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Mineman 2nd Class Victor Monsivais, assigned to the Freedom-variant littoral combat ship USS Billings (LCS 15), prepares to chock and chain an Army UH-60 Black Hawk assigned to the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, Joint Task Force-Bravo stationed at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, during deck landing qualifications Feb. 5. Billings is deployed to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations to support Joint Interagency Task Force South's mission, which includes counter-illicit drug trafficking missions in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific.

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TRADOC CG presents Purple Heart medals to 2 Army Aviation NCOs

By Kelly Morris

USAACE Public Affairs

On Valentine's Day, two members of Fort Rucker's Noncommissioned Officer Academy each received a heart made of purple instead of red, along with the thanks of a grateful nation.

Sgt. 1st Class Carlos R. Porres Jr., a 15C/W Senior Leader Course small group leader, and Staff Sgt. Deanna M. Lucchesi, a Senior Leader Course instructor, were each awarded the Purple Heart, the nation's oldest military decoration, for wounds received in action in Iraq in 2020, during a combined in-person and virtual ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Feb. 14.

Ceremony host Gen. Paul E. Funk II, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, thanked the awardees and their families for their service and sacrifice.

"On a day like today, when we talk about hearts and love, I can think of no finer tribute than to award a couple of Purple Hearts, because that constitutes love of each other, love of nation and love of our way of life," Funk said.

"We're all immensely proud of what these (Soldiers) did, who they are and what they stand for," Funk said.

Funk said America is worth the sacrifices its heroes are willing to make to ensure the Army uniform continues to represent two things around the globe – hope and fear.

"Hope for the downtrodden, for our allies, for those who seek a better way of life, for those who need our assistance, for those who need a helping hand. And it is fear in the hearts of our enemies because they know that when the Army puts its boots on the ground America means business. Anytime, anywhere the United States Army will win because winning matters," Funk said.

On Jan. 8, 2020, Porres served as a Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft Systems operator,

and Lucchesi served as a Gray Eagle repairer, with D Company, 82nd Aviation Regiment at Al-Asad Airbase, Iraq, as part of Task Force Scarecrow, when their unit came under attack by the largest ballistic missile operation ever perpetuated against U.S. forces.

Multiple Iranian Qiam-1 short range ballistic missiles struck the hangars, maintenance facilities, living quarters and other support facilities primarily used by Task Force Scarecrow personnel.

Porres recalled the warning he received of an imminent threat that night as he piloted a Gray Eagle from a ground control station.

"Within minutes one missile hit approximately seven meters from where I was, a second hit shortly after," he said. "I continued to fly the aircraft, trying to return it, until I completely lost link with the aircraft."

His ground control station was shaken and destroyed by the blasts, and Porres sustained a concussion after he was thrown into a wall and hit by other equipment. Despite his injury, he focused on assisting other Soldiers to safety and helped ensure there were no U.S. fatalities or loss of aircraft that night.

Concurrently, Lucchesi helped relocate other Soldiers to bunkers out of harm's way, as fire was spreading from one of the ballistic missiles. As she took accountability and reported up the chain of command, at least two ballistic missiles impacted the ground within 25 meters of her position, resulting in Lucchesi's own concussion and injury.

Porres said he was grateful for the recognition, and for his family for joining the ceremony via the livestream.

"I'm mostly excited for the Soldiers I was with, as they are being recognized, as well," he said.



PHOTOS BY KELLY MORRIS

Sgt. 1st Class Carlos R. Porres Jr., a Senior Leader Course small group leader at the NCO Academy, stands with Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel T. Hendrex, TRADOC command sergeant major, and Gen. Paul E. Funk II, TRADOC commanding general, after Porres was awarded the Purple Heart during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Feb. 14.

Lucchesi, who was flanked by her husband Joshua and their children at the ceremony, said it was an honor to receive the award from Funk, and she felt grateful for everyone's support.

"I'm glad to finally get a little bit of closure," Lucchesi said. "It's something I'll live with for the rest of my life, but it truly is a great honor to make it home, and continue to serve my country and do what I do every day."

The Purple Heart dates back to the 1780s when it was known as the Badge of Military Merit, established by Gen. George Washington to recognize outstanding valor during the Revolutionary War campaigns. It was originally a purple heart made of cloth or silk worn over the left breast.

The decoration was forgotten for more than a century, and was revived in the 1930s with the additional criterion: "A wound, which necessitates treatment by a medical officer, and which is received in action with an enemy of the United States, or as a result of an act of such



Staff Sgt. Deanna M. Lucchesi, a Senior Leader Course instructor at Fort Rucker's NCO Academy, stands with Funk after Lucchesi was awarded the Purple Heart.

enemy, may ... be construed as resulting from a singularly meritorious act of essential service."

Since the 1940s, the Purple Heart can only be awarded for being wounded or killed by enemy action.

IMCOM CG visits Fort Rucker, tours housing, barracks

By Jim Hughes
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

The Installation Management Command commanding general visited Fort Rucker Feb. 10 to meet with leadership, tour housing and barracks facilities, and recognize outstanding employees.

Lt. Gen. Douglas M. Gabram, who earlier in his career served as the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence deputy commander, also took a close look at how the command is helping to take care of Soldiers and families, and how it can further help the Home of Army Aviation's mission of producing the world's finest Aviators.

Gabram said he is impressed with the work the garrison is doing to support the mission, and also Soldiers and families.

"We appreciate everything you're doing here," Gabram said to about 20 assembled garrison directors and employees at the end of his visit. "You're doing it for all of the right reasons – you're taking care of our Soldiers and families."

The general was also impressed with the improvements being made in Fort Rucker housing, as garrison and Corvias leadership provided him a tour of a renovated housing unit in the Munson Heights neighborhood.

"The visit was fantastic," said Col. Robert J. Holcombe, Fort Rucker garrison commander, adding that Gabram is in charge of more than 75 installations across the world. "The fact that we got the chance to have him come to Fort Rucker, and to talk to him about our issues and our post was great. We talked good things, bad things and everything in

between. It was a very productive visit.

"As an aviator, in a lot of ways he was coming home, and you could tell from the questions he asked he has a deep knowledge of this place," the garrison commander said.

"He said he loved the visit – there are a lot of things that we're doing very well at the garrison that he can take back and spread to other garrisons," Holcombe added. "He was very happy with the garrison's recent achievements, the great partnerships we enjoy with our local communities and other organizations on post, and how the post runs.

"It's evident that there's nothing he cares about more than our Soldiers and family members – it was apparent throughout the visit," the colonel added.

Fort Rucker leadership also discussed with Gabram the post's planned micro-grid project – a 10 megawatt generator plant that will help Fort Rucker meet the requirements of Army Directive 2020-03.

The directive requires installations to sustain critical missions by being capable of withstanding an extended utility outage for a duration set by the senior commander or higher headquarters based on timeframes to accomplish, curtail, or relocate the critical mission. When the duration of the critical mission has not been stipulated, the Army should plan to sustain energy and water for a minimum of 14 days, according to Matthew Lowlavar, Directorate of Public Works chief of the Utilities Branch.

"At this time, Fort Rucker has a sin-



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Lt. Gen. Douglas M. Gabram, U.S. Army Installation Management Command commanding general, speaks with Fort Rucker garrison leadership and Corvias officials while touring one of the renovated housing units in the Munson Heights neighborhood on post Feb. 10.

gle connection to the electrical grid at its transmission substation," Lowlavar said. "Mission-critical facilities and operations are served with numerous building-attached back-up diesel generators. In an emergency situation, with the commercial electric power grid down, we have insufficient staff to maintain the many back-up generators.

"This project will provide Fort Rucker the capability to isolate from the larger power grid into a self-sufficient micro-grid with continuous power generation capacity to meet power demand for critical missions," he added. "By implementing the micro-grid system, Fort Rucker will reduce the impacts to

critical mission operations and productivity during utility power outages by maintaining power to critical assets. It will also dramatically increase energy resilience and security. Compared to traditional backup power, the micro-grid will provide operational reliability, maintenance sustainability, safety, and intelligent management to more loads utilizing both new and existing generation assets."

Employees recognized by Gabram with a CG coin were: Victoria Hohl-Mariani, Sgt. Maj. Jesus Goytia, Toni Hampton, Lowlavar, Robert Chenard, Cynthia Richards, Frances Turner, Brian Sykes and Carl Warren.

'PHENOMENAL TEAM'

USAACE, garrison, Corvias leadership visit Allen Heights residents during walking town hall

By Jim Hughes
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general led USAACE, garrison and Corvias leadership on the latest housing walking town hall Feb. 10 through the Allen Heights neighborhood.

Despite a noticeable downturn in participation by residents this time, Maj. Gen. David J. Francis said he's still a fan of the format and encouraged anyone with issues with their housing to take advantage of the opportunity to engage directly with leadership.

"I am absolutely happy with the format," he said. "When people have issues, they are not shy about coming out and talking to us. I think it is very important that we give our residents

the opportunity to bring up any issues that they have, and some residents did that tonight.

"We are 100% committed to making sure that the families of Fort Rucker have a safe and healthy place to live – homes where our Soldiers' families can thrive while they are here training," he added. "The purpose of this is to allow the residents of Fort Rucker to have access to the senior leadership of Fort Rucker, so that we can address any issues that they have with their housing."

Issues brought up during this town hall included resurrecting the resident advisory councils that took a hiatus during the pandemic, and plumbing issues brought up by a Munson Heights resident who visited Allen Heights to catch the general walking through the neighborhood.

"We have a phenomenal team, and that's why we go out as a team," Francis said of the USAACE, garrison and Corvias. "We have maintenance teams that are standing by when we find an issue while doing these walking town halls, so that we can respond immediately, or whenever is most convenient for the resident."

Another fan of the walking town hall concept, and Fort Rucker housing in general, is Col. Robert J. Holcombe, garrison commander and on-post housing resident.

"In my 24 years with the Army, I've been



PHOTOS BY JIM HUGHES

Maj. Gen. David J. Francis, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, meets with residents in the Allen Heights neighborhood on post during the latest housing walking town hall Feb. 10.

to a lot of posts and seen a lot of housing, and Fort Rucker has some of the best," he said. "There are always going to be problems – no place is perfect – but the housing we have here at Fort Rucker is really top notch."

He added that the garrison and Corvias work hand-in-hand to provide quality housing for Soldiers and family members.

"The garrison housing team represents the interests of servicemembers and family members – and the government – while Corvias is the contractor that provides the housing," the colonel said. "Corvias is a great company that is really focused on responding to the needs of all of our family members and servicemembers on post."

Residents don't have to wait for a walking town hall to get help with any housing issues that crop up, Holcombe added.

"Corvias should always be people's first stop whenever they have an issue with their home," he said. "But if residents get to the point where their issue isn't being resolved, call the housing office in Bldg. 5700 (255-9230). We'll work it from there because we represent the Soldier in the relationship – they can always come to us for help."

"We're focused on making Fort Rucker the best place to live in the Army – that is the singular focus of both the garrison housing office and Corvias every day," Holcombe continued. "We appreciate all of the feedback people give us during the walking town halls, but we also always stand ready to help at any time if people reach out to us."

The next walking town hall is scheduled in the Munson Heights neighborhood Feb. 23 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.



10 NASA astronaut trainees with Fort Rucker SERE school

By 2nd Lt. Michael Needham
USAACE Public Affairs

Ten NASA astronaut candidates trained with U.S. Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape instructors as part of the astronaut candidate land survival course Feb. 10 at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

The astronaut candidates underwent the training in order to learn the needed survival skills should they end up in a situation where they need to be able to survive off the land for several days.

“The reason we send our new astronauts to survival training is to learn practical skills and certain soft skills they need to be working on,” said Shannon Walker, NASA candidate class supervisor. “Some of the aircraft we train on comes equipped with an ejection seat and should something go wrong while we are out training they may be able to survive for a while before they can be rescued.”

The astronauts were trained through the paces of simulating ejecting from an aircraft

in a remote location. They learned to use the resources at hand in order to construct shelter, gather food and water, survival medicine, signaling, and land navigation.

“Global survival is the same no matter where you are, all the principals of shelter, procurement, water purification are the same for everyone,” said Mike C., lead course instructor. “This training is necessary for anyone serving in the military or a government agency that could possibly have a high risk of isolation and or evasion.”

The astronaut candidates trained as a group for the majority of survival training. Some of the task really tested the group’s ability to work as a team in order to complete the training objective.

“When you live on the space station you are in an extreme environment,” said Walker “Within our office we have a set of skills we call expeditionary behavior skills that consist of effective communication, self-care and



PHOTOS BY 2ND LT. MICHAEL NEEDHAM

NASA astronaut candidates face away from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter as it prepares to land, simulating the successful rescue of isolated astronauts on their last day of survival training at Fort Rucker Feb. 9.



NASA astronauts learn to build various types of improvised shelter using a poncho and natural materials during survival training.

team care, and small living skills because it’s an international environment where you live and interact with people from other cultures.”

The astronaut candidates got their hands dirty learning how to survive in a remote location. Although technology is great and advancements are made daily, the ability to survive on minimal supplies can be the difference between life and death in an isolation situation.

“From day one we have had to tailor the training program to fit NASA’s needs,” said Mike C. “The astronaut candidates heard they were going through SERE school ... for this training we focused primarily on the survival portion.”

“I definitely see people learning skills they didn’t already have”, Walker said of Astronaut Candidate Class 10-14. “This is a chance for the astronaut candidates to really get to know themselves, know how they operate under stressful environments, because space can be a very stressful environment.”

IMPROVING SURVIVABILITY

Joint group completes 1st phase of combat assessment team training

By 2nd Lt. Michael Needham

USAACE Public Affairs

Servicemembers from the Army, Air Force, and Navy completed Phase I of the Joint Combat Assessment Team training at Fort Rucker Jan. 28.

JCAT training provides aviators the opportunity to get a firsthand look at aircraft that were damaged in the past, learn how different munitions behave once contact is made with the aircraft and practice battle damage assessment with an exercise at the end of the phase, according to JCAT course officials.

The U.S. military aviation community depends heavily on battle damage assessment and repair capabilities as a tool when it comes to improvements of aircraft design. Engineers are able to determine what modifications need to be made in order to improve the survivability of current aircraft and win wars against sophisticated adversaries, according to CW4 Mark Chamberlin, aviation combat forensics officer.

“The benefit of training the different servicemembers together allows us all to speak the same language – we all use different acronyms – so this gives the other service branches the opportunity to see how the Army uses acronyms when it comes to JCAT,” Chamberlin said.

In order to properly practice BDA, the

JCAT training uses a variety of aircraft that are non-repairable. What was once used as targets on ranges are now valuable teaching tools for JCAT. Students can assess the damage to aircraft, document how the munitions acted once they struck the airframe, and provide insight on how to make the aircraft safer for the pilots and their crew.

“As part of Naval Air Warfare Center Aviation Division, the JCAT training allows us to be able to study threats and combat damage and improve our naval platforms,” said Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Mike Allen. “Working with the sister services allows to know who the experts are when it comes to JCAT, and the knowledge we have gained we are to bring it back to our organizations and spread it throughout our teams.”

JCAT phase II training for the Navy and Air Force focuses on fixed-wing assets, while the Army continues to focus on rotary-wing assets, with the training conducted at China Lake, California, at the Naval Air Weapons Station. The final phase of JCAT training, Threat Weapons Effect training is hosted at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and it brings together all branches of the military and aviation industry partners. TWE is a collaborative effort between DOD services and JCAT



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. MICHAEL NEEDHAM

Servicemembers from the Army, Air Force and Navy conduct battle damage assessment during Phase I of Joint Combat Assessment Team training at Fort Rucker Jan. 26.

members to bring intelligence and technical experts to train the survivability community.

By studying these aircraft that were previously damaged, the aviation community can continue to enhance aircraft durability based on the best lessons learned from earlier conflicts. Looking at the historical data allows the aviation community the opportunity to save more aircraft in future conflicts.

“There is a number of things we get out of this training, the largest is the knowledge retention,” said Capt. Daniel Audduccio, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center engineering directorate. “We have been studying aircraft damage and we roll that into our new

aircraft designs, a lot of lessons we learn from the past are the basis for survivability on our aircraft.”

JCAT analyzes more than catastrophic events, over the years they have studied effects of everything from small-arms fire to larger munitions on aircraft. JCAT is also working to help overall survivability for the crew and aircraft, their ability to collect data on all incidents that occur in the aviation community allow them to effectively contribute to aircraft and aircrew survivability.

JCAT has assessed more than 1,200 rotary and fixed-wing aircraft battle damage incidents since 2003.

NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

SecDef says current operations hint at contents of new document

By **Jim Garamone**
DOD News

WASHINGTON – People interested in the new National Defense Strategy can see some of it in play as the United States and its allies face Russian aggression in Eastern Europe, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III said in Warsaw Feb. 18.

Austin said he is proud of the work that has been done on the document, but he is not yet ready to release it. He did give some hints about the strategy and the idea of integrated deterrence that is a driving force behind it.

He spoke during a press conference in Warsaw following meetings with Polish officials. They discussed NATO and bilateral efforts in Eastern Europe.

The National Defense Strategy "will certainly address major threats to our security," he said. "It'll also address major threats to the international rules-based order."

Integrated deterrence is a driving idea for the document. It "will be a key piece of that new strategy," Austin said. "Integrated deterrence means using all of the capabilities in all warfighting domains: air, land, sea, space and cyber."

It also includes using every instrument of national power: diplomatic, economic, judicial and so on.

"But most important, [integrated deterrence means] using the capability and capacity that's resident in our partners and allies," he said. "So, what you see today, actually playing out is exactly that. You're seeing us lead with diplomacy. You've seen us work very, very carefully with our allies and partners to share information, and to also move very, very quickly and deliberately to help reassure and reinforce wherever required."

"So, you have seen a preview of that strategy begin to play out here, as we address this most recent crisis," he continued.

Austin also saw integrated deterrence at work when he visited with U.S. and Polish service members at Powidz Air Base outside of Warsaw. The base is home for U.S. rotational units and has been for some years. The military units of both nations are integrated together and work and train together, Army Lt. Gen. John S. Kolasheski, the commander of U.S. V Corps, said.



PHOTO BY CHAD MCNEELEY

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III addresses U.S. and Polish troops at Powidz Air Base, Poland, Feb. 18. Austin was in Poland to meet with Polish leadership, and to tour the Powidz facilities and observe the culture and conditions of the United States forces' rotational presence there.

"It's just a wonderful opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with our allies and partners, focused on building readiness, focusing on building interoperability between our armies and to build collective defense crisis response," the general said to reporters.

Austin beamed when he spoke to the assembled troops. He said he told the Polish

defense minister that "whenever we place an American Soldier somewhere, it demonstrates our resolve. It demonstrates our commitment to our partners. So, I would say that you are our greatest ambassadors. I could not be prouder of you. I want to thank you for your sacrifices, for your commitment and for your professionalism."

Army CID outlines measures to safeguard against cyber threats

By Staff Sgt. Michael Reinsch

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Since the onset of COVID-19, more people are engaging with others on social media, a U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division agent said. Humans are increasingly becoming more connected digitally now than ever before.

But, where there is a gathering of people, there is almost always someone looking to exploit them said Special Agent Deric Palmer, CID Cyber Field Office, Digital Persona Protection Program Manager.

“I would say there's always a good use aspect of social media. A lot of people can't see the harm that comes along with it,” Palmer said.

Palmer, who has a combined 20 years working in law enforcement, recently published his yearly guide “Social Media Protection” in which he outlines topics to ensure his audience is aware and prepared for threats that exist online, and to maximize the privacy and security settings with their social media accounts.

“Cyber is everything in today's standard: whether we're on a computer or if we have our phone attached to us, cyber is a driving force for both investigations and our day-to-day business within the government and within corporations,” Palmer said. “So, having a good acumen of what cyber vulnerabilities exist out there is important for people to recognize and understand.”

When Palmer is asking his platform users about their use of social media, he often asks what the risk and reward is. He looks at it from a social engineering perspective when educating people on the potential dangers of

posting or using social media.

“I thought I was a pretty secure and private guy, especially coming from law enforcement background. I was always hypervigilant about my safety and the safety of my family,” Palmer said. “But when I went through my social engineering course, it scared the heck out of me. I realized I wasn't as private as I thought I was.”

Social engineering is looking at all the aspects of someone's life to get a desired effect out of that person. These aspects can be gathered from open-source websites and from the posts users make online. He said sometimes the intent of the social engineering can be relatively benign, such as changing advertisements, or it can be malicious, like identity theft.

“Think of social media as a massive watering hole, and everybody goes to social media,” Palmer said. “Well, if you have all the animals going to the watering hole, the predators are right there with you. People don't really think about that. They think about what's fun and, especially under the current COVID times, there's been a big turn to social media to deal with the contentions of being quarantined and teleworking. People don't think about the trolls and the lurkers on social media that are basically stalking people.”

Palmer described the potential predators to be anyone from an old acquaintance, to cyber criminals, to state actors from an adversarial government.

To ensure Soldiers are educated on their online presence, Palmer advises Soldiers to



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better protect themselves while online.

“The reality is, we can't erase everything, right?” Palmer said. “If anyone tells you that something is 100% secure in a cyber aspect, they're lying to you. There's going to be a vulnerability whether we know about it, or we don't know about it.”

According to Palmer, even though it likely will never be 100% safe while online, that doesn't mean steps cannot be taken to mitigate the risk. Good cyber hygiene includes ensuring passwords are updated and strong, encrypting files when needed, keeping their social media accounts private and free from public view, setting up in-home routers properly and recognizing social engineering attempts.

“Everything really comes down to, what is your cyber risk tolerance? What is your risk/reward when it comes to the technology that you're using?” Palmer said. “Start taking control of your digital identity. Start thinking about your privacy. That goes down to strong passwords and using password managers.”

Even though some users have taken measures to protect their information online, more than 150,000 U.S. citizens in 2020 were

affected by cyber-attacks according to a report published by the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. Each year, the number of cyber-attacks increase by several thousand.

Another issue can arise from a service member having an unsecured social media. Cyber criminals are using publicly available photographs of service members from their social media accounts to create catfishing accounts. The 2020 FBI IC3 report indicated more than 23,000 people reported falling victim catfishing scams, which resulted in a loss of more than \$600 million.

The use of service member's social media pictures is a common tactic used by online impersonation scammers. These scammers simply copy your photographs, create a Catfishing account and commonly target women who are elderly, divorced or widowed for financial gain. In some instances, the victims may reach out to the real service member to either inform them of the impersonation or to demand answers,” Palmer said.

But there are several ways someone can protect their information while online, Palmer said. Personal information is easily accessible to others online. But Palmer lays

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out in his opt-out guide how someone can request and be deleted from those sites.

His opt-out guide lists some of the top sites that house personal information. These repositories of personal information are, most of the time, sold to big companies to create targeted marketing. But the repositories can also be used by predators for a variety of nefarious activity, Palmer said. When someone is going to start social engineering, they often start with the personal information that is readily available.

Even if someone doesn't participate in social media, the digital footprint is still there. For Palmer, for someone to be safe from a cyber-attack or not to be targeted by social engineering, it is important to remain vigilant while on and off the internet and know to take care of your digital footprint.

"People need to understand the type of data that we're leaking willingly, and how it's being monetized and sold," Palmer said.

"Everyone has the ability to protect themselves and everyone on social media. By taking steps to ensure that the photographs or their social media accounts are not accessible by anyone that is not their friend, can cause a disruption with impersonation accounts."

"If you have fallen victim to a Confidence/Romance scam, don't send the cyber-criminal money, and report the offending account to the social media platform," Palmer said. "Every social media platform has a built-in tool to report an offending account. Contact your local law enforcement agency if you provided money to a scammer and file a report with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, also known as IC3. If the online scam or other internet crime involves a Soldier as a suspect, they may also contact their local CID office or submit a tip through the CID tip line."

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