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Spc. Brandon Miesner and Pfc. Joshua Reese, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, pull security after exiting a CH-47 Chinook during the Best Squad Competition at Fort Carson, Colo., recently. The squad was dropped off just outside of a range where they conducted live fire. (Photo by Spc. Tyler Brock)

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center welcomes new commanding general



Brig. Gen. Andrew C. Hilmes relinquished command of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center to Brig. Gen. Gene D. Meredith in a change of command ceremony held Friday at the United States Army Aviation Museum on Fort Rucker, Alabama. Lt. Gen. Walter E. Piatt, director of the Army Staff, presided over the traditional change of command ceremony where Meredith was officially recognized as commander after receiving the organization's colors.

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Lyster Army Health Clinic welcomes new commander



Lt. Col. Garrett Holt assumed command of the Lyster Army Health Clinic from Lt. Col. Danielle Rodondi during a change of command ceremony at the Army Aviation Museum June 7. The audience was much different from when Rodondi first accepted command in June 2020 in a virtual ceremony during the height of the COVID pandemic with just 10 people in attendance at the museum. During the June 7 event, community leaders, colleagues, family and ...

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Recycling center helps post exceed Army requirements, lower landfill bill



Fort Rucker generated 5,009 tons of non-construction solid waste last fiscal year, and the post recycling center managed to divert 2,874 tons of that waste away from area landfills. That 57% diversion rate from landfills not only exceeds the Army's 40% requirement, but it helps Fort Rucker live up to its goal of being a good environmental steward, according to Willard Childress, Directorate of Public Works environmental scientist.

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AROUND THE ARMY

DOD, Army make improvements to PCS process

SPOTLIGHT – Safety Month

Army leaders, experts collaborate to meet future equipping demands

Army invites innovators to enter 7th Dragon's Lair

SPOTLIGHT – People First

'Arctic Angels' assist with 2022 Colony Glacier recovery efforts

Juneteenth 2022: The Historical Impact of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment

Army eases tattoo restrictions

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USAARL hosts CYS summer campers for STEM event

Child and youth services summer campers stopped by the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory for a some science, technology, engineering and mathematics fun and learning June 8-9. While the CYS visit proved to be a memorable and valuable experience for the Fort Rucker youths, it also served as a bit of a trial run and train-up for USAARL staff, resource teachers and near-peer mentors who will be hosting the lab’s annual Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program this summer, according to Loraine St. Onge, USAARL research administration manager and GEMS laboratory champion. “We try to host CYS every year,” she said, adding that this is the first time in two years USAARL has offered the program because of the pandemic. “It’s great because we can add ...

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Fort Rucker voting officer explains absentee voting for Soldiers, families

The 2022 Midterm General Election will determine the federal elected officials in 33 U.S. Senate seats, all 435 U.S. House of Representative seats, 36 state and three territory governor positions, and numerous state and local offices. Absentee voting is a popular method used in voter election participation by military members and their eligible family members who are covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Each year, the Army observes Armed Forces Voters Week, June 28-July 4, to remind UOCAVA voters to register to vote, update registration information, and apply for an absentee ballot with plenty of time to meet state and territory deadline dates prior to the Nov. 8 General Election.

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Servicemembers find civilian career opportunities through SkillBridge

Separating service members who are preparing to enter the civilian workforce can use the Defense Department’s career transition program, SkillBridge, to explore career opportunities through internships and apprenticeships. SkillBridge is one DOD effort to help service members more successfully transition from military life into the civilian workforce. Now, after service members complete the Transition Assistance Program before separating from the military, they can also apply to participate in SkillBridge to help them find meaningful civilian employment. Skillbridge has been around for about 10 years. It started as a pilot in 2011 to address concerns about U.S. military personnel returning to civilian life following the 2008 financial crisis. Lawmakers wanted to ...

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Fort Rucker celebrates Army birthday

Col. Whitney B. Gardner, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff, and other USAACE and Fort Rucker leaders cut the Army's birthday cake June 14 at The Landing. For more on the Army's 247th birthday, visit <https://www.army.mil/1775/>. (Photo by Jim Hughes)



110th Avn. Bde. welcomes new command chief warrant officer

Soldiers, family, and friends of the 110th Aviation Brigade gathered at Howze Field to bid farewell to CW5 Chis Cottrill, outgoing command chief warrant officer, and welcome CW5 Robert Macy, incoming command chief warrant officer, during a change of responsibility ceremony June 21. (Photo by Sgt. Jordan Arnold)

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BE PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. Are you ready?

PREPARE NOW

Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and NOAA Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

If you are at risk for flash flooding, watch for signs such as heavy rain.

Gather needed supplies for at least three days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.

Protect your property. Declutter drains and gutters.

SURVIVE DURING

If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Do not drive around barriers.

Listen for current emergency information and instructions.

Use a generator or other gas-powered machinery ONLY outdoors and away from windows.

Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn around, don't drown.

Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

BE SAFE AFTER

Listen to authorities for information and special instructions.

Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water.

Avoid wading in flood water, which can contain dangerous debris.

Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster.

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There are NO ACCIDENTS STAY COOL

- Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible.
- Try to limit your outdoor activity to when it's coolest, like morning and evening hours.
- Cut down on exercise during the heat. If you're not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually.

If you fail to identify hazards and know your limits, was it really an "ACCIDENT"?

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