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Paratroopers from the 3-319 Airborne Field Artillery Regiment conduct sling load training with 3-82nd General Support Aviation Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C., in mid-July in preparation for an upcoming mission during company external evaluations. (Army photo)

USAACE welcomes McCurry as new commanding general



Brigadier Gen. Michael C. McCurry assumed command of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker from Maj. Gen. David J. Francis during a change of command ceremony on Howze Field July 21. Lt. Gen. Theodore D. Martin, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth commander, facilitated the ceremonial passing of the unit colors from outgoing to incoming leader.

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USAACE, Fort Rucker CG earns 2nd star



Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry's family pins a second star on him during his promotion to major general Aug. 3. McCurry serves as the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general. (Photo by Lt. Col. Andy Thaggard)

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Parker assumes command of Aviation Center Logistics Command

Col. Matthew L. Parker assumed command of the U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command from Col. Stephen W. Owen during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum on Fort Rucker, Alabama, July 13. Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, commander for U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, facilitated the ceremonial passing of the unit colors from outgoing to incoming leader.

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Warrant Officer Career College welcomes McHugh as new commander

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College welcomed its new commandant, a Soldier born “just a mile down the road” in what was then Lyster Army Hospital, during a July 28 ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Kevin E. McHugh assumed command as he accepted the unit colors from Brig. Gen. David Foley, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, as outgoing commandant Col. Ross F. Nelson looked on.

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8 Soldiers, 3 civilians retire during quarterly ceremony

With a combined 292 years of service, eight Soldiers and three Department of the Army civilians retired during the Fort Rucker Quarterly Retirement Ceremony July 29 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Chad Chasteen, director of operations for the Future of Vertical Lift, Army Futures Command at Redstone Arsenal, hosted the event and was assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Terrence D. Reyes, 1st Aviation Brigade command sergeant major. The following are short write-ups on each retiree.

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GEMS students return to halls of USAARL on Fort Rucker

After hosting its Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program virtually the past two years, the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory welcomed youth from the surrounding areas into its halls once again this summer. “It was wonderful to have the students back on-site at USAARL and Fort Rucker,” said Loraine St. Onge, USAARL research administration manager and GEMS laboratory champion. “They engaged with a number of our scientists, engineers and employees, as well as people from across the installation and the community, which was phenomenal.” USAARL seamlessly transitioned back into in-person instruction and activities, St. Onge said, adding that the staff much prefers in-person GEMS to virtual.

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Fort Rucker organizations team up to help military families

Fort Rucker organizations teamed up to host the Army Community Service Sensory Gala July 22 at the New Parent Support Program Building to spread information and bring families in the community together. “We had sensory exploration activities for the kids in both gross motor skills and fine motor skills, and then little types of materials for them to touch and feel,” explained Susan Hesser, Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator. “It allows them to use their different senses to comprehend things. It also leads to things like mathematics skills and applying scientific methods to figuring out how to piece things together.” The team that hosted the event was made up of representatives from ACS EFMP ...

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