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A 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) paratrooper pushes off a UH-60 Black Hawk after receiving the go-ahead to conduct his first jump with the unit Jan. 21 near Camp Williams, Utah. The red tape on the Soldier's helmet signifies it is his first jump with the unit since completing airborne school ensuring more experienced jumpers can mentor these new members of the community, while affording them extra space to begin to master this skillset. (Photo by Spc. Mackenzie Willden)

Aviation leaders focus on history, transformation at annual forum



The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence welcomed more than 200 current and legacy Army aviation leaders to Fort Rucker to hear from senior leaders and foster discussion about Aviation warfighting issues at the Aviation Senior Leader Forum Jan. 24-26, 2023. With its central theme, "The 40th Anniversary of the Aviation Branch: Honoring the Past and Transforming for the Future," the event included three days of guest speakers...

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USAACE announces FY-22 winners of Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Awards



Maj. Gen. Michael McCurry, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commander, announced the Fiscal Year 2022 recipients of the Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Awards during the Army Aviation Senior Leader Forum. The Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Award annually recognizes the top Army Aviation battalions (or equivalent) in four categories based on unit mission, and is named for Lt. Gen. Don Parker, an Army Aviation pioneer. Awards will be...

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U.S. Army Aviation Museum's patch collection tells Soldiers' stories



(Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series on the U.S. Army Aviation Museum's patch collection.) Army shoulder sleeve insignias tell a story about the Soldiers who wear them and the Soldiers who came before them. Walking around Fort Rucker, Soldiers wear many different patches, either current unit or combat patches. But according to Bob Mitchell, curator at the U.S. Army Aviation...

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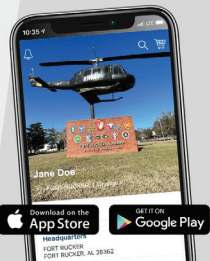
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EFMP Sensory Gala

Susan Hesser, Fort Rucker Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator, plays with a child at the quarterly Sensory Gala held at the Mini-CDC Jan. 27. “There is a lot of learning involved with play. Sensory play helps children develop methods, leading to skills used in math and science. It helps to exercise logic, the cause and effect,” Hesser said.



Children and parents play at the quarterly Sensory Gala.

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