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## DON'T WAIT - COMMUNICATE

### Post to teach families how to prepare for emergencies

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Disasters and emergencies are facts of life, and Fort Rucker officials are helping Soldiers and families learn how to minimize the damage they might experience and to be ready for anything.

The installation will offer its Family Emergency Preparedness Training Sept. 22 from 9-11 a.m. at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A as a means to help families on Fort Rucker be prepared in the event of an emergency, according to Curtis Williams, mobilization, deployment and stability support operations manager.

"We are all aware that emergencies, such as tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters occur, but what does the family do when these incidents happen? This is what we're going to take the time to find out, along with Fort Rucker's emergency manager, and sit down with family members and explain to them about having their emergency kits and plans ready for anything," he said.

Throughout the training, families will learn about recognizing the different sirens they might hear on the installation and what

they mean, what they should do in the event of a specific emergency, what they should have prepared for each emergency and how long they should have provisions prepared, and more, said Williams.

"We want to help people put together a checklist to make sure they know what they need to be doing," he said. "A lot of this training is already given to service members, but not often offered to families, so we want to make sure to take the time to educate the families."

Williams said one thing that most families fail to do is prepare a kit, which, in the event of an emergency, can become a life saver.

"If you're putting together a kit, what goes into that kit? This is all information that we will talk about, so people will have a clear understanding of what it is they will need," said the operations manager. "We will also cover what to do in the event of an active shooter - you can never be too prepared."

This will be the first time the classes are available to families on post in conjunction with National Preparedness Month, which runs through the month of September,



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and Williams said there are plans to have classes held on a quarterly basis.

This year's theme for the month is "Be Disaster Aware, Take Action To Prepare," according to Willie Worsham, Fort Rucker emergency manager, and the plan is to help people become aware of the different natural disasters that can happen throughout this time of year, including floods, wildfires, hurricanes and power outages.

Adverse weather is something the South is all too familiar with during the change from summer to fall where the region can experience thunderstorms, lightning and tornadoes.

"The key to successfully navigating Mother Nature's nastiness

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Russell B. Hall, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence deputy to the commanding general, swears in new government employees during a ceremony in front of the American flag in the atrium of Bldg. 5700 Monday.

## NEW CSM: Partnerships key to garrison success

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker's new command sergeant major has a simple philosophy when it comes to leadership: if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

"I sit back and I observe, and I allow people to just do their thing," said Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Spivey, who assumed his current duties Aug. 2. "I'm not going to jump in and make changes midstride. If I see something that's not working, then I'll talk about it. But I'm a firm believer in if it works, there's no sense in reinventing the wagon wheel."

"My goals on Fort Rucker are just like anywhere any leader goes and hopes to accomplish - I want to make the place I am better than it was when I got here," said Spivey. "My predecessor had a lot of great systems in place, and there won't be a whole lot of changes coming from me when it comes to dealing with the

local communities because he built an amazing relationship with all the communities and Fort Rucker."

It's that partnership with communities that contributes to an organization's success, said Spivey.

"In this type of environment, you've got to have your partners and you've got to work well with them," he said. "You establish that working relationship with your partners and that teamwork will stem from that and we'll be able to get everything accomplished."

Spivey, who comes from a long line of military family members, including his father who spent 33 years in the Army, is all-too familiar with what it's like growing up on a military installation, and knows firsthand the importance of quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

"We always say in the Army, mission first, Soldiers always," said the command sergeant major. "You can't accomplish one without the other. If you don't take care of the



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Command Sgt. Major Christopher Spivey shares his goals for Fort Rucker after assuming his duties as command sergeant major Aug. 2.

Soldiers, then the mission is not going to get done, and the mission isn't going to get done without the Soldier. "Both of them are equally important as far as I'm concerned,

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## CLEP-A-THON

### Tests offer chance at free college credits

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Education Center exists to help Soldiers further their careers and continue their education, and now it's offering the opportunity to earn free college credits.

The education center will hold its first CLEP-a-thon Sept. 21-23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as a way for many to test out of many general education courses, according to Randy McNally, supervisory education service specialist for Fort Rucker.

The CLEP-a-thon will provide active-duty service member the chance to take free College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests exams and bring awareness to the advantages of CLEP testing, said McNally.

"This facilitates a great way for people to come in and take these tests," he said. "I've had some people come in and take 10-15 of these tests in three days, and if they pass just five then they have 15-semester hours of college credit for free."

"This is a great way for Soldiers to get college credit and they have nothing to lose," said the education service specialist. "There are many general education courses that people can CLEP out of, and not have to sit through the courses for eight to 16 weeks and use their federal funding toward it."

CLEP are provided by about 98 percent of schools in the U.S., according to McNally, and in order to obtain credit from a CLEP test, students must score at least a 50, which is the equivalent of a C grade.

CLEP and DSSTs mainly cover general education and elective classes at the undergraduate level, but some tests can cover classes toward a student's major, such as business or criminal justice.

One of the biggest advantages of CLEP testing is that for Soldiers, it doesn't count toward their Army Tuition Assistance, said McNally. With ATA limited at 16-semester hours per fiscal year, CLEP testing is a great way for Soldiers to earn extra college credit without going toward their limit.

Additionally, with new Army regulations, new Soldiers aren't eligible for tuition assistance until one year after their initial entry training, such as advanced individual training or basic officers leadership course.

"That disallows them for the Army Tuition Assistance

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# PERSPECTIVE

## SOLDIER FOR LIFE

*Higher education key to getting employed, better pay*

By Bryan Tharpe  
Fort Rucker  
Soldier for Life Center

Without a doubt we live in a competitive society. There are generally more people looking for jobs than there are jobs available.

A major factor that determines success in the job market is higher education or training. As a matter of fact, having at least a high school diploma is now not only necessary to join the Army, but to secure jobs in many companies. Employers want well-trained employees to make products or provide services that are competitive in today's marketplace.

For a person with little education and training, the number of available jobs are limited, so looking for a job can be frustrating. If an employer has two people who apply for the same job, and the two applicants are equal in every other way, the employer will select the applicant with the most advanced training, even if it is not a job requirement.

Employers think that better-educated applicants will have more highly developed learning skills and will do better work. In addition, those workers with more education will generally be given first opportunities for advancement and promotions.

Why is further education and training so important? Computers and other advanced technology have made many job requirements more demanding and complex. Employers want motivated and trainable employees who have the proven ability to learn and develop, based on the situation.

According to the most recent demographics by the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2000, 84 percent



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—General George Washington  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1781

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of American adults ages 25 and over had at least completed high school; 26 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Historically, education has paid off and over the past 25 years, earnings differences have grown among workers with different levels of educational attainment.

As education increases, so does income. In addition to increased earnings, higher education also gives one more freedom in the job market. Generally, when one gets promoted, they move up in

the same career. With the right training, employees can move laterally to other career paths as the jobs open. For example, someone in purchasing can move into distribution management or possibly even marketing with the right education.

What does all of this have to do with you? While you are still in the military, take advantage of all the training opportunities that are available to you. The Army offers excellent technical training in many job-related subjects. In

addition, for those who perform well, there are management and leadership training opportunities through numerous professional military education courses. Army training is recognized for being top-quality, especially in highly technical areas.

In addition, when you can, take additional college classes. Start working on — or finish up — your degree. Take some computer courses. Most military posts allow colleges to offer courses on post and at times when it is easy

to attend. Take advantage of the classes available on computer at the

education center's learning lab. There are courses that you can use to brush up on neglected skills and courses where you tackle entirely new areas. These are free to military personnel.

When it's time to transition, remember to contact the Soldier for Life Center at 255-2558. We offer the training that will make you successful in the job search process.

## Rotor Wash

“Football season is right around the corner. How do you like to prepare for big games or the upcoming season?”



**Spc. Joseph Christensen,**  
**1st Bn., 11th Avn. Regt.**

“I just try to catch them on the Internet if I can't watch them on cable.”



**Pfc. Alyssa Edenburn,**  
**1st Bn., 11th Avn. Regt.**

“I always make sure my DVR is ready so I can record them.”



**Jason Pfau,**  
**civilian**

“I change my homepage to ESPN and start reading up on the games.”



**Katie Pettengill,**  
**civilian**

“I get together with my family and just get ready to watch the games.”



**CW2 Chad Bayne,**  
**Nebraska National Guard**

“I like to tailgate.”

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# LEGAL OFFICE:

## Proper documentation essential to PCS success

By **Jeremy Henderson**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

As the military community continues prime permanent change of station season, the Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate stresses the importance of being prepared.

According to Capt. Nicholas Bartholomew, Fort Rucker client services chief, proper precautions can help make PCSing smoother.

“Every Soldier who leaves Fort Rucker will attend a briefing from the legal assistance office that covers best practices for (their) permanent change of station move and navigating the claims process,” he said. “One of the most important things to remember when PCSing is to document – take pictures beforehand, make sure you agree with how the carrier has noted your goods and file any claims within the designated

timeframes.

Many Soldiers at Fort Rucker are dealing with their first military move. Whether Soldiers are arriving here for a long-term flight school or departing from advanced individual training, the following tips and guidelines are a strong starting point to educate themselves on this process and to protect their belongings in a move.

People with questions regarding a PCS move or who need information on how to file a claim can contact the legal assistance office for help.

Below are several tips that can serve as helpful guidelines in preparing your move.

1. Video record or photograph everything pre-move. Include televisions and gaming systems (date stamp photos or use current newspaper for date). Record a video of working

appliances and electronic devices, including applications on smart televisions.

2. Appraise antiques and special items. Scan a copy of the appraisal and keep the original in a safe place.
3. Keep and scan receipts for expensive items.
4. Use locks and anti-pilfer packing tape to pack foot lockers and tough boxes.
5. Make sure items with serial numbers (and small, valuable items) are recorded on high-value item sheets.
6. Label all Blu-ray discs, video games and DVDs. List them on inventory sheets. If they are not listed on the inventory sheet and get lost during the move, then they cannot be claimed as a loss.
7. Owners should not sign anything they don't agree with (especially condition codes).

If they don't agree, write “I take exception.”

8. Get a friend or family member to help watch the moving crew.
9. Don't pack any currency and hand-carry all jewelry.
10. Note inclement weather at the time of move.
11. If it isn't on the inventory sheet, it probably can't be claimed if it is lost or damaged.
12. When receiving household goods, owners should make note of any damage to boxes when they unpack. Use a mobile device to photograph damage and be sure to take a picture of inventory tag for easier claims filing.
13. Owners should not initial high-value items sheet or sign it until they physically see the items. Open the box to ensure its presence and condition.

14. Make the moving crew unpack boxes. If they don't, owners have to pay to have trash hauled away and they may have issues if something is broken.

15. Movers must reassemble everything moving and packing crews disassemble.
16. File all claims within the time limits - no more than 75 days.
17. Keep all moving documents.
18. If owners have problems, OSJA suggests they call the quality assurance technician at the destination transportation office while the movers and packers are still there.

For more information, call 255-3482 or visit <http://www.rucker.army.mil/sja/clientservices/>.

Information may also be obtained via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RuckerLAO>.

## New commander continues fight against ISIL

By **Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve**  
*News Release*

WASHINGTON –Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, commanding general of XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, assumed command of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve during a transfer of authority ceremony Monday.

Gen. Joseph L. Votel, U.S. Central Command's commanding general, presided over the ceremony in which command was transferred to Townsend from Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland, the commander of III Armored Corps based at Fort Hood, Texas. The ceremony was attended by hundreds of U.S. and coalition Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

Votel expressed confidence in the team from Fort Bragg to continue pressuring the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

“We are very fortunate to be welcoming another great team in Lt. Gen. Steve Townsend and Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Jones,” Votel said. “The XVIII Airborne Corps has very big shoes to fill, but I know they are up to the task and raring to go!”

Over the last several months, officials said, Soldiers from the XVIII Airborne Corps have conducted intense training to prepare for the mission.

In his remarks, Townsend highlighted

the progress already accomplished in the region.

“Over the past year, CJTF-OIR, led by my good friend Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland and his III Armored Corps, and our coalition and regional partners, have done incredible work to degrade and dismantle ISIL's oppressive and brutal regime,” Townsend said.

“Their combined efforts on the ground and in the air have accelerated” the counter-ISIL campaign, Townsend said, pushing ISIL back across the battlefield and achieving remarkable momentum toward ISIL's ultimate defeat.

Key accomplishments achieved during the III Armored Corps tour include the following.

- The training of more than 13,500 members of the Iraqi security forces, including more than 4,000 Iraqi soldiers, 1,500 counter-terrorism service soldiers, 6,000 Peshmerga, and almost 1,000 federal police and 300 border guards.
- An increased emphasis on police training and the recruitment of tribal forces, adding 5,000 trained local police and over 20,000 tribal fighters enrolled.
- About 50,000 counter-ISIL sorties conducted in the past year, during which more than 30,000 munitions were dropped on the enemy, approximately two-thirds of them in Iraq and about one-third in Syria.



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**Defense Secretary Ash Carter speaks with Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, XVIII Airborne Corps commanding general, during a visit to Fort Bragg, N.C., July 27.**

- The liberation of more than 25,000 total square kilometers from ISIL, nearly half of the territory the enemy once controlled in Iraq and 20 percent of the territory the enemy once controlled in Syria.
- More than 200 strikes conducted against oil and natural gas activities of the enemy, which reduced the enemy's oil revenue stream by approximately 50 percent.
- Vigorous attacks on the enemy lead-

ership and command-and-control and weapons manufacturing capability, including attacks on more than 25 bulk cash storage sites, resulting in at least half-a-billion dollars destroyed.

Townsend shared his vision for the CJTF-OIR mission ahead.

“Let me say for all to hear – friend and foe alike – we will continue the attack against ISIL, and we will defeat them in Iraq and Syria on our watch,” Townsend said.

## News Briefs

### Legal office closures

The Fort Rucker Legal Assistance and Claims offices will be closed Sept. 1 for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate organizational day, and Sept. 2-5 for the Labor Day weekend. Normal business hours will resume Sept. 6.

### PTSD education

Lyster Army Health Clinic will offer a post-traumatic stress disorder education for spouses group today at 4:30 p.m. The group will meet in the behavioral health service area of the clinic. Attendees are asked to arrive by 4:10 p.m. and enter from the external behavioral health side entrance on the left side of the clinic.

For more information, call 255-7028.

### Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

### Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

### CIF closure

The central issue facility will be closed for inventory Sept. 19-23. Normal operations will resume Sept. 26. For more information, call 255-9573 or 255-1095.

### POW/MIA ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 16 at 8:30 a.m. at Veterans Park in front of the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

### Pay office closure

The Defense Military Pay Office will close Friday at 12:30 p.m. The office will reopen Monday at 7:30 a.m. All DMPO customers are asked to visit the DMPO with their pay inquiries or clearance papers prior to the closure. Soldiers with a military pay emergency during this time should call 317-319-7604 for assistance.

### Lost and found

People who have lost or misplaced property while on Fort Rucker can call the Directorate of Public Safety's lost and found point of contact at 255-3239 to inquire if their property has been turned in. To claim their property, people must be able to demonstrate ownership of the property. DPS retains property found or turned in at special events held on the installation, such as Freedom Fest – the most common items turned-in are keys, cell phones and wallets.

### Funded legal education program

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2017 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Army

MILPER Message 16-053 and Chapter 14 of Army Regulation 27-1 “The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program” to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute – 10 U.S.C. 2004 – and is non-waivable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, send the original application to the Office of the Judge Advocate, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-Rm 2B517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310, to be received by Nov. 1. Legal officials advise people to submit their applications well in advance of the deadline.

For more information, call 255-3308.

### Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health clinic will close at noon Sept. 21 for training.

### Lyster activity classes

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers free yoga classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Lyster Activity Center, Rm. J-100 in the clinic. Lyster officials encourage participants to bring their own mats.

### School physical appointments

To ensure the highest continuity of

care possible while providing timely access for patients requiring a school physical, Lyster Army Health Clinic will offer school physical appointments during the dates and times below. These slots will fill quickly, so people should book as soon as possible. The appointments serve to provide additional times and dates for dual-working parents and those who cannot schedule an appointment during normal business hours.

Parents should make sure to bring any required documentation to the appointment, with the patient portion filled out completely. The appointment will be for the school physical only. Any other issues will need to be addressed with the primary care clinician.

Appointments are available: Wednesday, 4-6 p.m.; Sept. 7, 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14, 4-6 p.m.; Sept. 21, 1-3 p.m.; and Sept. 28, 4-6 p.m.

### Weight control

The Lyster Army Health Clinic Fit for Performance Weight Control Program consists of six sessions taken over a six- to 12-week period. The program is available to all active-duty military, retirees and family members. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 255-7986.

### Lyster update

People are welcome to check out the Lyster Army Health Clinic Facebook Page for the Healthy Tip of the Day and important clinic information, such as class dates and times.

The Lyster Twitter feed is at @Lyster-AHC.



# MEET YOUR ARMY

*Simulation expert speaks both geek, warfighter*

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — For decades, the Army has used simulators to train Soldiers to pilot helicopters and drive tactical vehicles.

Simulators are cost-effective in terms of fuel and maintenance, and they also allow trainers to simulate variables that are dangerous and costly to simulate in real life: weather conditions, difficult terrain and enemy attacks. But simulators can't simulate everything, at least not yet.

Maj. Mike Stinchfield, chief of the Training Innovation Facility, Army National Simulation Center, Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is on a quest to bring Hollywood-level special effects to simulators to make them as realistic as possible.

A self-described "Star Wars" fan, Stinchfield has an undergraduate degree in computer science from Troy State University and a master's degree in modeling, virtual environments and simulation from the Naval Postgraduate School.

But Stinchfield is also an infantryman who speaks the combat arms lingo.

"I can speak both warfighter and geek," he said.

#### Simulator in the works

Stinchfield is currently the capabilities manager for project to build a simulator that will mimic a real Stryker vehicle.

In August, he met with staff from the Maneuver Center of Excellence to discuss the design. Their input into the simulator's design will be important, he said, since a Stryker vehicle serves one of the most important maneuver elements on the battlefield.

Equally important to the project, he added, was getting feedback from Soldiers at Fort Carson, Colorado, who performed the user testing. Fort Carson is home to a Stryker unit with experienced Stryker personnel, he explained.

Stinchfield will soon travel to Orlando, Florida, to visit Program Executive Office Simulations Training and Instrumentation. The staff there can find commercial, off-the-shelf software and hardware to use in the simulator so that the Army won't have to reinvent the wheel, he said.

Finally, Army Training and Doctrine Command will offer guidance on the development of a training program for the new simulator, he added.

#### Q&A time

**Q: Where were you born and where did you grow up?**

A: I was born in Provo, Utah, while my parents were attending Brigham Young University. My father was commissioned into the U.S. Navy shortly thereafter as a Naval flight officer. As a result, I spent most my growing-up years between almost every duty station on the West Coast: Alameda, California; Whidbey Island, Washington; San Diego; and Bremerton, Washington.

**Q: When you were 10, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

A: I always wanted to be an Aviator. But I wore eyeglasses and knew that would be a problem.

**Q: Did you have any nicknames from friends or family when you were growing up?**



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Maj. Mike Stinchfield with his daughter, Jane, at Fort Drum, N.Y. in 2002. Jane is now 20.

A: My nickname has always been "Stinch" because of my somewhat odd last name.

**Q: Do you have any family members who have served in the military?**

A: My father served in the Navy for 30 years. Two of my younger brothers previously served in the Navy as dentists.

**Q: What inspired you to join the Army?**

A: The opportunities that I knew were available to service members and the ability to serve my country in an honorable profession.

**Q: When you first joined the Army, what was your job?**

A: I enlisted in the Army as a fire direction specialist for the Multiple Launch Rocket System.

**Q: How did you come to work for the Army National Simulation Center?**

A: I came to work for the NSC after I had several interactions the previous year when working for the 7th Infantry Division. I was interested in many of the challenges the (NSC) is faced with and wanted to have a positive impact on the training community.

**Q: How do you feel working for National Simulation Center has helped to broaden your professional development?**

A: Working for the (NSC) has broadened my understanding of training support systems organizations and processes and the acquisition world.

**Q: What do you miss the most about your hometown?**

A: As a military brat, I hardly have a hometown. But as a lifelong resident of the West Coast, I miss the ocean and



Stinchfield and his wife, Brooke.

mountains the most.

**Q: What do you not miss about your hometown?**

A: I enjoy exploring the United States and the world through all my assignments. I would not enjoy staying in one place for too long.

**Q: If you had not joined the Army, what do feel you would be doing now?**

A: I would probably be working in some technology-related field.

**Q: What do you consider to be your greatest achievement both personally and professionally?**

A: Professionally: earning a master's degree in modeling, virtual environments and simulation from the Naval Postgraduate

traveler (with my family). Nothing better than being among the stars.

**Q: What superhero power do you think would be great to have and why?**

A: Flight. I enjoy the perspective of the world in the air, and it saves time.

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The Stinchfield family on a road trip.

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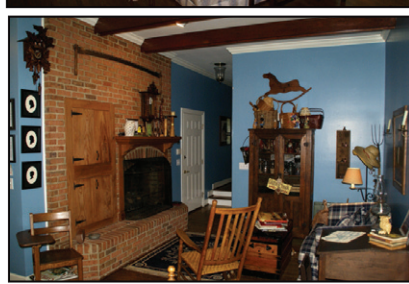
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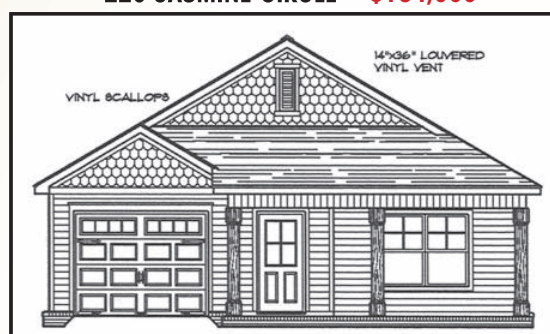
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# VIP FLIGHT

## 12th CAB Chinook flies vice president to ceremony in Kosovo

By Capt. Jaymon Bell  
12th Combat Aviation Brigade  
Public Affairs

PRISTINA, Kosovo — Two CH-47F Chinooks from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade transported Vice President Joe Biden and a delegation of U.S. and Kosovo officials from Pristina International Airport to Camp Bondsteel Aug. 17.

The vice president was in Kosovo to deliver remarks at the dedication ceremony of a road that is being named by the government of Kosovo in honor of his son,

Joseph R. “Beau” Biden III. The road is being dedicated as a sign of respect and gratitude for Beau’s contributions to Kosovo.

The delegation consisted of Kosovo President Hashim Thaci, Kosovo Prime Minister Isa Mustafa, Ambassador Greg Delawie and Dr. Jill Biden.

H Company, 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment, 12th CAB “Big Windy” is the premier heavy lift helicopter company in Europe. The Chinook is capable of lifting more than 25,000 pounds and carrying 33 passengers.

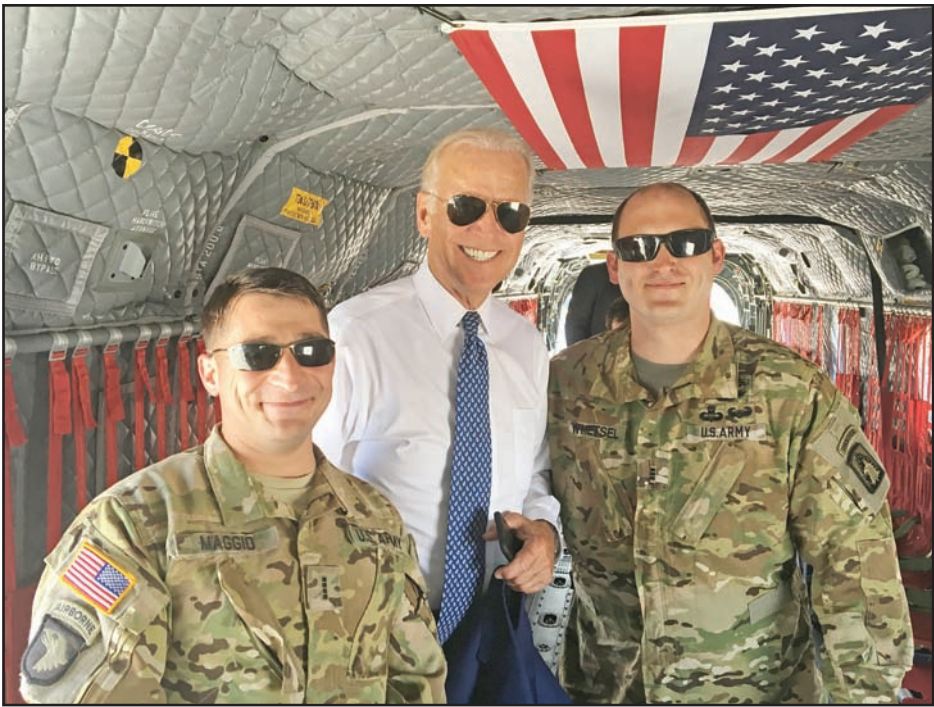


PHOTO BY CW3 GABE WHETSEL

CW4 Michael Maggio and CW3 Gabe Whetsel, far right, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, pose for a picture with Vice President Joe Biden during his trip to Kosovo Aug. 17.



PHOTO BY CAPT. BRIAN H. HARRIS

An AH-64E Apache from the 4-6th Heavy Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, flies overhead during gunnery at Yakima Training Center, Wash., Aug. 11.

# BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

## Soldiers, NATO allies to improve interoperability

By Pfc. James Dutkavich  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

RUKLA, Lithuania — Soldiers assigned to 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division conducted a live-fire exercise with NATO allies Aug. 11 in Rukla.

The training focused on U.S. and Polish forces working side by side to take an objective. Soldiers from both nations provided cover fire, supporting fire and conducted building clearing operations. Missions took place alongside M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Polish KTO Rosomak armored personnel carriers and UH-60 Black Hawks.

“It’s a really good chance for us to work with Bradley Fighting Vehicles and our allies at the same time. This



PHOTO BY PFC. JAMES DUTKAVICH

UH-60 Black Hawks take off during a joint live-fire exercise in Pabrade, Lithuania, on Aug. 11.

is probably the best interoperability training we’ve done so far,” said Spc. Paul Romano, assigned to 3-69th Arm. Regt.

The Soldiers from 3-69th Arm. Regt. involved in the exercise trained with their Baltic allies in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, a U.S. lead effort being conducted in Eastern Europe to

demonstrate U.S. commitment to the collective security of NATO, and dedication to enduring peace and stability in the region.

“I think it’s important to train with our allies so that we can build cohesion with them, to be able to work better together, and for things to flow better through our operations,” said Sgt. Seth Jarek, 3-69th Arm. Regt.

Lt. Col. Johnny A. Evans Jr., 3-69th Arm. Regt. commander, and Lithuanian Col. Mindaugas Steponavicius, commander of Mechanized Infantry Iron Wolf Brigade, were in attendance to observe the training and build a relationship between their units.

“I think today went really well,” said Romano. “It is the guys’ first time doing an air insertion on helicopters – they loved it.”

# Falcon Brigade hosts Marne Air Day

By Sgt. William Begley  
3rd Combat Aviation Brigade  
Public Affairs

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. — The Soldiers and families of the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade joined members of the local Savannah community during Marne Air Day at the airfield July 29.

Col. Jeffrey A. Becker, 3rd CAB commander, said that Marne Air Day is an opportunity to highlight Falcon Soldiers.

“This is one way we can show the families and members of the greater Savannah community immense appreciation for the support we receive,” Becker said.

Every aircraft the brigade flies was on display for the public to see and sit in. There was also an M1A2 Abrams tank, along with a Bradley Fighting Vehicle provided by the 3rd Combined Arms Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team which drew a steady crowd all day long. There was face painting and kids could participate in an obstacle course and do a modified physical training test.

A newcomer to the Marne Air Day celebration was Pfc. Dylan Cherrix, B Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, and his family. Along with his wife, Jae, and their daughter, the Cherrix Family got to experience what goes on behind the closed gates and hangar doors on HAAF.

“We’re pretty busy most of the year, so to have my wife



PHOTO BY SGT. WILLIAM BEGLEY

Families take turns exploring the cockpit of an AH-64D Apache during the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade Marne Air Day on Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., July 29.

and my daughter out here so they can actually see what I do for the first time is really cool,” Cherrix said.

“This may be the first time some of these families get to see firsthand the tools and equipment their husbands and wives work with every day,” CW5 Timothy Smail, command chief warrant officer of the 3rd CAB, said. “It’s also a way to show the families and community that the equipment that they use, the weapons they fire and the equipment that protects them is the best (available).”

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# BUILDING CONFIDENCE

## Aviators help infantry sharpen water survival skills

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Davis  
2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team  
Public Affairs

MCBH KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii — Helocasting from a UH-60 Black Hawk off the coast of Hawaii sounds like the perfect scene for a big screen action movie or military recruiting video, but for Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, it’s all about sharpening critical survival skills and building confidence.

The 2nd IBCT joined fellow Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division Aug. 9 to participate in Mai Kai Leap II – an overwater training exercise at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay.

“Since we operate over water every day, flying equipment or Soldiers to PTA (Pohakuloa Training Area), or some of the other islands, it is important that our crew members and passengers understand how to survive in the water in case there is an emergency,” said Lt. Col. Andy Graham, 3-25th Avn. Regt. battalion commander.

With the focus on safety and readiness, Lightning Division Soldiers practiced helocast insertion and extraction utilizing both the CH-47 Chinook and the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters while overall gaining confidence in their surroundings and building cohesion across their formations.

“This is a great opportunity to build the partnership throughout the division and build one cohesive team, which is so important across the Army,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spear, senior enlisted adviser assigned to 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd IBCT. “However, looking back at the train-up, we lost a lot of Soldiers who couldn’t swim more than 25 meters. Now, with that being said, we also conduct a lot of our training over at PTA, which causes us to fly back and forth from Oahu, so we must have our Soldiers comfortable with their surroundings, whether it’s in the water, on land, or up in air, just in case anything goes wrong.”

According to Staff Sgt. Nathan Sanchez, a flight medic assigned to 3-25th Avn. Regt., even though Soldiers failed prequalifying train-up requirements, it’s not a knock on them because even strong swimmers panic at times in diverse situations.

“You can have a strong swimmer who swims like a fish in a bathing suit, but take that same swimmer

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PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. CARLOS DAVIS

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team train with Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, during Mai Kai Leap II, an overwater training exercise, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Aug. 9.



Soldiers deploy a hoist from a CH-47 Chinook.



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# Confidence

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and have them swim in their uniform and boots, and they panic and they might not be as good as they thought,” said Sanchez.

To prepare the Warrior Brigade Soldiers for the challenges of helocast training, the Aviation Soldiers use the crawl, walk and run approach that utilizes both controlled and open water areas.

“We start the Soldiers off in the pool and go through a crawl, walk and run type of training where we have Soldiers do treading water for five minutes in the pool, go over the hand and arm signals, practice climbing the ladder that we hook it up on the diving platforms, they jump from the diving platforms to simulate jumping from the aircraft,” Sanchez stated. “After the Soldiers pass the pool qualifications we then have the Soldiers repeat the swimming requirements in the ocean which consist of backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, tread water for 20 minutes, then finally have the whole crew load the life raft and swim it to shore.”

By going through an intensive amount of training, it allows the Soldiers to become familiar with the equipment and it also builds confidence in everyone’s abilities.

“This is something that is exciting. This isn’t the typical type of training we conduct on a daily basis so to have the opportunity to come out here and do this I was all in,” said Sgt. Dino Rois, an infantryman assigned to A Company, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt. “Over the past couple of weeks we did a lot of training to get to this point so I was just nervous about not letting them down. This was a good confidence test to improve everyone’s ability under pressure and it’s very different compared to everything else we have done here.”



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CARLOS DAVIS

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Spear, the senior enlisted adviser assigned to 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd IBCT, gets assisted onto a CH-47 Chinook.

# Falcon

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This year’s Marne Air Day was the biggest and most ambitious event in many years. There were more events, more static displays and, for the first time, the local community was invited, said Capt. Chase Blankenship, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd CAB and officer in charge of organizing the event.

“It feels pretty good to coordinate and move every piece of equipment into place in time to make this such an awesome event,” Blankenship said. “I was very happy to see the publicity got out to the community. We had a lot of people come here as soon as the gates opened up. It was a good feeling seeing such a positive response.”



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Twin boys take a modified Army Physical Fitness Test during Marne Air Day.

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# PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

*Museum provides snapshot of history, helps train future Aviators*

**By Jeremy Henderson**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Army Aviation's rich legacy spans decades, and the U.S. Army Aviation Museum endeavors to put that history on display, as well as educate Soldiers and future Aviators.

"Essentially, the museum is a snapshot of Army Aviation's history," Robert Mitchell, U.S. Army Aviation Museum curator, said. "We like to do as many dioramas as we can to depict period uniforms and equipment used alongside the various aircraft. We are in the process of standing up about a dozen mannequins throughout half a dozen exhibits."

There are about 50 aircraft on display in the public galleries at any one time, according to the museum's website. However, the museum maintains a collection of over 160 airplanes, helicopters and other vertical flight aircraft. In addition, the museum also maintains another 3,000 items in the historical property collection.

"Fort Rucker's museum is the showcase for Army Aviation," Mitchell said. "When non-military personnel and veterans come to Fort Rucker, they generally come to see the museum. It's basically Army Aviation's house, so we want to make sure the visitors have a pleasurable visit, (and that) they understand the mission of Army Aviation and its rich heritage."

"Most people who interact with Fort Rucker and the museum will walk away with the opinion of the Army based on the museum," he added. "It is very important we conduct ourselves in a professional manner, the exhibits are correct and people leave here understanding Army Aviation."

Work is currently under way to place the museum's displays in chronological order to provide a walk through Army Aviation's history for Soldiers and visitors.

"They can expect to find examples of Army Aviation dating from the Wright Brothers' production of Army Wright Model B flyer through World War I and World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War and the global war on terrorism," Mitchell said. "It is important to understand that the United States Army is the reason for the modern-day helicopter. The Army paid the money, and conducted research and development to get the helicopter where it is today."

"We have a little bit of everything in here," he added. "We have an original Newport 28 from World War I. There are only



PHOTOS BY JEREMY HENDERSON

Museum visitors are greeted by a statuary depicting the various uniforms worn by Aviators throughout Army Aviation history.



Numerous exhibits depict scenes from the battlefield, including this depiction of an Army flight medic tending to a Soldier during a MedEvac.

a handful of those that survived. We also have a Super 68 from the Battle of Mogadishu, as seen in the movie 'Blackhawk Down,' and pretty much a sampling of everything in between."

According to Mitchell, the museum is in the process of receiving an AH-64 Apache to display.

"It will need to be assembled, though," he said. "It's not complete. It will depend on availability of parts and the manpower to put it all back together."

"We also have two significant UH-1s," he added. "We have one on the floor right now that is ready to go to restoration. We also have the first Huey prototype that is currently being restored. It should be here for the 60th anniversary of its first flight Oct. 20."

## Training support

The museum provides a glimpse of Army Aviation's history for visitors, but, at its core, Mitchell said it serves as a training tool for Soldiers.

"Our purpose is Soldier and leader development and training," he said. "We have, on-hand, a reference library with collections of various maps, personnel after-action reports and unit histories available for Soldiers to study and use as reference material for writing papers, staff studies and executive summaries on various topics in Army Aviation as we move forward. It's also important to understand that the museum keeps these documents and reference materials from the past that can be drawn from and used as lessons learned in the future,

whether it's training or technologies from the past that can be re-applied to today."

When Soldiers first arrive at Fort Rucker, they visit the museum to learn the story of Army Aviation. Mitchell feels this is an important step for both the museum and the Soldiers.

"These kids haven't even started flight school yet," he said. "They get their history from me and then Mr. [Terry] Morris, a local veteran, comes down when he can to tell them what it means to be an Army Aviator and what's expected of them."

"We also do the same thing for (advanced individual training) Soldiers," he added. "They come to the museum and we provide their Branch history. We also have returning Soldiers who come back for professional development courses. We take them back through storage to show them developmental pieces now that they understand how the helicopter works. We show them how those early technologies led to today's technologies."

According to Mitchell, based on that core training resource role, plans are in motion to build a training support facility to house USAAM's wealth of documents and resource materials.

"We hope the structure will be in excess of 100,000 square feet," he said. "It will house the technologies of Army Aviation. The current facility is where we show-

case the machines that were part of the inventory of Army Aviation. These are the machines that went onto the field and were used by Soldiers. We must have them here, so that when grandpa brings his grandkids to see the helicopter he flew, we have it on display, which means there a lot of other aircraft, experimental aircraft and one-offs, that we don't have room to display. The training support facility will be the venue for those."

According to Mitchell, the facility, still in the planning stages, will be located near Braman Hall.

"It will extend down the road to the memorial," he said. "It will then extend lengthwise over to Novosel Street. It is going to be a massive structure primarily designed as a teaching venue for Soldiers. That is just the footprint. We are also looking at a possible second story for various vignettes."

Although the facility remains in the early stages of planning, Mitchell knows it will be a valuable resource for the future of Army Aviation.

The museum is open to visit Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on federal holidays, except for Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

For more information about the museum, visit <http://www.armyaviationmuseum.org/>.

# Counseling helps business owners take 1st step

**By Jeremy Henderson**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The first step to establishing the dream of owning a business can be daunting, but Army Community Service's upcoming small business counseling session can provide the tools necessary to make the dream a reality.

"Everyone going into business for themselves believes that their ideas – as creative and niche-oriented as they may be – will make money for them 'hand over fist,'" Mike Kozlowski, ACS employment readiness manager, said. But very few individuals actually plan for their ideas' success in terms of total business planning – short, medium and long-term.

"Receiving the counsel offered by Judy Callin from Troy University's Small Business Development Program covers the ground that most fear to tread when evaluating the viability of their business ideas," he added. "She highlights the total business planning process, from idea conception to business organization to marketing to some essential tax and legal considerations – all within an hour or so. She is also willing to



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meet with individuals at other times and locations of their choosing."

Four sessions will take place by appointment Sept. 8 beginning at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Interested individuals will be allowed at least an hour, depending upon the complexity of their proposal.

"Small business ideas – by their very nature and practice – vary greatly from person to person, with each having challenges which are peculiar to a specific sector of the market as a whole," Kozlowski said.

Individuals should be receptive to any and all advice offered during the sessions, according to Kozlowski.

"We don't know everything we should – or ought – to know about business startups," he said. "In the face of market changes,

small business owners need to change their approaches on how best to position their products and services in an ever-increasing competitive market environment. Don't approach the counseling session thinking you have all the answers in that regard.

"Be open to Mrs. Callin's advice, which is based on the latest small business research," he added. "Interested individuals should also bring any documents which pertain to their business ideas and current practices, such as business plans, tax filings and the like. This will afford Mrs. Callin the opportunity to peer into the level of detail you've already given your startup idea and ask relevant questions – the answers of which may position your ideas for increased market share."

Although the sessions benefit those seeking to start a business, Kozlowski said existing business owners could also benefit from the counsel.

"You've established your business idea, you've marketed it and perhaps your big dream has taken off in a big way," he said. "If there's one thing all business owners recognize is this: the only constant in the world is change. Mrs. Callin can call attention to new social media marketing techniques, as well as being that sounding board a business owner needs to know what directions to take in the face of increased market competition. Checking in with her on a regular basis also affords the business owner with an extra sense of accountability to an objective individual who can advise them to positively re-frame and re-focus their efforts."

Although the session is by appointment only and could fill up quickly, additional sessions are scheduled for the future. The deadline for scheduling a session is two days prior to the date of the session. Pre-registration is mandatory.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 255-2594.



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The Feds Feed Families campaign is under way at Fort Rucker. The campaign is designed to help food banks and pantries stay stocked during summer months. Employees can participate now through Wednesday by bringing non-perishable food items to designated collection boxes at the Bldg. 5700 lobby, the physical fitness centers and the commissary. Pre-filled Feds Feed Families bags are also available at the commissary for \$5 and \$10.

For more information, call 255-9810 or visit [rucker.armymwr.com](http://rucker.armymwr.com).

**Right Arm Night**

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night today from 4-6 p.m., hosted by the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome.

For more information, call 255-0768.

**Relocation readiness workshop**

Army Community Service will host its relocation readiness workshop Friday from 9-10 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371D. Soldiers and spouses will receive information on benefits, entitlements, advance pay, government travel cards and more.

For more information or to register, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

**Illusionist show**

The Landing will host an illusionist show Friday from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$16 at the door. Advance tickets are available for purchase at The Landing, Coffee Zones or MWR Central. VIP tables cost \$150 (10 tickets). The family-friendly event is open to ages 12 and older – youth ages 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 255-9810.

**Summer Luau**

The SPLASH! 2016 Summer Luau is scheduled for Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The luau will feature a limbo contest where the winner will receive free guest passes; a T-shirt tie-dying station – participants bring their own T-shirt from home; a dunk tank; corn hole stations; a bouncy house; swimming; a water slide; and an aqua climb rock wall. There will also be luau-themed food for purchase on the top patio from The Landing Zone. Cost for this event will be the daily admission fee or pass-holder fee.

For more information, call 255-9162.

**Car seat safety class**

September is Baby Safety Month, and the Fort Rucker New Parent Support Program and a certified child passenger safety technician are partnering to teach a child seat safety class Sept. 1 from 9-10 a.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The CPST will also conduct car seat checks from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop is open to active-duty and retired military, Department of Defense employees and family members. Registration is required by Sunday.

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**EFMP Child and Family Campaign**

The Fort Rucker Exceptional Family Member Program will conduct its process of identifying active-duty military families with special needs during its Child and Family Campaign Sept. 1-30. Special needs can include physical, intellectual, developmental delays, emotional impairments that require special treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling, according to EFMP officials.

Enrollment is mandatory for Soldiers with EFM’s. Mobilized and deployed Soldiers are not eligible. When possible, Soldiers are assigned to an area where the medical and special education needs of their EFM can be met. Soldiers with a family member with a



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## Pro-am golf tournament

A scene from last year’s tournament. The Silver Wings Golf Course Pro-Am Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 9-11. Sept. 9, the practice round is all day and the pairings party starts at 5 p.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 and 11. Entry fee is \$145 for members and \$175 for non-members. Entry fee includes tournament course fees, range balls, tee gifts, tournament meals and prizes. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Sept. 2. Amateur eligibility: current verifiable U.S. Golf Association Handicap Index. Format: 36-hole event. Teams will be comprised of one professional and three amateurs. The teams will play team Stableford. Professionals will also simultaneously participate in an individual competition. For more information, call 598-2449.

special need or disability or have knowledge of someone who is disabled or with a special need, should contact EFMP at Lyster Army Health Clinic, 255-7431.

Lyster’s EFMP conducts EFM screenings, enrollments, updates and disenrollments. Army Regulation 608-75, EFMP, requires Soldiers to update EFM enrollment every three years, or sooner if services for special needs are no longer required.

For EFMP advocacy services, respite care, information and referral services, free education and training opportunities, resource library and relocation assistance, call Army Community Service EFMP at 255-9277 or 255-3643.

**Small business counseling**

Army Community Service will offer its small business counseling service Sept. 8. Appointments last for about an hour, with the first available appointment at 9:15 a.m. With several areas of counseling available, people need to call to make an appointment.

For information and to schedule an appointment, call 255-2594.

**Family emergency preparedness training**

The mobilization, deployment and stability support operations manager and the installation emergency manager wants to help Fort Rucker families be prepared for emergencies with training Sept. 22 from 9-11 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A. When it comes to emergencies and disasters, it’s not a question of if, but when, according to training organizers. The additional requirements placed upon families are constantly increasing.

For more information and to register for the event, call 255-9578 or 255-3161. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 16. Free childcare will be available, but people need to call 255-3564 in advance.

**Dog swim**

SPLASH! Water Park will host a Dog Days of Summer dog swim Sept. 10 from noon to 4 p.m. No patron swimming will be permitted while dogs are in the water for health and safety considerations. People are welcome to bring their dogs with their favorite toy and let them get their swim on before summer ends. Fee is \$5 per dog. People need to complete a registration form at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center front desk at Bldg. 4605 on Andrews Avenue. At the time of registration and payment, all dog owners will be required to attach a copy of their dog’s vaccination records for health and safety considerations.

For more information, including event rules, visit <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/ft-rucker-events/dog-days-summer-dog-swim>. People can also call 255-2296.

**White-water rafting trip**

MWR Central will offer a white water rafting trip down the Chattahoochee River Sept. 10. This is a beginner-level trip, so people don’t need to worry if they have nev-

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er done it before, according to MWR Central officials. Price is \$590 per person, and that includes transportation to and from Columbus, Georgia, and a two-hour instructor-led trip. The bus will depart from Bldg. 5700 at 9 a.m. and return to Fort Rucker around 6 p.m. The trip is limited to 28 people, who must be 7 years or older.

For more information and to register, call 255-2997.

**Family resilience training**

Army Community Service will host family member resilience training Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons. The course is designed to give Army family members the tools they need to become more resilient in all the challenges that life may throw at them.

For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

## FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 25-28

**Thursday, August 25**

**The Legend of Tarzan (PG-13)** .....7 p.m.

**Friday, August 26**

**Free State of Jones (R)** .....7 p.m.

**Saturday, August 27**

**The Secret Life of Pets (PG)** .....4 p.m.  
**The Purge: Election Year (R)**.....7 p.m.

**Sunday, August 28**

**The Secret Life of Pets (PG)** .....1 p.m.  
**Ghostbusters (PG-13)** .....4 p.m.



# ARMY STRONG

## WWII POW receives medal, proud to be ‘Soldier for Life’

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Dr. Charlie Stenger, a World War II Army veteran, was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal by Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, Army G-1, Aug. 16 at Stenger’s Maryland home.

Although the POW Medal was a long time in coming, Stenger, who is still sharp and relatively strong at 94, said it was a proud moment and he was honored by the Soldiers who came to witness the event. He was reluctant to discuss his wartime experiences, but he said it was OK for his wife of 15 years, Mary Lou Guandolo, to relate some of what took place.

During the Battle of the Bulge, Stenger fought in the Schnee Eifel salient of Belgium, serving as a medic with the 423rd Infantry Regiment, which was attached to the 106th Infantry Division, she said.

On Dec. 21, 1944, Stenger’s regiment was overrun and surrounded by the Germans. He and his fellow Soldiers fought back, but it soon became clear that they faced certain annihilation.

Stenger found a white piece of cloth and surrendered the remain-



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Dr. Charlie Stenger, a World War II Army veteran, has just been awarded the Prisoner of War Medal by Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, Army G-1, Aug. 16 at Stenger’s home in Rockville, Md.

ing men, she said.

He was one of 6,697 prisoners who were captured during the surprise German offensive.

He was held at multiple prison camps until the end of the war, Guandolo related. During his transition from one camp to another, he was locked inside a boxcar that

was strafed by the allied forces. Stenger was blown completely outside of the boxcar, landing on his back.

Disabled by injuries from that explosion and frozen feet, Stenger faced hardships as a POW. The food that he and the other POWs were given was so lousy that they

had to forage for whatever they could find near the prison camp.

One happy occasion during his time as a POW was when Stenger found two bottles of wine during a foraging expedition. He stuck them up his sleeves and shared the wine with his fellow POWs, a much needed morale booster.

### Soldier for Life

In addition to presenting Stenger with the medal, McConville also presented him with a Soldier for Life sticker and pin, and a commander’s coin. Stenger expressed pride for his service and said he considers himself honored to be counted among the Soldiers for Life.

McConville noted that, even after Stenger was honorably discharged from the Army at the end of the war, he continued to serve Soldiers as a psychologist in the Veterans Administration, as the Department of Veterans Affairs was then called.

Records from the VA indicate that, among the Stenger’s many contributions, he was instrumental in assisting former POWs with their psychological needs.

As a former POW himself, he could especially relate to them. He served there from 1947 until his retirement in 1980.

### About POW medals

POW Medals are awarded to combat veterans who were taken prisoner during time of war, with the stipulation that during the time they were being held, they acted honorably.

## Soldiers gain perspective during training rotation

By Sgt. Lauren Harrah  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

WARSAW, Poland — From riding in a Polish infantry fighting vehicle to firing Polish small arms, the “Dark Knights” of D Company, 3rd Combined Arms Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry

Division, on a training rotation in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, have taken every opportunity to train with their allies.

The Soldiers have learned about how the Polish army operates and what tools they use to get the job done.

Being able to see the history of the Pol-

ish army firsthand helps put things in perspective for the Dark Knights who visited the Polish Army Museum in Warsaw Aug. 13.

The visit was part of a cultural trip, which included participation in the Polish Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration throughout the capital.

“We are going out to explore some of the city, but primarily we are here to check out the Polish Army Museum today,” said 1st Lt. Brett Lamarca, executive officer. “There is a lot of history here about the Polish military, dating back hundreds if not thousands of years in some cases, so it gives us a much better perspective of what our allies or partners have gone through.”

The Polish Army Museum, founded in 1920, encompasses a vast collection of items including medieval armor, weapons, aircrafts, equipment, uniforms and personal effects dating as far back as the 1400s.

“They are a very proud and patriotic military,” said Sgt. Craig Bragg, signal support systems sergeant. “They are

very resilient and they really have had a presence in many of the major conflicts throughout the world. It has been an enjoyable experience thus far.”

While exploring Warsaw’s history and preparing for the parade, the Soldiers have gained a much better appreciation for not only the military aspect of being here, but also an appreciation for the people, the culture and the country as a whole, said Lamarca.

“I’ve been able to see the city’s history,” said Spc. Chelsea Perez, medic. “Knowing a lot of it was demolished during World War II and then rebuilt, it’s interesting to see how that history has been integrated into the city they have now.”

As the D Co. Soldiers take some time to appreciate the past, they are looking forward to concluding their trip to Warsaw marching alongside their allies.

“We are happy to be here working side-by-side with our Polish comrades and are excited to take part in the festivities on Monday,” Lamarca said.



PHOTO BY SGT. LAUREN HARRAH

Spc. Chelsea Perez, Sgt. Erica Jackson, and Spc. Dylan Beal, D Co., 3rd Combined Arms Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, view a static display containing medical supplies at the Polish Army Museum in Warsaw, Poland, Aug. 13.



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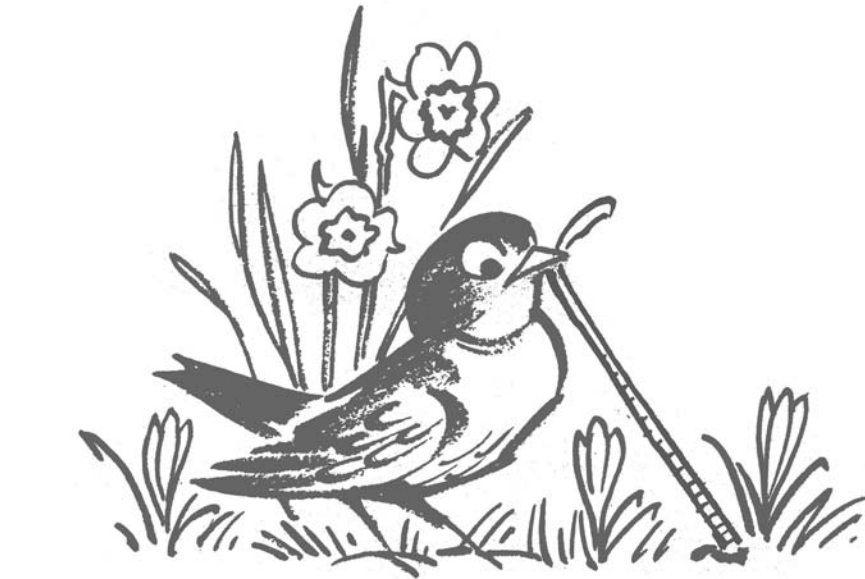
Alabama Coastal Birdfest  
Press Release

SPANISH FORT — Registration is now open for the 13th annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest, which takes place throughout Baldwin and Mobile counties, Oct. 5–8.

Birders know the Alabama Gulf Coast is a prime spot to see birds during the fall migration and BirdFest has attracted visitors from more than 27 states and Canada since 2004—many returning multiple times.

For both experienced birders and those new to birding, BirdFest offers more than 30 expertly-guided tours, evening dinner events, workshops, and the free, family friendly Bird & Conservation Expo. Now a “birding and nature festival,” BirdFest features trips that highlight local and migrating birds, wildflowers, alligators, dolphins, and other creatures that share our world.

Many BirdFest trips are by bus and depart from 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center in Spanish Fort. Other trips allow partici-



pants to meet the bus or drive to the trip site.

“These trips are great for people who live near or are vacationing near the various sites,” John Borom, BirdFest founder, said. “Someone near Weeks Bay, Fort Mor-

gan, Gulf Shores, Bon Secour, or Dauphin Island, for example, might choose to drive and meet the group rather than ride a bus from 5 Rivers. For many other trips, riding the bus from 5 Rivers is perfect and easy. Bus trips include lunch and are a great op-

portunity to meet other birders. We try to have something for everyone.”

BirdFest trips include walking tours, comfortable boat rides, and more adventurous canoe and kayak excursions.

This year’s keynote speaker is Dr. John Dindo, an associate director of Dauphin Island Sea Lab. He will talk about natural and man-made changes in local habitats and the effect they have on bird populations Oct. 7.

BirdFest’s Bird and Conservation Expo is a fun family day that takes place Oct. 8 at the Halstead Amphitheatre on the Faulkner campus in downtown Fairhope.

The Expo includes displays, exhibits, raptor and snake shows, a touch tank, bird-house build, and lots of hands-on fun for all ages.

Admission is free and open to all. Advance registration is required for all trips, workshops and evening events. Registration closes on Sept. 23, at 4 p.m.

To learn more and to register, visit [www. AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com).

## WIREFLIER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### ANDALUSIA

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www.andalusialegionpost80.org](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 80 hosts a dance with live music every Saturday from 7:30-11:30 p.m. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www. andalusialegionpost80.org](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

### DALEVILLE

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6020 Franchise J. Ballard Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters on State Road 84 every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Breakfast is served Sundays, and games and TVs are available for entertainment. Meetings are open to all. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells. For more information, call 598-6211, 598-1297, 598-6211 or 379-9187.

**ONGOING** — Daleville Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center. For more information, call 598-6331.

### DOTHAN

**SEPT. 8** — Spiritual Enrichment Center and the Unity Church of Dothan will join Silent Unity –an international, trans-denominational 24/7 prayer ministry—for a world peace meditation and prayer at 6p.m. at its facility at 942 South Oates Street. People of all faiths are encouraged to participate either by attending the meditation event or by submitting prayers online at [worlddayofprayer.org](http://worlddayofprayer.org). Details about Unity World Day of Prayer events at Unity Village and in other communities are online at [worlddayofprayer.org](http://worlddayofprayer.org).

**ONGOING** — Disabled American Veterans Dothan Chapter 87 maintains a service officer at its office at 545 West Main St. (Mixon Business Center) Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The chapter will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims and other veterans benefits. All veteran services provided are free of charge. For more information, call 836-0217, Ext. 123, or send an email to [davchapter87@gmail.com](mailto:davchapter87@gmail.com).

### ENTERPRISE

**SEPT. 10** — The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency and Coffee County Community Emergency Response Team will host their fifth annual

Emergency Preparedness Fair and Safety Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center, 2401 Neil Metcalf Road. The event is part of National Preparedness Month, which is a whole-community approach to disaster response. The event will feature several awareness displays and demonstrations to help citizens see how a few simple steps now can increase safety and emergency preparedness in homes, businesses and communities throughout the county. For more information, call 334-894-5415 or 334-806-1994, or send an email to [coffeecocertcoord@hotmail.com](mailto:coffeecocertcoord@hotmail.com).

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post monthly membership meetings for the VFW Post 6683 and Auxiliary are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the post headquarters building located at 2615 Coffee County Road 537. The post mailing address is P.O. Box 311752 Enterprise, AL 36330. For more information, call 334-464-1171 or the auxiliary at 334-464-2222. The post also has a Facebook site at [vfwpost6683](http://vfwpost6683).

### GENEVA

**ONGOING** — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call 248-4495.

### MIDLAND CITY

**ONGOING** — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

### NEW BROCKTON

**ONGOING** — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton Police Station at 202 South John Street. The office will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, Veterans Affairs pensions, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans job programs, homeless veterans services and other veteran services. All veteran services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 718-5707.

**ONGOING** — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school. Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

### OZARK

**SEPT. 16** — St. Michael’s Episcopal Church will host Duo 220 classical guitarists in concert at 7 p.m. Adam Larison and Andrew Stroud are the two classical guitarists in Duo 220. Following this free classical guitar concert will be a meet the artists reception in the parish hall. St. Michael’s Episcopal Church is located at 427 Camilla Avenue.

**ONGOING** — Every Wednesday, the Ozark-Dale County Public Library hosts free Wii Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens and adults are invited. For more information, call 774-5480.

**ONGOING** — Every Monday through Friday, aerobic classes are open to the public at the Autrey Recreation Center from 8-10 a.m. Call 774-2042 for more information.

### PINCKARD

**ONGOING** — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church. For more information, call 983-3064.

### SAMSON

**ONGOING** — The Samson City Council meets monthly the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Community Center.

**ONGOING** — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

### TROY

**ONGOING** — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex. The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s with finger foods and refreshments. For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

### WIREFLIER AREA

**ONGOING** — A German coffee takes place the last Thursday of every month except November at 10 a.m. at The Landing on Fort Rucker. The group has been meeting for more than 40 years.

**AUG. 28** — New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, 3819 County Road 31, Abbeville, will host its annual Men Day at 2:30 p.m., featuring guest speaker Dr. Walter Simms from Sweet Bethel Baptist Church in Kinsey. All churches are invited to attend.

## Beyond Briefs

### Twilight Night Paddle

High Falls State Park in Jackson, Georgia, will host its Twilight Night Paddle Aug. 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. The ranger-led 3-mile canoe trip offers people the chance to observe wading birds and the sun setting, according to a Georgia State Parks press release. The program is open to adults and children 8 years or older who are accompanied by an adult. Reservations are required. The cost is \$15, and includes boat and gear – there will also be a \$5 parking fee.

For more information, call 478-993-3053.

### Paddling Trip

The Apalachicola Riverkeepers will hold its monthly paddling trip Aug. 27 in and around the Apalachicola River and Bay, Florida. The trips are free to members and \$30 for non-members. In addition to the monthly paddling trips, the Apalachicola Riverkeepers also host longer paddling excursions of more than 10 miles, which are

best suited for paddlers with experience. Learn more by visiting [apalachicolariverkeeper.org](http://apalachicolariverkeeper.org) or by calling 850-653-8936.

### Dragon Boat Race and Festival

Montgomery will host its Dragon Boat Race and Festival Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.as almost 80 teams will converge downtown at Riverfront Park to paddle and party in pursuit of the Grand Championship Trophy while supporting the missions of the local beneficiaries – Bridge Builders Alabama and Rebuilding Together Central Alabama. The event will feature music, entertainment, and over 30 local vendors, artists and exhibitors while teams compete on the water.

For more information, call 334-625-9411 or visit [montgomerydragonboat.org/](http://montgomerydragonboat.org/).

### Seagrass ecology class

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida will offer a seagrass ecology class Sept. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. The class will feature an overview of the delicate seagrass ecosystem, basics of life in a seagrass bed, as well as the intricate

ties between organisms, and the importance of conservation and protection efforts in the area. Participants will put their knowledge to the test in a guided snorkeling tour of the crystal clear seagrass beds in St. Joseph Bay. Class fee is \$25 per person and registration is required. Attendees must know how to swim and bring their own snorkeling gear.

For more information or to register, visit [gulfalliancetraining.com](http://gulfalliancetraining.com) or call 850-670-7743.

### Zoobilation

People are invited to dance to the groove, delight in drinks and food samplings from the finest eateries in the River Region, try their luck at the vast collection of auction items and rub elbows with other animal lovers at the Montgomery Zoo Zoobilation Sept. 15 from 6-10 p.m. Zoobilation is a fundraiser geared for adults only – all guests must be 21 years old or older.

Individual tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online, or at the zoo’s gift shop and museum.

For more information, call 334-240-4900 or visit [www.montgomeryzoo.com/](http://www.montgomeryzoo.com/)

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### Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

The Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island, Florida, will host a climb to the top of the lighthouse top of the lighthouse to see spectacular views of the sunset and full moon Sept. 16 from 7:30-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 850-927-7745. More information on the lighthouse is available at [www. stgeorgelight.org/](http://www.stgeorgelight.org/).

### Union Station Car Show

The Union Station Car Show is scheduled for Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Montgomery’s Historic Train Shed. Over 100 cars will be on display. Admission into the show is free. The event will also feature live music, food and activities designed for the whole family. Awards will be given in various categories – it costs \$25 to enter the show.

To enter a car or get more information, call 334-625-2125 or visit [www. funinmontgomery.com](http://www.funinmontgomery.com).



# STRIKE UP THE BAND

## Army Europe Band wows crowds at Scotland's Edinburgh Tattoo

By Spc. Valerie Avila  
U.S. Army Europe Band & Chorus

EDINBURGH, Scotland — U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus is representing the U.S. Army with daily performances at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which will last through Saturday, at the historic Edinburgh Castle.

The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus is scheduled to perform a six-minute marching drill during each iteration of the tattoo. Each performance will feature a mix of classic popular American tunes and conclude with “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” by John Philip Sousa.

The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus, headquartered in Sembach, Germany, is performing alongside British military bands, Highland Dancers, the Jordanian Armed Forces Band and Drill Team, the Nepal Army Band, and the New Zealand Army Band.

Military tattoos are performances designed to connect a worldwide audiences with international military traditions, history, and esprit de corps. The Edinburgh Castle has been home to the military musical performances since 1950. In that time, it has hosted performers from nearly 50 countries from across six continents.



Members of the U.S. Army Europe Band.



The band performs during the REMT.



PHOTOS BY SPC. JOSEPH R. AGACINSKI

U.S. Army Europe's Band members salute during a performance.



Band members engage the crowd during a performance.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

**Headquarters Chapel, Building 109**  
8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

**Main Post Chapel, Building 8940**  
9 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday  
11 a.m. Liturgical Protestant Service  
12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday - Friday)  
4 p.m. Catholic Confessions  
Saturday  
5 p.m. Catholic Mass Saturday

**Wings Chapel, Building 6036**  
8 a.m. Latter-Day Saints Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)  
12 p.m. Eckankar Worship Service (4th Sunday)

**Spiritual Life Center, Building 8939**  
10:15 a.m. CCD (except during summer months)

### BIBLE STUDIES

**Tuesdays**  
**Crossroads Discipleship Study (Meal/Bible Study)**  
Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.  
**Protestant Women**

**of the Chapel**  
Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
**Adult Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center, 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays**  
**Catholic Women of the Chapel**  
Wings Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

**Above the Best Bible Study**  
Yano Hall, 11 a.m.

**1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study**  
Hanchey AAF, Bldg 50102N, Rm 101, 11:30 a.m.

**164th TAOG Bible Study**  
Bldg 30501, 11:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study**  
Soldier Service Center, 12 p.m.

**Youth Group Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

**Thursdays**  
**Adult Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center, 9 a.m.

**Latter-Day Saints Bible Study**  
Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturdays**  
**Protestant Men of the Chapel**  
Wings Chapel (1st Saturday), 8 a.m.

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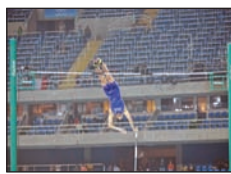
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# RECORD-SETTING FUN

## Participation level keeps rising at Color Run

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

After its record-setting debut last year with more than 850 registered runners, bringing back the Color Run was a no brainer, and with its return it broke its own record by 200 runners.

A total of 1050 registered runners, plus countless supporters, turned out at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields for the installation's second Color Run, surpassing all expectations once again, according to Lynn Avila, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness programs coordinator.

"We all had a blast," she said. "We wanted participants to feel as though they've accomplished something – because they have. It was the perfect opportunity for individuals, couples and families to have some active, outdoor fun."

And since the event wasn't timed or scored, fun was all people could have as they jumped off the starting line and were pelted with all sorts of colors.

For Jason Rickson, civilian runner, the run was something he always wanted to take part in, and now he's able to check it off his list.

"I've always seen people talk about color runs and I've even seen them on TV before and I always thought they would be fun to take part in," he said. "I'm not a runner, by any means, but I thought this would be a cool experience to be able to come out and enjoy with my friends, and it really was."

Although Rickson said running isn't his first choice for exercise,

when it's something he was able to enjoy with his friends, it made it all worthwhile.

"I normally hate cardio," he said. "It seems to always defeat me, but this wasn't something that I had to stress myself on. This wasn't a competition. We literally came out here to run for fun and it was just a great experience."

For Diana Teegan, military spouse, the run was a way for her to relax and share a special moment with her family.

"I love to run, but normally when I run it's very structured," she said. "I'm always focused on beating my times or hitting the distance goals I set for the week, but this was just an opportunity for me to come out with my children and have a good time, and that's exactly what we did."

Teegan, who has been an avid runner for more than 12 years, said it was a nice change of pace for her to not have to think about where she's going to place, but rather to enjoy the time she shared with her children.

"Running really is a release for me," she said. "I never run with my children because I'm always competing with myself, and I'm just glad that I got the chance to share something I love to do with my children without having to worry about what my time is."

After the run and people were completely covered in colors ranging from pink, purple, blue and yellow, everyone got the chance to participate in a friendly line dance, followed by the color explosion, where people are given a cup of color of their choice to toss in the air simultaneously.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Runners are pelted with colors as they pass by one of the color stations during the 2016 Color Run around the festival fields Saturday.



Runners take photos and douse each other in color.



Runners jump off the starting line as they are pelted with colors.



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

Spc. Paul Chelimo (center) of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program finishes runner-up to Mo Farah of Great Britain to claim the silver medal in the men's 5,000-meter run Aug. 20 at the Rio Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

# DREAM FULFILLED

## Soldier earns Olympic silver after DQ overturned

**By Tim Hipps**  
*U.S. Army Installation  
Management Command  
Public Affairs*

RIO DE JANEIRO — Spc. Paul Chelimo relied on the strength he developed as a Soldier to get through the men's 5,000-meter run at the Rio Olympic Games, where he eventually claimed the silver medal.

On the way to the medal race, Chelimo ran his personal best time of 13 minutes 15.54 seconds to win his qualifying heat Aug. 17. At the finals Saturday, he pushed past that personal best by more than 15 seconds to finish runner-up to Great Britain's Mo Farah in 13:03.94.

But his greatest challenge came moments after the race, when a NBC journalist informed him that he had been disqualified

for lane infringement.

"Getting the news from the television reporter that I was disqualified, that was the most heartbreaking thing in my life," said Chelimo, 25, a native of Iten, Kenya, who trains in Beaverton, Oregon, as a Soldier in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

The race featured a lot of pushing, shoving and stumbling by numerous runners throughout, and came down to a frenetic sprint to the finish in the final 200 meters.

"It was really tactical two or three laps into the race with two Ethiopians trying to lead," Chelimo said. "I was trying to stay in between them, but they wouldn't let me. They kept pushing me and kept blocking me the whole time because they were work-

# Surgeon general: New tourniquet key to saving lives

**By David Vergun**  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — Hemorrhage control is the No. 1 thing you can do to save lives on the battlefield, according to the surgeon general of the Army.

"Stop the bleeding as soon as you can and stop it as much as you can," said Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West, who also serves as the commander of the Army Medical Command, Aug. 18 at a meeting of the Defense Writer's Group.

One of the latest advances in treating hemorrhaging on the battlefield, West said, is what is known as the "junctional tourniquet," which can be applied to wounds in ways not possible with conventional tourniquets.

Traditionally, a medic or fellow Soldier can apply a tourniquet just to a person's limb, she explained. A traditional tourniquet cannot be used to stop hemorrhaging in the abdomen, chest, groin, waist, pelvis or armpit.

Developed at Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Fort Dietrich, Maryland, the junctional tourniquet is essentially a belt with one or more inflatable air bladders that can be puffed up, somewhat like a blood pressure cuff, to apply pressure to a wound.

The device can be deployed to stop hemorrhaging in about 60 seconds.

The junctional tourniquet is now being fielded to Soldiers in harm's way, but it's so new – just months since fielding – that West hasn't yet been briefed on how many lives it has saved, though she believes the number will be significant over time.

The new tourniquet is currently being fielded only to medical personnel, though it may in the future become available to line troops, she said.

### Lessons learned

In developing the design for the new tourniquet, Army medical personnel visited the



PHOTO BY ELLEN CROWN

The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency is fielding a new junctional tourniquet designed to save warfighters from bleeding to death on the battlefield.

port mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, to examine the remains of Soldiers who didn't make it. They also examined the body armor they had worn.

"Were there things missing in the body armor? Were their gaps? Were there recurring injuries in a particular spot?" West said, describing the kinds of questions medical personnel asked themselves.

Another capability developed as a result of the same research but which has been around for some time now, she said, is the ballistic undergarment, which can lessen damage sustained in a blast, such as that of an IED.

The protective gear doesn't just protect genitalia, she said, it also protects the large arteries and vessels found in the groin area that, if damaged, could result in substantial hemorrhaging.

### Conventional tourniquets

Conventional tourniquets have a long history in the Army and in the medical community.

While tourniquets were used in World War II and the Civil War, the medical community, including medical practitioners in the Army, for a long time remained concerned that their use could cause limb damage.

Concerns also involved the effects of improper placement of tourniquets and the effects of extended use.

"We got away from tourniquets for a while," West said.



# DOWN TIME



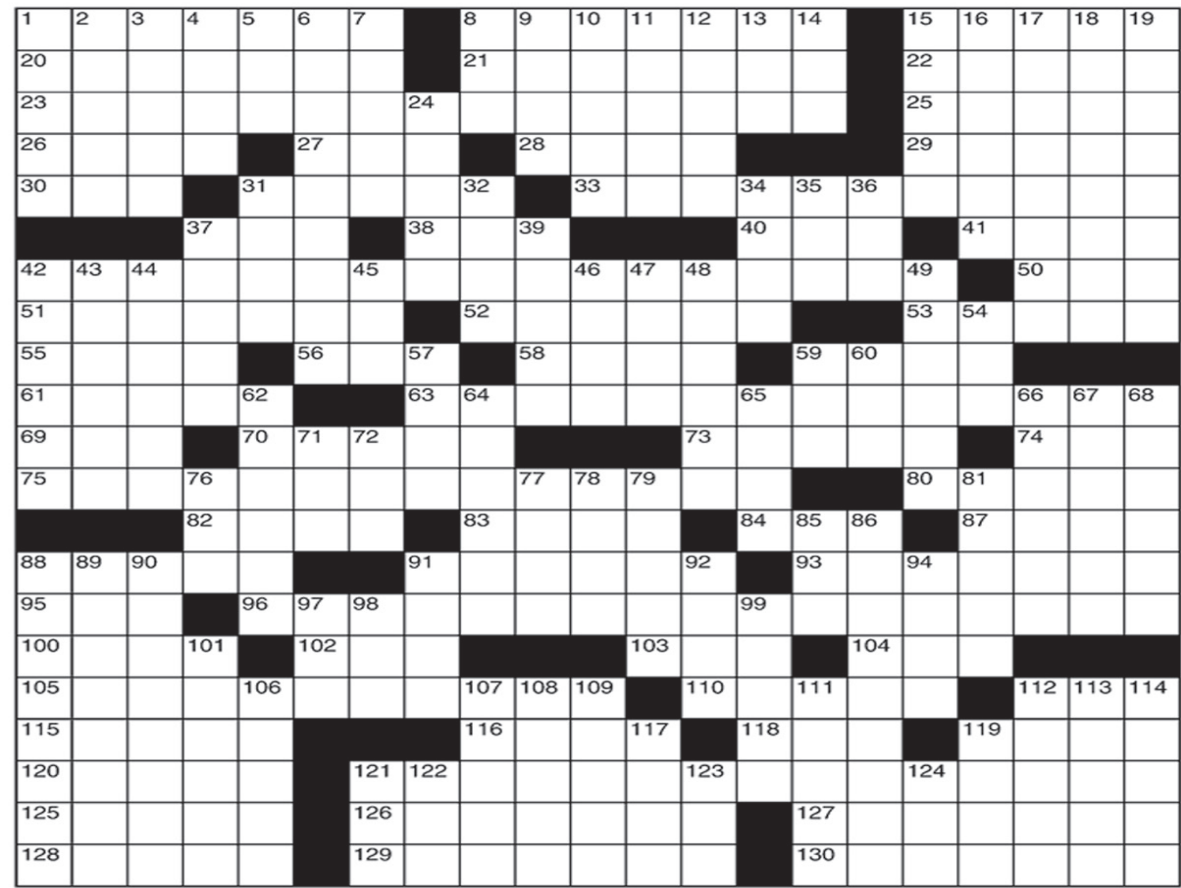
## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Virginia city or river
  - 8 Religious day of rest
  - 15 Triangular house part
  - 20 Country east of Turkey
  - 21 Turkey locale
  - 22 Iranian faith
  - 23 Waste time on trifling things in a brave way?
  - 25 23-season baseballer Rusty
  - 26 Fork sticker
  - 27 The, to Gigi
  - 28 Storage medium that can be written to
  - 29 PC shortcut code
  - 30 — -Caps
  - 31 Ship bunk
  - 33 Bush's successor ready to hit the hay?
  - 37 Alamo rental
  - 38 "Alley —"
  - 40 Manning of the NFL
  - 41 Brazilian berry
  - 42 Repair of an angel's blood vessel?
  - 50 Snacked
  - 51 Christens differently
  - 52 Became solidified
  - 53 Author Joyce Carol —
  - 55 Zing
  - 56 — out an existence
  - 58 Justin Bieber fan, often
  - 59 Paint coarsely
  - 61 Viral Internet images, say
  - 63 Carter's successor used a hand motion?
  - 69 Dallas-to-Nashville dir.
  - 70 Just right
  - 73 Zing
  - 74 Miner's strike
  - 75 Deli meats turning bad?
  - 80 Uppity type
  - 82 Droopy
  - 83 Agenda
  - 84 On an ad — basis
  - 87 This, in Acapulco
  - 88 Retro photo tint
  - 91 Rialto city
  - 93 Like droids
  - 95 Long-running CBS series
  - 96 Nietzschean superman from Vegas?
  - 100 Golden State sch.
  - 102 Hi — image
  - 103 PC storage letters
  - 104 Sci-fi beings
  - 105 Bird crossbreed?
  - 110 "Wrong" letter
  - 112 Sorority letter
  - 115 Relatives of sororities, for short
  - 116 Jazz sax player Stan
  - 118 — Offensive
  - 119 Hammer end
  - 120 Slow — (small primate)
  - 121 Incense resin causes intoxication?
  - 125 1985 Kate Nelligan drama
  - 126 Marinara herb
  - 127 Alfresco
  - 128 Marsh plant
  - 129 Lifeblood
  - 130 Most moist
  - 34 Honey liquor
  - 35 Roker and Sharpton
  - 36 Nose marrer
  - 37 Lifting device
  - 39 Vatican City sculpture
  - 42 Thick, sweet liqueurs
  - 43 Treasure State capital
  - 44 Tooth cover
  - 45 Query
  - 46 Designer Cassini
  - 47 Petition
  - 48 1969 Beatle groom
  - 49 Juveniles
  - 54 "Aladdin" monkey
  - 57 Historian's units
  - 59 Party for JFK
  - 60 Sahara viper
  - 62 Of apes
  - 64 Fled to hitch
  - 65 Vincent van —
  - 66 Uses a perch
  - 67 Like steamy literature
  - 68 Disunite
  - 71 Not bright
  - 72 Paranormal gift
  - 76 Foreman fighter
  - 77 Limb bone
  - 78 Outing ruiner
  - 79 Run up
  - 81 Rialto signs
  - 85 Bobby the Bruin
  - 86 Is realized
  - 88 Brawls
  - 89 Salad endive
  - 90 Having supporting columns
  - 91 Prefix with dilator
  - 92 Black, in verse
  - 94 "Thanks — God!"
  - 97 Suffix with north
  - 98 — out (chill)
  - 99 Be a ham
  - 101 Stage skill
  - 106 Davis of film
  - 107 Cruel beasts
  - 108 Suit twill
  - 109 Actor Hawke
  - 111 Quarterback Tim
  - 112 Fix, as laces
  - 113 Gives ear to
  - 114 Kickoff
  - 117 It's in brass
  - 119 Previous
  - 121 Skier Tommy
  - 122 52-wk. units
  - 123 — Valley, San Francisco
  - 124 Hairy sitcom cousin
- DOWN**
- 1 Boats that inflate
  - 2 Politician Hatch
  - 3 Kind of acid
  - 4 "Scream" actress
  - 5 1969 Beatle bride
  - 6 Aggressive stinger
  - 7 Agog
  - 8 Salt, in Sèvres
  - 9 — Lang Syne
  - 10 "Well done!"
  - 11 Inn combo
  - 12 "Ad — per aspera" (motto of Kansas)
  - 13 "Shop — you drop"
  - 14 Horse food
  - 15 Dooickey
  - 16 Capital of Kazakhstan
  - 17 Animal of superstition
  - 18 Nobelism, e.g.
  - 19 Personifies
  - 24 — Martin
  - 31 Oz creator
  - 32 Boss — ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)

## Trivia

- Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez
- HISTORY:** Which two towns were destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD?
  - GEOGRAPHY:** In what country is the Abel Tasman National Park located?
  - ANATOMY:** How many vertebrae are in the human body?
  - LITERATURE:** In 1961, this author published a selection of mystery stories for young readers titled "Thirteen for Luck"?
  - MOVIES:** Which Alfred Hitchcock movie ends with a scene on Mount Rushmore?
  - MONEY:** How much was the British farthing worth when it went out of circulation in 1960?
  - U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who served as the 16th president of the United States?
  - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which ancient region's name means "between two rivers"?
  - MEDICINE:** The drug digitalis is derived from which flower?
  - ASTRONOMY:** How often is Halley's Comet visible from Earth?

See Page D4 for this week's answers.



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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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See Page D4 for this week's answers.

# KID's CORNER

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**A WORD BRIDGE**

The bridge to the left contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints below.

**1. A "yes" vote.**  
**2. Devotion to a cause.**  
**3. French for farewell.**  
**4. To strike forcefully (slang).**  
**5. Comes with corn.**  
**6. To put on.**  
**7. A fencing sword.**  
**8. A Hindu magician.**  
**9. A heckling remark.**  
**10. Used to carry bricks.**

**TERRIFIC THREE!** Professor Flunkum challenges you to arrange three 3's into a math problem that will equal 20. Do I see a show of hands?

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**1. Money for the poor.**  
**2. Belongs to us.**  
**3. A poker stake.**  
**4. A rock star.**

**1. Escapes from the law (sl).**  
**2. Opposite of sweet.**  
**3. Orderly and precise.**  
**4. A timely benefit.**

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R G P U B E P E I T S A F  
6 5 3 2 5 8 7 4 5 6 2 8 5  
P E Y E N T T D R T C I I  
6 3 7 3 5 6 3 5 6 2 7 5 7  
R F A R C Y A H I O R O R  
4 8 7 3 5 2 8 3 6 7 4 6 3  
M G I M T N E E N V I G O  
5 2 4 8 7 5 2 7 5 4 5 3 8  
H G R A E E E S R E S F T  
3 4 2 8 3 2 3 8 3 2 8 2 8  
M R N W I I N O D A R L K

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Dog is missing. 2. Backpack is missing. 3. Backpack is missing. 4. Backpack is missing. 5. Backpack is missing. 6. Backpack is missing. 7. Backpack is missing. 8. Backpack is missing. 9. Backpack is missing. 10. Backpack is missing.



# FLYING HIGH

## Soldier earns Olympic bronze in pole vault

By Tim Hipps

U.S. Army Installation  
Management Command  
Public Affairs

RIO DE JANEIRO – Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Sam Kendricks was content to walk away with the Olympic bronze medal following what he called “the most enjoyable pole vault competition of his life,” Aug. 15 at the Rio Olympic Games.

It took two Olympic records, set by the gold and silver medalists, to top Kendricks’ vault of 19 feet 2 inches and push him to third place on a rainy Monday night at the Olympic Stadium. Brazil’s Thiago Braz da Silva won the gold with an Olympic record vault of 19 feet, 9 inches. France’s Renaud Lavillenie took the silver at 19 feet 7 inches.

“I know that the Olympics is like a high tide. It raises all boats,” Kendricks said. “It brings the best out of all of us. I was so happy to watch my friend Thiago set his personal best, in his home country, in front of his home crowd.”

Kendricks said he will be proud to take the bronze medal home to Mississippi from Rio de Janeiro.

“I did not set a personal best, but I attempted it, and I missed it



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

**Second Lt. Sam Kendricks of Oxford, Miss., wins the bronze medal in the men's pole vault with a mark of 5.85 meters at the 2016 Olympic Games Aug. 15 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**

very close three times, so I cannot be ashamed of my effort,” said Kendricks, 23, a University of Mississippi graduate from Oxford who has been pole vaulting for 10 years. “All my unit is watching back home – the 655th Road Dogs.”

He considers his competitors friends and knows them all by name. They have traveled to-

gether and competed many times, frequently trading victories.

“It didn’t feel like the Olympic final while I was out there,” Kendricks observed. “I know that’s odd to say – it felt more like friends jumping out there together.”

The drama peaked as the clock approached midnight, partly because of rain delays, which made

for a long night at the pole vault pit.

“I learned today that nobody pays attention to the weather in Brazil, because it can change so fast,” Kendricks said. “We just had to adapt to that. Thiago fed off that, for sure.”

After missing his third attempt at 5.93 meters or 19 feet 5 inches, Kendricks assumed the role

of spectator.

“It was a beautiful moment to watch something completely unexpected happen,” Kendricks said. “Renaud jumps an Olympic record, and you think that’s the end of it, and then Thiago passes (that height) and then comes up with another (Olympic record). I thought I was in a movie.”

He recalled track athletes back home say winning a medal would change your life; his Olympic experience has taught him that your life is changed along the way to winning a medal.

“With all the journeys and sacrifices that you make and all the training that you do, and the people you leave at home to watch, that is really the value of the medal,” he said. “I’m glad I have something tangible to bring home. I know that everybody in Oxford, my hometown, will love to see it. But the journey, like my coach says, is the goal, not necessarily the medal.”

His future journey will include time serving as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. Besides that, he is keeping his options open.

“I would certainly love to compete for the United States Army in any capacity, like the World Military Games, especially,” he said.

## Soldier rebuilds gun to compete in Olympic rapid-fire event

By Tim Hipps

U.S. Army Installation Management  
Command  
Public Affairs

RIO DE JANEIRO — Before competing in the men’s 25-meter rapid-fire pistol shooting event at the 2016 Olympic Games, Sgt. 1st Class Keith Sanderson had to rebuild his gun to replace a faulty trigger.

“It’s an electronic trigger, so sometimes when they break there’s nothing you can do,” said Sanderson, 41, a native of San Antonio who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, with the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

Sanderson donned his gunsmith cap to earn 290 points on the first qualification round Aug. 12, just one point shy of making the cutoff to advance to the final. He repeated that total on the second day of qualification, Aug. 13, which left him three places shy of advancing to the final.

“(The trigger) was dead, and I thought, ‘Well, better now than tomorrow,’ but it would have been a lot better yesterday with another day of practice,” said Sanderson. “I hate to say that memorizing a trigger is important, but it kind of is in rapid fire.”

Ultimately, he finished ninth. It was his third time competing in the Olympic Games.

“I didn’t just switch guns before the competition,” Sanderson said. “I put the barrel, grip, primer and bolt from my primary gun

on my backup gun,” Sanderson explained. “Despite all that, I do feel like I went into the match very healthy – the strongest I’ve ever been as far as shooting.”

Sanderson remains proud of his achievements, both at the games and along his path to his spot on the Olympic team. His position in the World Class Athlete Program allows him to preparing for international competitions, but it also lets him to serve his country in other ways.

Soldier-athletes serve as positive role models for America’s youth, he said. They promote the concept that, with hard work and discipline, you can achieve gold medal results.

“We’re not pro athletes,” Sanderson said. “We don’t make millions of dollars. We do more than just train for the Olympics.”

Sanderson recently spent a week at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he worked with primary marksmanship instructors and shooting range coaches at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

He also recently provided primary marksmanship instruction in rifle and pistol, along with optics training, for Soldiers at Fort Carson.

Before that, Sanderson visited Fort Gordon, Georgia, with WCAP wrestlers Sharon Jacobson and Jermaine Hodge and assisted with the shooting events at the local Best Warrior Competitions.

“We’re taking the skills and training that we learn in WCAP and we teach them to Soldiers,” Sanderson said. “We show them



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

**Sgt. 1st Class Keith Sanderson shoots into ninth place with a score of 290 in Stage 1 qualification of the men's 25-meter rapid-fire pistol event Aug. 12 at the Rio Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.**

how they can apply the lessons we’ve learned in competition to their daily jobs and to the war fighting effort.”

Sanderson likes to use three-time Olympic Race Walker John Nunn as an example.

“We have a guy in WCAP who can walk 50 kilometers faster than anyone in Special Forces can run it,” Sanderson said. “We have all these skills sets that are not all that different. A lot of it can apply to the regular Army, like how to train properly.”

The World Class Athlete Program also

enhances Soldier resilience, he said, by demonstrating the benefits of the Army Performance Triad: healthy nutrition, sleep and exercise habits.

“(The program) just embodies that, and this is our way of trying to capitalize on that and give those lessons back,” Sanderson said.

“It’s more like a lifestyle. Everything you do is disciplined, and everything you do you get in a habit of thinking about how this is going to impact you and your performance.”

## Soldier finishes in Top 10 of Olympic steeplechase, credits Army support

By Tim Hipps

U.S. Army Installation Management  
Command  
Public Affairs

RIO DE JANEIRO — After finishing eighth in the men’s 3,000-meter steeplechase Aug. 17 at the 2016 Olympic Games, Sgt. Hillary Bor praised the U.S. Army for renewing his running career.

“I want to thank the Army,” said Bor, 26, a native of Eldoret, Kenya, and a graduate of Iowa State University who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. “It’s just a blessing how people believe in you to a level that you don’t believe in yourself. Without them, I couldn’t be here.”

Bor was right there with the best steeplechase runners in the world that hot, humid morning in Brazil, winning a preliminary heat, then keeping pace with the leaders until the last three laps of the Olympic steeplechase final.

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PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

**Sgt. Hillary Bor (top center in blue), a Soldier in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, runs to an eighth-place finish in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase Aug. 17 at the Rio Olympic Games.**

nya won the race with an Olympic record time of 8:03.28. Evan Jager of Team USA took the silver with a season’s best 8:04.28, followed by bronze medalist Ezekiel Kemboi of Kenya in 8:08.47.

“I tried to hang in, but I don’t

think I’m ready for that kind of a pace,” said Bor, who ran a personal-best time of 8 minutes 22.74 seconds – two seconds faster than the preliminary heat he won two days before.

Bor realized with three laps

remaining that he could not continue their pace.

“They were running an eight-minute pace and I’ve never run an 8:20 before,” he said. “They just kept pushing.”

Had the Army not pushed Bor onto the track for physical training, he said, his competitive running career would have ended several years ago.

“When I graduated from college, I think I was last in the NCAA Championships, so I thought that I was not going to run again,” Bor explained.

When he joined the Army, he was required to run as part of his daily physical fitness regimen, which led to him running for fun and eventually running the Army 10-Miler. Last year he was selected to represent the Army in the World Military Games in October.

“That changed my mindset to let me try to see if I could improve my personal best,” he remembered. “I came into this year

and ran 8:30, and that was my personal best. From there, I have continued to improve.”

Bor began training full-time with the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program after the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team Trials, barely a month before the Olympic Opening Ceremony.

“At the beginning of the year, I never thought I was going to be here, but to come here and finish in the top 10? That serves as an accomplishment,” Bor said. “This is what I wanted. Hopefully, I will make the U.S. World Team next year.”

He plans to compete again at the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., to conclude this season. His focus then will be the 2017 Armed Forces Cross Country Championships, where he hopes to bring back a win for his fellow Soldiers.

“Without the World Class Athlete Program support and the Soldiers down range, I would not be here,” Bor said.



# Dream

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ing as a team.”

Once Farah had worked his way to the front, Chelimo knew he had to work his way out of the box or other runners could pass on the outside to collect the silver and bronze medals.

“I was the guy inside in Lane 1, the guy inside behind Mo Farah” Chelimo said. “I couldn’t stay there the whole time. I wanted to medal, too, so I had to look for position to get out and go into contention.”

During that process, track officials briefly disqualified Chelimo for stepping on the inside lane line, but the disqualification was overturned upon appeal, and Chelimo won his silver medal.

“They said it was infringement, but going back to what happened is people were pushing back and forth,” Chelimo explained.

The appeal process was the longest wait of his life, Chelimo said. Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning, who attended the games as a

member of President Barack Obama’s U.S. Delegation to Brazil, said the entire delegation was pulling for Chelimo.

“I’m only here because of these Army Soldiers,” Fanning said. “That’s the reason I’m part of this delegation. But it was fun for the entire delegation to have an extra reason to cheer, not just for the United States, but for the Army, so they were screaming loudly for him: ‘Who’s your Soldier? Who’s your Soldier?’”

One of the delegation members, four-time Olympian and six-time Olympic medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey, believed all along that Chelimo would be reinstated.

“Pushing and shoving is a part of the sport,” Joyner-Kersey said. “That’s what you do, so I was glad to see our track and field federation was on it and got the protest in there. We prevailed and I was glad to see him up on that podium.”

For Chelimo, now that the Olympics are over, his real work begins. As a Soldier and member of the World Class Athlete Program,

he will take his medal on tour throughout the U.S. as a trainer and an inspiration to America’s youth.

The WCAP Soldier-Olympians, when not actively training or competing in international competitions, participate in recruiting and training missions. WCAP members recently visited Fort Gordon, Georgia, where they assisted with the events at the local Best Warrior competitions.

“We’re taking the skills and training that we learn in WCAP and teaching them to Soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Keith Sanderson, who competed in the rapid fire pistol event at Rio. “We show them how they can apply the lessons we’ve learned in competition to their daily jobs and to the war fighting effort.”

From nutrition to weight training to proper sleep patterns, the Soldier-Olympians remain ambassadors even after they return to their regular units and normal duties.

Liliana Ayalde, U.S. Ambassador of Brazil, said even she was impressed with Chelimo and urged him to “be a role model to

let others know that that it can be done with hard work, with training, with discipline.”

“Despite the obstacles, you just keep going,” Ayalde told Chelimo the morning after the race. “That takes a lot of mental preparation, and it says a lot about you.”

Chelimo said he was eager to fill that role.

“Especially with all the young high school kids, that’s my main focus right now,” Chelimo told Ayalde. “I want to encourage and motivate all of the high school kids. I really want to motivate them and give them confidence...”

Maj. Dan Browne, coach of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program distance runners, who sweated through the disqualification and reinstatement process along with everyone else, was not surprised by the outcome.

“I believed in my heart special things were going to happen,” Brown said, “and I’m so appreciative and thankful that it did come through. All the training paid off.”

## FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

**Fort Rucker Hog Hunt**

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host a hog hunt now through Sept. 22. Team categories include: two-man trapping and two-man weapon. Entry fee is \$70 per team. Cash prizes for first-third places and for the biggest hog. Cash prizes are based on total entry fees: 40 percent for first place, 30 percent for second place and 10 percent for third place for each category. A cash prize will also be awarded to the team that harvests the biggest pig.

For more information, call 255-4305 or visit [rucker.armymwr.com](http://rucker.armymwr.com).

**Golf championship**

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its club championship Sept. 3-5. The tournament is for members only and costs \$75. Tee times are from 7-9 a.m. and the format is stroke play. A U.S. Golf Association handicap or Saturday Dog Fight Points are required – whichever is higher. USGA and local rules apply. There is an open division,

as well as a senior division for those ages 60 and older. Lunch is included. People need to register by Sept. 1.

For more information, call 255-2997.

**Pro-am golf tournament**

The Silver Wings Golf Course Pro-Am Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 9-11. Sept. 9, the practice round is all day and the pairings party starts at 5 p.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 and 11. Entry fee is \$145 for members and \$175 for non-

members. Entry fee includes tournament course fees, range balls, tee gifts, tournament meals and prizes. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Sept. 2. Amateur eligibility: current verifiable U.S. Golf Association Handicap Index. Format: 36-hole event. Teams will be comprised of one professional and three amateurs. The teams will play team Stableford. Professionals will also simultaneously participate in an individual competition.

For more information, call 598-2449.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

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## TRIVIA

- Answers
1. Pompeii and Herculaneum
  2. New Zealand
  3. 33
  4. Agatha Christie
  5. “North by Northwest”
  6. One quarter of a penny
  7. Abraham Lincoln
  8. Mesopotamia
  9. Foxglove
  10. Every 75 or 76 years

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