CAMP

- 13 - ARMY BIRTHDAY GOLF SCRAMBLE
- 20 - BREWTON ALABAMA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL DAY TRIP
- 25 - STRESS MANAGEMENT BINGO FAP
- 26 - FREEDOM FEST

### 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
- 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 JUN 1ST, FEB 14TH, MAY 1ST, JUN 1ST, JULY 1ST, SEPT 1ST, OCT 1ST, NOV 1ST
- CORE & CUDDLES EVERY FRIDAY @ ANDREWS PCC, RM 5045M 11A

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

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AVCOE & Fort Rucker  
Commanding General

**Col. Jeffrey L. Paulus**  
Fort Rucker  
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