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Members of the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band watch a tribute video during the band's inactivation ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.



CW2 Daniel Parker, 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band commander, cases the unit colors during the band's inactivation ceremony.

## SWAN SONG

### 98th Army Band inactivates

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The touch of class added by the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band to countless ceremonies and events over the past 60 years are a part of the fabric of Fort Rucker, but the times, they are a changing.

The 98th Army Band performed its swan song when it cased its colors and inactivated during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

But it isn't the day the music died at Fort Rucker. The music will live on in the form of a 12-person detachment from the Maneuver Center of Excellence Band at Fort Benning, Georgia, that will remain on post, which will include a brass quintet and popular music ensemble, according to CW2 Daniel Parker, 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band commander.

After the colors were posted, and a video on the history and impact of the band was played for the hundreds in attendance, Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander, spoke about the significance of the ceremony.

"Today is filled with a lot of heartfelt emotion, as we have to bid farewell to a unit that has touched so many lives and has been a part of Fort Rucker and the Wiregrass community for over 60 years," Miller said. "Our band has been the beacon of light on Fort Rucker, and their

presence is felt at countless events each and every year. These Soldiers, both past and present, have served faithfully, representing Army Aviation, representing Fort Rucker and representing the Army with their honor and distinction."

Throughout the years, the band has sent troops to war, welcomed them home, marched with troops during changes of command, entertained Soldiers and family members during countless events, graduated thousands of Army Aviators and paid tribute to heroes who have died in service to the nation, she added.

"They are the sounds of Fort Rucker. They embody the great determination of our Soldiers. They embody the devotion of our civilians, and the memories of all those who have lived, served and died here in this great community for the past six decades," said the garrison commander. "Today, we give our most sincere gratitude to a unit that has positively impacted the men and women of Fort Rucker. Today, we celebrate their place in the legacy of Fort Rucker and Army Aviation."

Parker said that although the casing of the colors for the band is a bittersweet moment, he's happy with the history and legacy that the band leaves behind.

"It's an honor to be the last commander, but I know that it's not about the work

The sounds and chords of your service will continue to echo in the halls of Army Aviation for generations to come."

— COL. SHANNON T. MILLER,  
FORT RUCKER GARRISON  
COMMANDER

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## QUALITY OF LIFE

Forum provides venue for community to voice ideas

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

When it comes to making things better for everyone, no idea is too big or too small. And Fort Rucker Army Family Action Plan officials want to hear them all.

The AFAP Focus Groups Forum, scheduled for Nov. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Wings Chapel, provides an opportunity for the community's collective voice to be heard and to collect ideas for streamlining processes and improving Fort Rucker's quality of life, according to Vernon Johnson, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator.

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## Soldier competes at AMCOM Best Warrior

By Kari Hawkins  
AMCOM Public Affairs

Although he's an expert at working on CH-47 Chinook engines, it was an Aviation and Missile Command's Aviation Center Logistics Command Soldier's ability at aiming the semi-automatic M9 pistol that made him a standout during the Army Materiel Command's Best Warrior Competition.

Staff Sgt. Adam Johnson, a quality assurance and contract oversight specialist at Fort Rucker, won the M9 Qualification during the three-day competition among 12 AMC Soldiers at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

"I grew up hunting in southeast Texas," said the Nederland, Texas, native. "I've always been around guns, so I'm real comfortable with them."

Even so, Johnson and fellow ACLC Soldier Sgt. Mike Murphy were at a bit of a disadvantage when preparing for the competition's marksmanship challenge. At Fort Rucker, they

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COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Adam Johnson's Army career is all about CH-47 Chinook maintenance, but he most recently made a name for himself by qualifying with a perfect score with the M9 pistol during the Army Materiel Command's Best Warrior Competition.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

W01 Mike Mallon, B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., lets a keg fly during a keg toss at the 14th annual Oktoberfest celebration at the festival fields Friday. For more, see Page C1.



# PERSPECTIVE

## SecArmy: America's diversity is Army's strength

By Eric Fanning  
*Secretary of the Army*

Since I was confirmed as Army Secretary in May 2016, I've tried to get out of the Pentagon and see America's Army through the eyes of Soldiers doing what they do, where they do it.

I've engaged with teams of Soldiers in exercises with our NATO Allies in Poland. I've watched them conduct jungle warfare training in the Pacific, and participate in northern warfare training in Alaska. I've marveled at the ability of our Army – from our youngest Soldiers to our most senior leaders – to engage with partner militaries from Malaysia to Jordan, and to train and mentor national armies fighting for their future in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I've even seen Army athletes compete for Olympic glory. They included 2nd Lt. Sam Kendricks, a son of Mississippi and a bronze medalist in the pole vault, who humbled us all as he paused in mid-competition to pay respect to our national anthem. I watched as Spc. Paul Chelimo, a Kenyan-born Soldier who earned his citizenship through Army service, won the United States a silver medal in the Men's 5,000-meters in Rio de Janeiro.

These are just a few of our Soldiers' remarkable accomplishments as they confront the diverse missions that America has entrusted to its Army – missions that will grow more challenging in an increasingly complex world.

Accomplishing these missions today and into the future requires our force to include the broadest possible spectrum of ideas, perspectives and experiences. To fight and win the nation's wars in an age of new and emerging threats, we need to draw from America's best and enable them to harness the innate power of diverse teams. We need experience, critical thinking and creativity in our force, but most importantly we need teams of people who think differently from one another and yet are joined together in common cause.

Over 30 years of scientific and organizational research clearly demonstrates that cognitively diverse teams are better at solving complex problems when compared to



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Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning visited Soldiers from 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, conducting a field training exercise on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Aug. 4.

more homogenous teams, even when the homogenous teams are composed of top performing, highly capable individuals. We know some of this instinctively: different approaches often reveal overlooked solutions. Solving a problem often requires learning from others how to see it differently.

Researchers at Cal-Tech and the University of Michigan found that teams that include members of different ethnic or cultural backgrounds bring a mix of distinct cognitive approaches, which deliver better outcomes.

Business schools teach similar lessons based on their own research on gender. Their findings demonstrate that stronger more effective firms include greater numbers of women at top levels of management. Other studies have documented how teams of individuals drawn from diverse economic backgrounds, academic disciplines, and political affiliations are better problem solvers and drivers of innovation.

Within the Army itself, civilian contributions have been particularly pronounced in this area. Diverse teams enabled our scientists to develop the lithium battery, night vision and, most recently, work towards a vaccine for the Zika virus.

Today, within organizations like DARPA, civilians and Soldiers partner to keep our Army at the cutting edge of developments in robotics and material science. As an Army, we need to do more to recognize the remarkable value that civilians bring to our Total Force, which comes in part from the different perspectives they bring to our problem sets.

Within diverse teams, problem solving is additive; it is not simply that one member proposes a novel solution. Rather, each new solution influences and can be built upon by their fellow team members, generating a virtuous cycle of beneficial outcomes. No single member of the team could generate the ongoing series of improvements to that solution. It is this combination of teamwork, ability and diversity that produces the greatest benefit.

Scientists have long taken advantage of this dynamic, adopting interdisciplinary approaches and incorporating insights from different fields to help solve otherwise intractable problems. This approach to innovation led to the discovery of the double helix, the invention of the microwave and other breakthroughs.

So the verdict is in. For the Army of tomorrow to be as strong as the Army of

today, we must harness the power of diverse teams and draw further from one of America's greatest advantages – our diverse population.

It's a lesson our Army has lived many times across its history. But our success is never static. We must challenge ourselves to harness these benefits and make our force more effective. Our Army must draw from a broader range of our nation's communities, and expand the pool of eligible and willing candidates for service and leadership, enabling the Army the greatest opportunity to recruit and retain America's best.

Efforts to engender a broader spectrum of ideas and perspectives within our Army team are also complemented by DOD-wide Force of the Future initiatives. At the heart of Force of the Future is a push to break down walls between our military and one of our nation's greatest sources of strength, our innovative industrial base.

By providing more opportunities for skilled experts in areas such as cyberspace operations and electronic warfare to contribute to our team, and by allowing more of our Soldiers to gain insights and experience from working in the private sector, we will make the Army a more effective force for the future.

Few other nations have so many diverse communities and perspectives woven into their social fabric or history. But, engendering greater diversity is not simply a matter of tapping into larger numbers of communities. It also requires us to attract greater numbers of future Soldiers from different regions of our country such as the Pacific northwest, west coast, southwest and northeast, which contain many of the healthiest and fittest cities in America, as well as increasingly diverse populations that mirror America's changing demographics.

A crucial benefit of a more diverse Army is also that it allows us to narrow the civil-military divide at home. Today, too many of America's communities are unfamiliar with their Army, even though they include men and women whose skills and abilities

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## Rotor Wash

“Schools close Monday in observance of Columbus Day. Why is it important to nurture a child's thirst for knowledge and discovery?”



Nikki Young,  
military spouse

“Children are our future and we need to nurture that curiosity for them to be successful.”



Nicholas Solero,  
retired

“Learning just opens up more opportunities, and builds their mind and character.”



Sonja Jordan,  
military family member

“It's important because when children are young, that's when their brains are absorbing the most information.”



Deontrenise Macklin,  
military family member

“Education is the key to success in the long term for most people, so if you give children a head start and support things they are interested in, it'll be worth their while.”



W01 Kerry Julian,  
B Co., 1st Bn.,  
145th Avn. Regt.

“It's important because if you don't, then they might not learn to the full potential that they might be able.”

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# OSJA reports on military justice actions

## Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Below are military justice actions from April to June.

### COURTS-MARTIAL

In May, at a general court-martial, a military judge found Spc. Bryan C. Teed guilty of one specification of knowingly and wrongfully possessing child pornography, conduct being of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces, in violation of Article 134, Uniform Code of Military Justice. Teed was sentenced to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to be confined for a period of one year and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

In June, at a general court-

martial, a military judge found Lt. Col. Christopher D. Wood guilty of one specification of attempting to commit a lewd act upon a child who had attained the age of 12 years but had not attained the age of 16 years, in violation of Article 80, UCMJ. Wood was sentenced to be confined for 10 months and to be dismissed from the service.

### SELECT REPRIMANDS

In May, the commanding general issued a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand to a first lieutenant for driving under the influence.

In May, the commanding general issued General Officer Memorandums of Reprimand to a second lieutenant and a warrant officer one for engaging in an in-

appropriate relationship.

In April, the commanding general issued a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand to a warrant officer one for reckless endangerment, fleeing the scene of an accident and evading a military police officer.

### SELECT NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

At an Article 15 hearing in April, a private first class was found not guilty of pushing his wife into a doorknob with his hands, in violation of Article 129, UCMJ.

At an Article 15 hearing in June, a sergeant first class was found guilty of one specification of wrongfully transporting



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a loaded firearm in a vehicle, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was forfeiture of \$2,000 pay, and extra duty and restriction for 45 days (suspended).

At an Article 15 hearing in May, a private first class was found guilty of one specifica-

tion of failing to obey a lawful order by wrongfully allowing an individual to enter the barracks between the hours of 8 p.m. and 4:45 a.m., in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was reduction to E-2, extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days and forfeiture of \$409, with \$200 suspended.

At an Article 15 hearing in May, a sergeant was found guilty of one specification of being derelict in the performance of his duties as the unit armorer, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was reduction to E-4, suspended, to be automatically remitted if not vacated on or before the specified date, and forfeiture of \$350 pay per month for two months.

# Army issues new guidance on sleeves

## Army News Service Staff Report

WASHINGTON — Uniform sleeves can now be rolled either with camouflage facing in or out, depending on the preference of commanders down to the company level.

In addition to the new guidance on rolling sleeves of the Army Combat Uniform in garrison, commanders in the field can now authorize Soldiers to cuff ACU sleeves either with the camouflage facing in or out.

The changes are effective immediately, according to a memorandum signed Sept. 27, by Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, the Army's deputy chief of staff, G-1.

For the past three months, sleeves had to be rolled or cuffed with the camouflage facing out. The new guidance gives commanders more flexibility.



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**Authorized wear of ACU sleeves (clockwise from top left): Sleeves rolled camouflage in, sleeves rolled camouflage out, sleeves cuffed under once for field, sleeves cuffed under twice, sleeves cuffed out twice. Sleeves can always be worn down, as well (not shown).**

“These changes enhance individual readiness and morale, and give greater flexibility to commanders in determining the needs

of their Soldiers in the performance of their mission,” said Lt. Col. Jerry Pionk, spokesman for the Army G-1.

The original G-1 memorandum authorizing Soldiers to roll ACU sleeves with camouflage facing out was issued June 28. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley decided on the uniform change, following requests from Soldiers throughout the force made through Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey. The decision followed a month-long trial with Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, rolling their ACU sleeves.

Until then, sleeves had not been rolled since the battle dress uniforms were phased out almost a decade ago.

The guidance on rolling and cuffing ACU sleeves pertains to those of the universal camouflage pattern, operational camouflage pattern and the Operation Enduring Freedom pattern.

The decision on how to roll or cuff sleeves can be made by company commanders of the Army National Guard and Army

Reserve, as well as the active component. During a battalion, brigade or higher formation, the most senior commander will decide how the uniform will be worn, according to the guidance.

Sleeves can only be rolled in garrison, and despite whether the camouflage is exposed or rolled inside out, the sleeves must be rolled neatly above the elbow, but no more than 3 inches above the elbow. Sleeves of the Army aircrew combat uniform will not be rolled under any circumstances, according to the guidance.

During field training or when deployed, commanders may authorize Soldiers to cuff their ACU sleeves one or two times, either inside or out.

The changes are an exception to Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1, Guide to the Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, until a new pamphlet is issued.

# BEST WARRIOR: Army announces Soldier, NCO of the Year

## By David Vergun Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The winners of the Best Warrior competition are Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Moeller, named NCO of the Year, and Spc. Robert Miller, named Soldier of the Year.

The winners were announced Monday during the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition.

Following the announcement, the two Soldiers commented on their wins and offered their thoughts on what it means to be a Soldier and a Best Warrior.

### NCO OF THE YEAR

According to Moeller, all 20 of the competitors – 10 NCOs and 10 Soldiers representing 10 major Army commands – immediately bonded during the competition.

Moeller, a Reserve senior drill instructor, compared the bond between competitors to that of the drill sergeants’ “tight-knit community.”

Regarding the competition, he said the most grueling test was the 12-mile road march, during which competitors tackled frequent changes in elevation, marching through the pitch black night and pouring rain.

“I’m a scout and I’m used to road marches,” he said. “But this one was the

toughest.”

The second toughest, he said, was the day and night land navigation course, which took them through dense brush and swamps.

Moeller’s advice to all Soldiers: “Put forth your best effort. Even if you think it’s not great, don’t ever stop striving for the best you can do. It won’t necessarily culminate in awards like this, but you’re going to be rewarded. If we’re chasing excellence every day, it’s going to benefit the Army and America as a whole.”

Moeller’s girlfriend, Lisa Cho, flew here from southern California and was on hand to share in Moeller’s achievement. She called it an “unexpected surprise.”

### SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

Best Warrior was “the healthiest competition I’ve been a part of,” said Miller. “Everyone was looking to their left and right. Never was there any hostility between competitors. That’s rare to find with a group of 20 tip-of-the-spear (Soldiers). We all were right next to each other the whole time, rooting each other on. That was really cool for me.”

As soon as the competition was over, Miller took a call from his mom. “She’s been one of my biggest cheerleaders,” he said.

He said he received support from the rest of his family as well as the explosive



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**NCO of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Moeller (second from left) and Soldier of the Year Spc. Robert Miller display their Best Warrior trophies presented by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey (left) and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Daniel Allyn at the AUSA awards luncheon Monday.**

ordnance disposal community, which he called a “close brotherhood.”

The specialist said his “phone has been blowing up with people texting me like crazy, and congratulating me and loving me. It’s been awesome.”

He has been enjoying his time in Washington, D.C., to compete in Best Warrior. “Yesterday I got to see the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights,” he said. “You realize the sacrifice others have made.”

Miller’s advice to all Soldiers (and his unit in particular): “Never settle for anything less than your best effort. Keep pushing your boundaries. You’ll never regret it.”

### MESSAGES FROM LEADERS

Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel Allyn and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey spoke during the Best Warrior ceremony. Allyn said the competitors “represent what it means to be a trained and ready trusted professional.”

According to Dailey, the Best Warrior competition is about readiness. “The competitors were using skills needed to survive on the battlefield to fight and win our nation’s wars. Maybe you can be a Best Warrior. You can’t, though, unless you try.”

### MORE ABOUT THE WINNERS

Moeller is an Army Reserve cavalry scout serving with the 108th Training Command in San Diego, California. He has served in the Army for 16 years, and has deployed to Afghanistan and twice to Iraq.

He was born in Northridge, California, but calls nearby Riverside his hometown. He is looking to complete his bachelor’s degree in engineering management and then plans to earn a master’s degree in project management.

Miller is an EOD specialist with the 8th Military Police Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He has served in the Army nearly four years and has deployed to Kuwait.

Miller was born in Clarksville, Tennessee. He plans to complete a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

# News Briefs

#### Flu shots

Flu shots will be available to families after Oct. 28 in the Lyster Army Health Clinic Preventive Medicine Department Mondays-Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Patients should keep in mind that lunchtime is the busiest time for the department, according to clinic officials.

#### Clinic closures

The clinic will be closed Oct. 10 for the Columbus Day holiday. Lyster Army Health clinic will also be closed beginning at noon Oct. 19 for training.

#### German Liaison Oktoberfest

The German Liaison staff will host its Oktoberfest Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. to midnight at The Landing. Tickets cost \$40 and include live music from a German Oktoberfest band flown in from Munich, an original German stein, two bratwursts in a roll with sauerkraut, soft drinks, “an unforgettable time with German and international friends” and more, according to liaison staff members.

Tickets are available at the German Liaison office in Bldg. 4105, Gabi’s Sheer Expressions on Rucker Boulevard in Enterprise and Ingrid’s Castle in Daleville.

#### Retiree health fair

The 42nd annual Fort Rucker Retiree Health Fair is scheduled for Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at Yano Hall. All retirees and their family members are welcome to attend. Lyster Army Health Clinic, along with other agencies, will have booths with information on topics ranging from health and disease-management information, physical therapy, fitness, nutrition and more. Light refreshments will be available along with several door prize drawings.

For more information, call 255-7930 or 255-2292.

#### Retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its quarterly retirement ceremony Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are welcome to attend and honor the

post’s latest retirees for their service.

#### Fall clean up

Fort Rucker will hold its fall clean up Oct. 18-21. If people need to dispose of hazardous materials, the disposal needs to be done through the HAZMAT point in Bldg. 1315. For more on disposal of hazardous materials, including acceptable items for turn in, call 598-1311.

For more information on fall clean up, call 255-1692.

#### Clinic contest

Lyster Army Health Clinic will host a pumpkin decorating contest in October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. People can pick up a pumpkin to decorate all month long. Decorated pumpkins should be returned by Oct. 21 for judging. Lyster will host a breast cancer awareness event at the clinic Oct. 21 from 1-3 p.m. in Rm. J-100, Lyster Activity Area. The winning pumpkin will be selected, and Lyster will host

guest speakers and games during the event.

#### Pay office closure

The Defense Military Pay Office will close Oct. 28 at noon. All DMPO customers are asked to visit the DMPO with 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. The office will reopen Oct. 31 at 7:30 a.m.

#### Chiropractic open house

Lyster Army Health Clinic Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Clinic, in recognition of Physical Therapy Month, will host an interactive open-house Oct. 21 from noon to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### ID card section closure

Starting Nov. 9, the Fort Rucker ID Card Section will close from 2:15-4:15 p.m. for training the second Wednesday of every month.



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would make our Army team stronger. We must ensure that when Americans from across our society look at their Army, they see an organization they can relate to, recognize and trust. We must also ensure that when America's best and brightest look at their Army, they see an organization where they feel they can contribute and excel.

Finally, a more diverse Army provides the United States with a competitive advantage in expanding our ability to interact and engage the citizens of the complex world in which we will continue to operate.

This is absolutely critical, because no other arm of our government has such a large presence around the globe as the U.S. Army. By way of comparison, while the rest of the United States government has approximately 15,000 Foreign Service officers at work around the world representing our nation's interests, America's Army has up to 10 times that number of Soldiers at work overseas every day.

Today's Army is unique in history in that we have at least a few Soldiers in our ranks from virtually every one of those countries and cultures in which we currently operate. How much more effective could we be at partnership and cooperation if those few became many?

In addition to the benefits diverse teams create in strengthening partnerships, nearly two decades of conflict have taught us hard truths about how appreciation of diverse populations helps equip us in understanding and defeating our adversaries.

When our Army is tasked not only to take and hold terrain, but also to bring disparate partners together – many of whom have difficult ethnic and sectarian histories – the diversity of our teams is also a force multiplier. Partners across the world like to work with American Soldiers and when they do, they cannot ignore the diversity of Soldiers or the standard of excellence they set in working together.

Our Army draws strength from both the example of our power and the power of our example.

For the Army to measure up to the demands of a rapidly changing world, we must also draw upon the Army ethos of critical thinking and self-examination. It may be under-appreciated outside the national security community, but no organization, public or private, matches the Army for its culture of relentless self-review, one that is borne from the experience of ground combat where mistakes are measured in lives.

We need to draw upon this tradition to challenge our own notions of diversity and examine our unconscious biases.

We often pride ourselves in embodying the word meritocracy – that we are an institution in which any individual can succeed, or fail, on his or her own merits regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The many instances where we have approached this ideal are part of our Army's great strength, but honoring these ideals means that we cannot afford to ignore the times where we've failed to live up to them.

Striving to engender greater diversity in our force is too important to the Army's effectiveness to avoid continuous self-examination.

These efforts will not be easy, nor will success be automatic. Indeed, some of the same scientific studies that show the benefits of diverse teams also reveal that diverse groups can be less efficient in the short term.

In fact, scientists have found that the very friction inherent in bringing together a group of individuals with different worldviews is what causes them to work harder, think more deliberately, and learn how to communicate more effectively. Often, what is comfortable is not what is most creative, or what delivers the great-



PHOTO BY JOHN MARTINEZ

Fanning tests his skill at pulling up a litter with a rescue dummy during a tour of the 25th Infantry Division's Lighting Academy jungle training in Hawaii July 26.



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

Fanning admires the silver medal won by Spc. Paul Chelimo of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at the USA House Aug. 21 at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

est effect on the battlefield. It's a concept familiar to all of us: "no pain, no gain."

Whether during World War II or in the days that followed 9/11, it is when Americans have come together in times of difficulty that our nation has demonstrated its greatest strength. And at so many times in our history, the Army has led the way.

Engendering greater diversity and inclusivity is not social experimentation – it is, in fact, a dynamic that has often been at the center of the Army's success.

It's a story that dates back to the earliest days of our Republic, when marginalized Scots-Irish frontiersmen teamed up with Tidewater aristocrats and New Englander merchants to win our independence. It's a tradition carried forward by waves of immigrants who came to our shores and forged their American identity through military service. It's a legacy found in the service of the famed Buffalo Soldiers, African-American troops who helped tame the American West.

Many of them were former slaves, like Lieutenant Henry Flipper, the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy.

It's a history that includes Soldiers like Distinguished Service Cross-awardee, Private Marcelino Serna, a Mexican-American who was the most highly decorated Soldier from Texas in World War I.

These examples are each part of our larger Army story. When critics said the Army was too set in its ways, too big, or too afraid to move forward with change, our men and women in uniform proved them wrong – desegregating after World War II, 16 years before the Civil Rights Act, integrating women into our military where they would earn equal pay as their male counterparts four decades ago, at a time before they were welcome in much of our workforce.

As the Army answered challenges and

delivered solutions at difficult times in our history, our Soldiers have proven what's right about our country.

I'm reminded of our continuing journey every time I look at a framed fragment of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment Colors, the Army's first African American regiment of the Civil War, which I proudly display in my office. On July 18, 1863, Sergeant William H. Carney retrieved this flag from a fallen color bearer and carried it forward despite multiple wounds. He survived to return the flag to his own lines. "I only did my duty," he said. "The old flag

never touched the ground."

Sergeant Carney would eventually be awarded the Medal of Honor for his acts of courage and valor, albeit decades after when later generations could see through his color to recognize his valor.

In fact, the Army would wait another half-century until President Truman integrated the Armed Forces, declaring that it was "essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy."

To do justice to Sergeant Carney's dedicated service and the sacrifice of countless other Americans, we have responsibilities to meet today. We must continue on our journey, building stronger and more diverse teams that will make our Army a more effective force in the future.

As the 22nd Secretary of the United States Army, I am committed to a future Army where every rank and specialty can draw from among America's best, where our Soldiers represent states and cities across this country, and members of its diverse communities.

I see a force where our Soldiers are enabled by another great source for our nation's strength: our marketplace of ideas and innovation, where our Soldiers are supported by an acquisitions process that more closely reflects the adaptability of America's industrial base, equipping our men and women with what they need, when they need it.

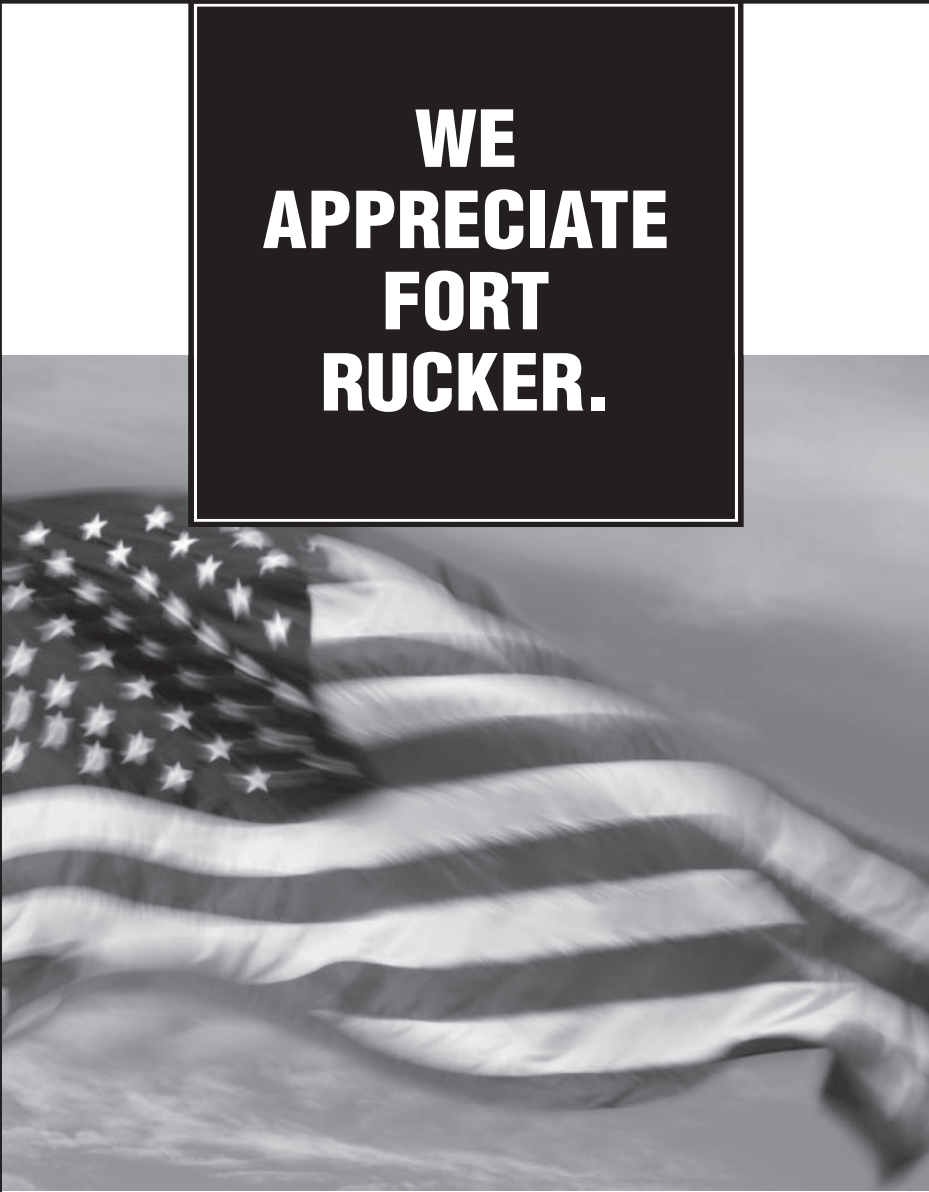
I see a force in which Soldiers of various religious backgrounds are provided appropriate accommodations and have the liberty to follow their faith traditions as members of our military family.

I see an Army where we care for our Soldiers physical and mental health, as well as that of their family members, with the same determination we bring to warfighting, giving our men and women the peace of mind they need to focus on their missions as they confront emerging threats and defend our nation around the world.

For the Army of tomorrow to remain as great as the Army of today, we must live up to our own legacy, continually challenging ourselves to attract the best, and to bring out the best in each other as members of strong, diverse, and creative teams.

Just as Sergeant Carney of the 54th Massachusetts picked up the Colors from those who went before him, we must carry the banner forward today to become an Army that is stronger, more adaptable, and more effective in achieving our missions and meeting our responsibilities to the American people.

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# 98th Army Band

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that I’ve done or the legacy that I have, but the legacy of the Soldiers who have been serving this organization for decades,” he said. “I wanted to become a commander to help facilitate others’ talents and skills, so to be able to be a part of that, and to see other people flourish and to see other people serve their communities and their fellow Soldiers through music is where I get the pleasure.”

For fellow band member Staff Sgt. Christine Perment-

er, her time in the band has been not only a learning experience, but a chance for her to grow.

“It’s been really amazing,” she said. “Being a part of more and more ceremonies, I got to see a lot more and experience a lot more. I just feel like during my time here I was able to grow so much more as a musician and a performer, so it’s meant a lot.”

Permenter headed the band’s rock band and said she will have fond memories of performing at Freedom Fest, where the band had the responsibility of entertaining thousands during one of Fort Rucker’s

most popular events.

“Freedom Fest is something I’ll always remember,” she said. “It’s a lot of time, a lot of effort, a lot of energy and a lot of work, but it’s so worth it and I loved every minute of it.”

Miller wrapped up the ceremony by addressing all past and present 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band members.

“Thank you for 62 years of faithful duty – job well done! The sounds and chords of your service will continue to echo in the halls of Army Aviation for generations to come,” she said.

# Voice

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But now is the time for people to raise issues or ideas for the AFAP, Johnson said.

“It’s important for the community to continually voice their concerns and opinions about their quality of life, so the senior military leadership knows what the concerns are, (and can ) prioritize critical issues (for) resolution and give updates on the progress of submitted quality of life issues,” he said.

People can submit an idea or concern in several ways: AFAP issue submission boxes are posted along with submission forms throughout the installation, and people can fill out a form and place in the box at a later date; people can contact the AFAP program manager at 255-1429; and they can visit <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/programs/army-family-action-plan/> and click the “Submit Your Quality of Life Issues” dropdown menu, Johnson

said.

“Submitting concerns involves communicating with Army Community Service or going online to Army OneSource to submit issues on the AFAP page,” he said. “Those issues then go through AFAP volunteers and are presented to four different focus groups of delegates at the event.

“Those groups will select the top priority issue to be worked and then spend several hours discussing the issue as a group for different solutions,” he added. “The top issue for the group is briefed at an out-briefing to the command and delegates, and then presented to all of the delegates. Afterwards, these problems and solutions go to headquarters for discussion and implementation.”

In addition to submitting ideas for potential discussion during the forum, individuals may also offer support through volunteerism, Johnson added.

“The process to become a volunteer is to come by the ACS of-

fice located in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 177 and ask for the AFAP program manager,” he said. “People wishing to volunteer may also go online and check the volunteer information under the “Volunteer” tab on Army OneSource. In order to become a delegate for the focus groups this fall, volunteers will need to fill out an application. The application must be returned to the AFAP manager by Oct. 17.

“(People who) register for the AFAP Focus Groups Forum as a delegate, they will work the issue in one of the four different working groups,” he added. “The registered delegates are the ones who present the issues in the forum. Other registered personnel in the forum are the subject matter experts from the different organizations on the installation. SMEs participate by explaining why a policy or procedure exists, and may be able to give history on an issue or give advice to a recommended solution.”

According to Johnson, the con-

ference represents the voice of the community and provides a fresh look into its members’ needs.

“AFAP represents the ability of the community to speak for its members, and effect change within itself and the Army, as a whole,” he said. “It allows the community to verbalize problems and produce solutions for those issues.”

During last year’s conference, numerous recommendations went forward to improve quality of life for Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees. In 2012, the No. 1 issue at the Army-level AFAP conference was started at Fort Rucker.

“Significant progress has been made on the issues from last year’s AFAP,” Johnson said. “Programs and policies have been updated and implemented, such as a garrison pilot mentoring program for GS-8 (employees), policies are in effect to ensure fraternization is not happening between instructors and students. The SKIES facility continues to be a work in progress

and will be resolved in the future. The status is updated following every Garrison Commander’s Steering Committee meeting. “

According to Johnson, any issue or concern that affects the quality of life of the Fort Rucker community should be submitted.

“Issues concerning the quality of life of the Fort Rucker community, as a whole and going beyond the personal level, are issues that should be submitted to AFAP – these are problems that should be dealt with by the community and perhaps by the Army, as a whole,” he said.

Issues with a facility or particular organization should be reported directly to the commander or manager of that facility or online via <http://ice.disa.mil/>.

Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Johnson at 255-1429. A list of volunteer positions is listed under the Volunteer Management Information System tab via Fort Rucker>ACS>AFAP on myarmyonesource.com.

# Soldier

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only have a digital gun range where they can practice.

“There is no physical gun range here and there are no weapons,” Johnson said. “We have an Engagement Skills Trainer. But the trainer does allow us to train on all the different weapons. The transition from the EST to normal weapons was easy. They have the same weight, the same kick.”

At the Camp Atterbury range, Johnson got a perfect score with the M9.

“I was shocked. I thought I didn’t do that great,” he said.

The M9 Qualification required the Soldiers to ruck-march between seven different ranges set about a mile apart. At each range, they went through a series of pop-up targets at different distances ranging from five meters to 25 meters. Each Soldier only had three 15-round magazines of ammunition for the competition.

The challenge wasn’t so much the ranges themselves, but the environmental conditions the Soldiers faced.

“We experienced a full spectrum of weather from torrential downpours to hot and sunny with high humidity,” Johnson said. “At the first range, it was overcast and cloudy. At the second range, it rained really hard for about 40 minutes. By the time we got to the last ranges, the sky was cloudless, and it was sunny, hot, humid and miserable.”

The entire competition was a real test of Soldiering skills, Johnson said.

“It was amazing. They wouldn’t tell you what was coming up. They would just tell us to get our stuff and then we were going here or there. We just didn’t know. We did our physical training test right after dinner, and that was really tough,” Johnson said.

“I am motivated by competitions that test my strengths as a Soldier and competing against the best always drives me as a competitor. The one thing I learned: I did not train hard enough.”

Johnson and Murphy were chosen for the AMC Best Warrior competition by their command leadership. For a month prior to the competition, the two Soldiers spent several hours a week preparing for 28 tasks, including the Army Physical Fitness Test, Confidence Course, Day and Night Land Navigation, and 10K ruck-march.

“We trained together and motivated each other,” Johnson said. “We trained as much as we could at what we knew.”

Besides marksmanship, the two felt they were also at a disadvantage when training for the ruck-march because of the relatively flat topography of Fort Rucker. They tried to make up for that disadvantage by ruck-marching three times a week outside their normal physical training routine.

“We rucked on the biggest hills we could find here around the lake, but they are nothing like the hilly conditions at Camp Atterbury,” Johnson said. “The ruck-marching was the hardest challenge. We trained with 50 pounds in our rucksack plus I would

throw in a bit of extra weight. That’s more than the Army requirement of 35 pounds. But it wasn’t enough because the competition had us in excess of 100 pounds of weight by the time we were wearing all the gear, including body armor with plates and combat helmet.”

The two trained by ruck-marching Fort Rucker’s “smooth” roads – mostly paved and some dirt – whereas Camp Atterbury had rough and rocky gravel roads.

“We really didn’t know what to expect. But, that’s just part of the competition,” Johnson said.

The two Soldiers also spent hours going over the Army study guide in preparation for facing a board of command sergeants major.

“We needed to make sure we had a general knowledge of the Army and Army procedures,” Johnson said. “We had to be prepared for event-oriented, leadership type questions. Questions like: ‘If a Soldier did this, what would you do to correct it?’ Or: ‘Here’s a situation. How would you approach this situation?’ The competition condensed 16 years of everything I’ve learned as a Soldier into three days.”

The competitors marched nearly 30 miles in full combat gear, fired six different weapons, wrote an essay on female integration into combat arms, tackled 39 scenario-based warrior tasks and took a 50-question test on everything Army.

They participated in a stress-shooting training exercise where they paired up to reach their objective under indirect fire while also encountering casualties and having to pull a victim to safety. They completed a 12-mile ruck march that ended with an improvised explosive device scenario requiring them to don their gas masks during a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives event.

“My favorite event was the obstacle course, because it challenged us to use our whole body and it promoted teamwork to complete obstacles. I have competed in many obstacle course races, including Tough Mudder, Spartan Race Trifecta and the Warrior Dash,” Johnson said.

Johnson said his wife and 5-year-old son, and his leadership at Knox Army Airfield, supported his training efforts. Sgt. 1st Class Sean Allen aided with coordinating training for Johnson and Murphy.

“You have to have a lot of determination. The competition really gets tough in some parts. I might not have been the best, but I completed all the events,” he said.

Johnson joined the Army 16 years ago as a Chinook mechanic/maintainer.

“I’ve always enjoyed taking apart anything mechanical,” he said. “When I was a teenager, I would take apart lawnmower engines. I made a go kart out of a lawn mower engine. As I got older, I enjoyed working on car engines and building all sorts of stuff.”

His career has included deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, South America, Afghanistan and Iraq, a tour in Korea and an assignment at Hunter Army Airfield in

Savannah, Georgia.

He said he would recommend the Best Warrior Competition to any Soldier who wants to be their best both physically and mentally, as well as in the area of Soldier leadership and development.

“This competition identified what areas you are weak in, whether it be land naviga-

tion or weapon qualifying or Army knowledge. Then, you can focus on those areas and get better for your future assignments,” Johnson said. “If I could do this competition, anyone can do it. Test yourself. You never know what’s going to happen. And, if you think you are training hard, train harder.”

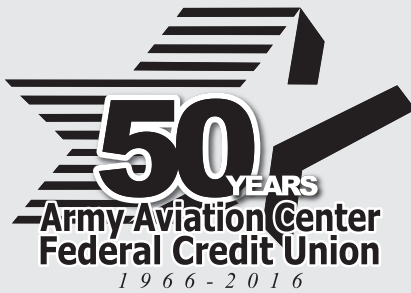
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## GUN RAID

*Aviators aid artillery support of Iraqi advance on ISIL*

By 1st Lt. Daniel Johnson  
2ND BCT, 101st AD (AA)  
Public Affairs

NORTHERN IRAQ — Staff Sgt. Darryl “Gunny” Joseph leaps into the night of northern Iraq as the UH-60 Black Hawk touches down — the dust from the rotary wash clouding his vision.

His mission is simple: set up the landing zone and guide in the aircraft carrying the M777 artillery pieces to the raid site.

The process of setting up a landing zone, or sling load area, is not new to him. Back at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Joseph and the Soldiers from Battery C, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, “Task Force Strike,” practiced sling load operations many times before.

But this is not a training exercise — this is the real deal.

## THE PROCESS

Task Force Strike advises and assists Iraqi security forces with planning and intelligence, training and equipping, and, on this night, indirect fires.

Artillerymen from the 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), conducted sling load operations in support of the Iraqi security forces’ advance to Qayyarah, a city south of Mosul. It was a gun raid — moving M777 howitzers to a forward location to support Iraqi troops.

Raids are fast and deliberate operations, said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Burkett, the platoon sergeant with 1st Platoon, Battery C. The artillerymen can move to a location

quickly to set up and fire, without the enemy having knowledge of their locations.

“Whenever we go into an artillery mission, it’s always the same,” said Burkett. “It’s to support whatever assets we have forward.”

Since Battery C Soldiers arrived in Iraq, they have been providing indirect fire support to the ISF as it maneuvers against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. Battery C has executed hundreds of missions and fired thousands of rounds in support of ISF operations since taking over in late May.

## THE SET UP

Joseph moves into the night to establish the hot landing zone. When the next helicopters ar-



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. DANIEL JOHNSON

Army Staff Sgt. Darryl Joseph, a gunnery sergeant with Task Force Strike, communicates with a CH-47 Chinook crew in Erbil, Iraq, recently.

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER BUNN

U.S. Army special forces and their NATO counterparts conduct an air assault on a small compound during Brave Warrior 2016 at Bakony Combat Training Center, Hungary, Sept. 27.

## 10th CAB conducts nighttime air-assault training

By Spc. Thomas Scaggs  
10th Combat Aviation Brigade  
Public Affairs

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — Aviators from 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, successfully completed a nighttime air-assault training operation with infantry Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team Sept. 23 at Fort Drum.

The training exercise, named Operation Dragon Wing, continued into the early morning hours, transporting about 200 Soldiers from the 2-14th Inf. Regt. during zero-illumination conditions and validating C Company, 2-10th Avn. Regt. in preparation for the upcoming Mountain Peak training exercise.

“This is what this division is all about,” said Capt. Lewis Hudson, commander of C Co., 2-10th Avn. Regt. “This division is all about moving rapidly, and being able to place Soldiers in advantageous, key terrain to take out the enemy more effectively and more quickly.”

Hudson said that members of the company exceeded expectations by moving from initial planning through completion of the complex air-assault

operation in less than 96 hours.

The operation required Aviators to maneuver 10 UH-60 Black Hawks into small landing zones on six separate trips. Aviators had to use night vision goggles and coordinate with a live ground force while dealing with a simulated enemy. Hudson said that large-scale training like this is especially important for newer crew members.

“It had a huge confidence building aspect to it all,” he said. “We have a lot of junior air crews, and they’re going to remember this for the rest of their lives as a major training event.”

Hudson explained that C Co. was the final company within 2-10th Avn. Regt. to validate its air assault capabilities, and it’s been a process that will soon move on to the battalion and brigade level at the upcoming Mountain Peak training event.

In order to validate, Hudson said, a company must meet a list of criteria set forth by the battalion commander. Successfully meeting the criteria for validation proves a company’s ability to be successful in operations anywhere in the world.

CW4 Seth Botts, battalion standardization officer for 2-10th Avn. Regt.,

said that any air-assault mission that puts everybody where they need to be, on time and without injury to personnel or Army equipment is a success.

Training the Aviators like they are doing now will translate into greater success later on, he said.

“The more realistic training you have here, it makes it easier down-range,” Botts said. “So, when we go down to a deployment or something like that, we just have to deal with the enemy because we already know what we’re supposed to be doing.”

The overall preparation the 10th CAB has conducted for Mountain Peak has been demanding, but Botts said the progress made by the Aviators and the Soldiers has been rewarding to watch.

“I’m really proud of all of our guys because we put them through a pretty high op tempo continuously here,” he said. “The way the company’s reacted to get where we are now, it’s been awesome to see these guys develop.”

Botts said success at Operation Dragon Wing and working with members of 2-14th Inf. Regt. develops key strengths within 10th Mountain Division (LI) that will aid in the upcoming Mountain Peak event and beyond.



PHOTO BY SPC. THOMAS SCAGGS

Soldiers from 2-14th Inf. Regt. wait for cold-load training and safety procedures from 2-10th Avn. Regt. Soldiers during Operation Dragon Wing at Fort Drum, N.Y.

## EYE IN THE SKY

*‘Wayfinders’ perform recon, defend brigade*

By Staff Sgt. Armando Limon  
25th Infantry Division  
Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii — In the early hours of Sept. 14, unmanned aircraft systems operators and maintainers pushed their aircraft out of a hangar at the start of the day.

Soldiers assigned to the Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System Platoon, D Company, 29th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, perform daily checks on their RQ-7B Shadow, a small, lightweight UAS that provides invaluable service for the battalions of the 3rd BCT.

“It’s designed to do tactical reconnaissance, so it can do full-motion video with color and (infrared) at night,” said 1st Lt. Sara M. Downing, TUAS Platoon leader. “It can also do a communications relay package encrypted, so it acts like a giant relay in the sky.”

According to Downing, the UAS can laser designate from manned and unmanned teams with the ability to work with the AH-64 Apache or other aircraft that use the AGM-114 Hellfire air-to-surface missiles.

“It can point onto a target with a laser, and then the Hellfire missile locks on to that laser, guiding it right on the target,” she said.

The TUAS Platoon doesn’t use the nimble aircraft just to perform an offensive role — the Shadow can stay in the sky for several consecutive hours to perform an active reconnaissance role.

“For training missions, we do a lot of convoy tracking,” said Spc. Connor Rawlings, UAS operator, TUAS platoon, D Co., 29th BEB. “We’ll follow the convoy and scout ahead.”

The operators, depending on their task, also conduct passive reconnaissance when the mission requires it.

“We’ll do straight target watching,” Rawlings said. “If division or brigade wants us to watch a target — they see an individual in a certain area they know of — but they don’t know exactly where he is in a compound.”

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Spc. Jacob Veil, UAS repairer, tightens the throttle of an RQ-7B Shadow.



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# Raid

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rive at the raid site, everything must be set up perfectly. Each additional second spent trying to download equipment is another second the Soldiers from Battery C can't provide fire support.

None of this is new to Joseph. His experiences in Iraq began over a decade ago during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and he also attended the U.S. Army Pathfinder School. Army pathfinders provide navigational aid to incoming aircraft, and select, mark, improve and control landing sites.

Joseph walks the location marked off for the incoming helicopters, making sure it is visible in all directions. He moves purposefully as he and his team works, raising his voice only to be heard above the sounds of Soldiers executing his orders.

Well-rehearsed, the team quickly completes their tasks.

"Do you have eyes on?" Joseph radios to the CH-47 Chinook pilots as they approach. Given the

affirmative, he watches as they float toward the landing zone. With a dull thud and a cloud of dust, the guns are released onto the ground and the CH-47s turn off into the night.

"Let's go, let's get a move on," Joseph says to the gun crews. Working under the lime-green hue of their night vision goggles, they move their guns and begin setting up the systems, ensuring they are prepared to execute their upcoming fire missions.

The Soldiers work through the night and by first light they're ready to fire.

## WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS

Staff Sgt. James Johnson, the fire direction chief, sits in the back of his fire direction center truck looking intently at his radio, waiting for a call for fire.

"This is where the magic happens," Johnson says as he concentrates on his console.

Observers, which can consist of assets from the ISF, unmanned aircraft systems and other air-

craft, acquire targets they need hit. Once the battalion headquarters located miles away in the tactical operations receives the data, they push it to Johnson and his team at the FDC.

"We process data," says Johnson. "They (the artillerymen on the gun line) proceed to shoot."

Just then the radio crackles and Johnson grabs his hand mic, listening to the data. He then begins his battle drill, one he's done many times before. Johnson sends a message to the gun line, "Gun 2, fire mission."

Down at Gun 2, the crew, led by Staff Sgt. Johnathan Walker, springs up as the radio beeps.

"Come on," Walker yells to the crew as they prepare rounds and take their positions. "Let's make money!"

The crew members look through the sites and adjust the gun as Walker yells the fire data. Attention to detail is critical during this mission — he must remember the data for each round his crew is going to fire.

"Fire!" yells the crew chief, and a Soldier gives the firing lanyard a slight tug. The gun responds to this small motion, shaking the earth around the position as a high explosive shell is launched.

The next gun fires soon after and the race is on between the two gun sections, a little company competition to see who can fire rounds the fastest and most proficiently. Even working in temperatures that exceed 100 degrees, the teams are driven.

"Let's get through this!" Walker yells as he calls off the quadrant — up and down — and deflection — left and right — for the next round. Driven by their chief, the Soldiers move faster as the mission continues.

The dash endures for a while as the guns launch round after round. Dust hangs in the air after each round is fired and sweat stings the Soldiers' eyes. The ammo carriers are running rounds weighing over 90 pounds from the holding point to the gun, heaving the shells into the

firing tube.

Finally, the last round is reached.

## WHAT WE TRAIN FOR

"That was awesome guys," says 1st Lt. Matthew Frank, platoon leader. At one point during the mission, he grabbed more rounds for them so they could keep going. "Everyone is impressed with what you did. You guys are making Mosul great again, one 155 round at a time."

Walker smiles at the praise and the performance of the Soldiers.

"This is the life," he says with a grin. "This whole operation is what artillery is about — shoot, move and communicate."

This is one of many missions that would be fired on this raid.

Joseph, who spent the past four days moving throughout the raid site doing his tasks and was one of the last Soldiers to leave, stands in front of his tent. The dirt still clings to his uniform and his face as he relaxes.

"This is what we train for," Joseph says. "This is what we do."

# Wayfinders

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The operators themselves work as two-man teams with the UAS during preflight checks and in flight.

"Typically, for a launch, you'll have an assigned operator," said Sgt. Kenneth Vierk, UAS operator. "We're going to have one managing the aircraft itself, and then the other personnel will strictly be operating the payload."

According to Vierk, the second operator manages the radio calls and everything else, so the first operator can monitor the Shadow while in flight.

The repairers, while performing preflight checks, communicate via radio with the operators to ensure the Shadow is good to go before being placed on a hydraulic rail launcher for takeoff.

"I crew chief the bird," said Spc. Dennis Blozen, unmanned aircraft systems repairer. "When they're doing their preflight checks, I'm the guy on the ground next to the bird making sure it's doing what they're telling it to do."

Blozen personally found the system easy to use and maintain, rapid to set up and quick to get in the air to support the mission.

The members of the TUAS platoon pride themselves on their ability to get the job done for all the battalions in the brigade.

"Probably, the coolest part of what we do is we get to in-

tegrate all across the brigade combat team," Downing said. "We get to see all the different battalions and work with them. We have to understand their mission sets in order to properly

support them. So, having to integrate with so many different (military occupational specialties) is probably, I would say, the most interesting part of the job."

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Soldier earns medal  
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# OKTOBERFEST

## Event treats community to music, food, culture

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

As millions across the world celebrated the German festival of Oktoberfest, Fort Rucker hosted its own celebration, complete with lederhosen and plenty of Deutsche tradition.

Thousands came out to raise their glasses and take part in Fort Rucker's 14th annual Oktoberfest celebration at the festival fields Friday.

Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander, kicked off the festivi-

ties as Gayler tapped the ceremonial keg to signal the beginning of the celebration.

People were also greeted by the familiar sounds of the Sonnenschein Express, who returned for the ninth time to entertain people with traditional German folk music.

In addition to the sounds of Deutschland, the festival included a host of activities, including a zip line, pumpkin patch, bounce houses, bungee trampoline, face painting, pumpkin painting and even a keg toss, where people had the chance to test their strength to see how far they could let the keg fly.

Joseph and Carina Spurlock, both retired military, said that the festival always reminds them of the time they spent in Germany when stationed there in 1983.

"It always takes me back," said Carina. "It's been a while since we've been able to return and I remember our time there fondly, but this is a good compromise for the time being."

"There aren't too many who can party like they do in Munich during Oktoberfest, but it's nice to be able to come out here and get a taste of that again," added Joseph. "The band playing really takes me back."

For others, the festival is an opportunity



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PF AU

People dance as the Sonnenschein Express plays under the tent after the kickoff of the 14th annual Oktoberfest celebration at the festival fields Friday.

to sample a different culture than what most are used to in the area.

"We've come out to Oktoberfest here on Fort Rucker for the past few years because it's one of the few places in the area that you can come and get some sense of what it might be like overseas," said David Nichols, civilian. "I know it's not going to be completely authentic, but there are people here who are from Germany that can give you a sense of what it's actually like. It's just a really friendly place to come out, have a good time and share some stories with friends."

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— DAVID NICHOLS  
CIVILIAN



Augustine Vanderhoof, military family member, makes his way down the zip line during the Oktoberfest celebration.



Sgt. Robert Moos, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, walks with his son, Abel, as he rides a horse during Oktoberfest.



Sonnenschein Express entertains the crowd under the tent after the kickoff of the 14th annual Oktoberfest celebration.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## Army urges people to ‘be a part of the solution’

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Fort Rucker officials urge everyone to speak up and “be a part of the solution.”

“This year’s theme is ‘All People, Working Together can End Domestic Abuse: Be Part of the Solution,’” Luticia Tremble-Smith, Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program manager, said. “Supporting and observing brings attention to this issue. All victims and survivors should be heard, and when we support and observe we are giving a voice to those individuals.”

According to Tremble-Smith, Domestic Violence Awareness Month table displays will be set up in various locations on Fort Rucker throughout the month. Awareness bags filled with educational information on healthy relationships, domestic violence facts and various items to keep the attention on domestic violence prevention throughout the year will be available.

Everyone is also urged to wear Purple on Fridays in October to show their support for victims and for ending domestic violence, she added.

Awareness, according to Tremble-Smith, is a key component to detecting and preventing domestic violence.

“Awareness and prevention begins by learning how to identify the risk factors associated with domestic violence before it

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begins, and by learning how to promote respectful and healthy behaviors in relationships,” she said. “Learn healthy communi-

cation skills. Learn safe and appropriate ways to raise the issue of domestic violence with family, friends and co-workers.”

What should an individual do if they become aware of domestic violence?

“Domestic violence can be

lethal,” Tremble-Smith said. “If you or someone you know is being abused, call local law enforcement or 911 immediately.

“For someone who has never experienced domestic violence, it may be difficult to understand why victims don’t report abuse,” she added. “Deciding to leave an abusive relationship (poses) serious risks to the victim and children in the household. Support the victim by being patient and non-judgmental. The safety of victims and children is essential. Confidential information and support are available through the Fort Rucker Family Advocacy Program victim advocate 24/7 hotline at 379-7947, where they can make a restricted or unrestricted report.”

Individuals can also increase their awareness and knowledge of domestic violence through AFAP services and programs on post.

“AFAP offers a variety of educational programs that promote protective factors and reduce risk factors,” Tremble-Smith said. “The key is early referral to prevention resources. Advocacy services are 24/7, providing crisis intervention that is non-clinical, safety planning, accompany the victims throughout the legal and medical processes, and largely empowering the victim to make decisions that are independent and courageous. Two programs within AFAP are the victim advocacy program and new parent support program.”

For more information, call 255-3246 or 255-3898.



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The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host a trip to Dothan for pizza and a movie Saturday. Cost is \$20 per teen. The trip will depart the center at 1 p.m. and return by 7 p.m. Limited space is available. Youth must sign up at the youth center and be registered with child, youth and school services.

For more information, call 255-2271.

**Employment readiness class**

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room, with the next session Oct. 13. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:40 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about 11 a.m. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

For more information, call 255-2594.

**Comedy Live**

Comedy Live is scheduled for Oct. 14 from 8-10 p.m. at The Landing. The event is open to the public for ages 18 and up. People can buy tickets in advance for \$12 at the catering office at The Landing. Tickets at the door will cost \$16. VIP tables are available for \$150 per table with 10 seats per table. Following Comedy Live, The Landing will host Salsa Night from 10 p.m. to midnight. Salsa Night will cost \$5 per person for ages 18 and over. For patrons attending Comedy Live, the Salsa Night admission fee is waived.

For more information, call 255-9810 or 255-0769.

**Mom & Me: Dad too!**

Army Community Service hosts its Mom & Me: Dad too! playgroup Mondays from 9:30–11 a.m. at The Commons. The playgroup is for families with children ages birth to 3 years old.

For more information, call 255-9647 or 255-3359.

**Tot Time**

Army Community Service hosts its Tot Time playgroup Wednesdays from 9:30-11a.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The playgroup is for children 12-36 months and their caregivers. The playgroup provides programs and activities that enhance caregiver-child interaction, and stimulate child growth and development.

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**Get R.E.A.L. Class**

Army Community Service will host its Rucker Experience Army Learning – Get R.E.A.L. – Class at Silver Wings Golf Course Regimental Room Oct. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The class is designed to help people learn about life at Fort Rucker, make new friends and be an interactive day of fun learning, according to Army Family Team Building officials. Child care vouchers will be available. Registration is required by Oct. 14.

For more information and to register, call 255-9637.

**Outdoor yard sale**

The Fort Rucker Fall Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for Oct. 15 from 7-11 a.m. at the festival fields. The outdoor event provides the opportunity for the Fort Rucker community to buy and sell used household items in a consolidated fashion. The event will be open to the public. Booth space fees apply to sellers. Booth cost for active-duty military, family members, retirees, Reservists and Department of Defense civilians: 15x20 is \$25, 30x20 is \$35, and tables are \$10 each. Cost for the general public: 15x20 is \$35, 30x20 is \$45 and tables are \$10 each. No commercial vendors will be allowed. Registration is due by Wednesday. People can register at MWR Central, 255-2997.

For more information, call 255-1749 or 255-9810.

**Family resilience training**

Army Community Service will host family member resilience training Oct. 17 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Commons. The course is designed to give Army family members the tools they need to become



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## Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament

**A scene from a previous fishing tournament on Lake Tholocco. Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host its Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Tholocco. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Only 25 slots are available. The Top 3 weigh-in totals will receive a cash prize, and there will also be a prize for biggest fish. Participants must have an Alabama State Fishing License, Fort Rucker Post Fishing Permit and Fort Rucker Boater Safety Completion Card. For more information and to register, call 255-4305.**

more resilient in all the challenges that life may throw at them.

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

**FRG Leadership Academy**

Army Community Service will host its Family Readiness Group Leadership Academy Oct. 18-19 from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939. This two-day forum focuses on teaching resiliency and communicating various components of FRGs. Discussions will be conducted in breakout sessions to capture individual knowledge, leadership skills, resiliency and abilities of all those who attend. Pre-registration is required by Oct. 14.

A free childcare voucher is available for use. Call 255-3564 for childcare reservations – children must be registered with child, youth and school services. A complimentary lunch will be available. The forum is open to spouses and family members, and FRG advisers, leaders, co-leaders, treasurers, hospitality members, newsletter editors and social media coordinators.

To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frg-leadership-academy-tickets-27758902625>. For more information, call 255-9578 or 255-3161.

**Creepy Critters**

The Center Library will present a free live-animal educational program called Creepy Critters Oct. 20 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required and will be limited to the first 40 children to sign up. The event is open to authorized patrons and is Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information or to register, visit the library or call 255-3885.

**Home buying seminar**

Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a home buying seminar Oct. 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. Topics include: why buy a house, financial goals, credit history, Veterans Affairs mortgage insurance, types of mortgages, shopping and applying for a mortgage and closing on a home. Pre-registration is required by Oct. 19. Free child care will be available with registration.

For more information and to register, call 255-2341, 255-3949.

**Youth center lock-in**

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host its Superhero Costume Party Lock-In Oct. 21 starting at 7 p.m. Youth are welcome to dress up as their favorite superhero or super villain – as long as it’s nothing scary or gory, according to youth center officials. There will be a prize for the best costume. The event will feature giveaways, games, food, activities and a field trip. Cost is \$20 for youth center members ages 11-18

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years. Youth can be dropped off any time after school Oct. 21, and youth must be picked up by 6 a.m. Oct. 22. Parents must sign a permission slip for the field trip and turn it in by Oct. 14. Limited slots are available. Teens must sign up at the youth center and be registered with child, youth and school services.

For more information, call 255-2271.

**Newcomers welcome**

Army Community Service will host a

newcomers welcome Oct. 21 from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Landing. Active duty, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and family members are encouraged to attend. A free light breakfast and Starbucks coffee will be served. For free childcare, register children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomers welcome.

For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-2887.

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# COURAGE

## Soldier earns medal for actions at Boston Marathon bombing

Army News Service  
Staff Report

(Editor's note: U.S. Army Special Operations Command contributed to this report.)

WASHINGTON — Lt. Col. David P. Diamond, who provided aid to victims and assistance to Boston Police in the immediate aftermath of the April 15, 2013, Boston Marathon bombing, has been awarded the Soldiers Medal for his actions that day.

It was Sen. John McCain who pinned the medal on Diamond's chest during a Capitol Hill ceremony Sept. 27. Among those in attendance were Secretary of the Army Eric K. Fanning, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey.

"This is really a reflection of my profession of arms, not of myself," Diamond said, after receiving the medal. He serves now as legislative affairs officer within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. "I come from great stock, and great training and great leadership. It's a culture, a family we have developed together. Those actions are really representative of what we all do in the military."

Back on April 15, 2013, Diamond was serving as a legislative affairs officer with U.S. Special Operations Command. He and his family were in Boston, so that he could run in the marathon. He said for that day, he'd set a personal goal for himself to run the race in less than four hours – something he had never done before. He completed the race in 3 hours and 56 minutes.

After he crossed the finish line, he said, he waited for other runners to finish, and for results and awards to be given. He sat near the finish line to recover from the race.

"I just sat down on the side of the road to kind of collect myself, do some texting, find where my family was," he said. "That's when the bomb detonated."

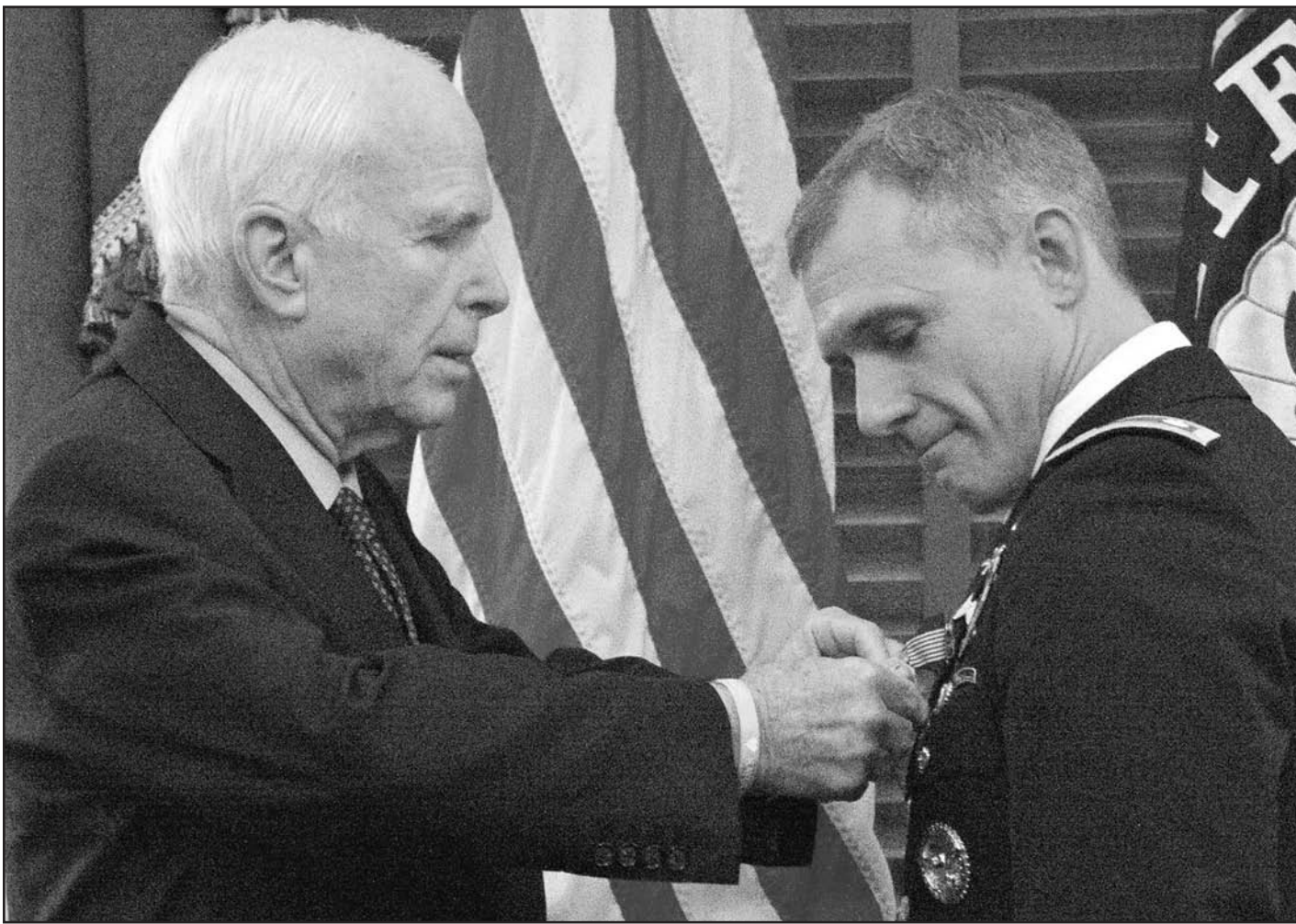
Within five minutes of finishing the race, Diamond heard the first of two improvised explosive devices go off. He was but 50 yards from that explosion. There was a "VIP bridge" there that allowed certain spectators to cross the road and move into the bleachers that had been set up for them. It was that bridge, he said, that had shielded him from the first blast.

As a special operations Soldier with seven deployments under his belt, Diamond has seen plenty of combat, he said. While the explosion he heard was unexpected in the context of a marathon inside the United States, the sound was familiar.

"I knew exactly what it was," he said. "I kind of centered myself. I knew I needed to get in there to investigate. I didn't know to what extent there was damage or injury. I just knew that detonation was not timely. And that certainly, it was reminiscent of what I'd heard before. And so when I got in there, I started assessing the situation. And based on the crowd fleeing, I knew it was something significant."

Diamond ran toward the sound of the explosion to see what he could do to be of assistance there, he said. When he arrived at the site of the first IED, the second IED exploded – meters from where he was standing.

"I found somebody of authority, a police officer," he said. "I offered my assistance, and began to collaborate with what I thought the best course of action would be, which was to secure the area and to begin to kind of deconstruct the finish line so that we could get medical personnel uninhibited access in there. In any medical site,



PHOTOS BY JOHN MARTINEZ

Sen. John McCain pins a Soldier's Medal on Lt. Col. David P. Diamond for saving lives at the Boston Marathon three years ago. The medal was presented during a ceremony on Capitol Hill, Sept. 27.

you're looking to triage the injured."

According to a U.S. Army-provided narrative of the events that day, Diamond triaged the injured and identified 18 critical individuals with amputations. He also re-distributed the limited medical supplies on site and confiscated police flex cuffs to use as tourniquets.

"We didn't have a robust supply of medical gear, so I went into the sporting goods store and grabbed some packing material, like T-shirts and socks and belts for tourniquets," Diamond said. "And then once I got out, I kind of distributed those amongst those who were helping and kind of went from there."

At the scene, Diamond used his emergency medical technician training to render aid. He started with a woman whose lower left leg was badly injured with a portion of her tibia protruding from her knee. He packed her wound with a T-shirt and used a flex cuff as a tourniquet for her leg. Another woman nearby was complaining of extreme pain and the feeling of burning. After doing an assessment for bleeding and ensuring she had a clear airway, he used water and a piece of metal to remove the embedded debris from her abdomen.

After passing her off to a crew designated to evacuate her, he moved to a man suffering from losing both legs. The man's right leg was missing below the knee and his left leg was severed above the knee. Because he was in excruciating pain and losing a tremendous amount of blood, the responders assisting him had difficulty controlling him enough to apply the appropriate dressings and tourniquets. Diamond positioned his body weight on top of the man and controlled his arms so that the other responders could properly assist.

In the next 30 minutes, Diamond assisted seven other amputee victims, all missing parts of their legs, some with badly injured hands and multiple lacerations across their bodies. As with previous victims, Diamond helped apply packing materials and tourniquets to contain their injuries and prepared them for transport.

The last victim he assisted was an older gentleman, approximately in his 60s and weighing 180 pounds. Initially he was

unresponsive, not breathing and without a pulse. He suffered several lacerations to his feet, legs and hands. However, while bleeding profusely, these injuries did not appear to be life threatening. Diamond instructed a responder to hold the gentleman's head so that his airway was as open as possible while another responder and Diamond alternated giving chest compressions and resuscitation breaths.

After approximately five minutes of sustained cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the patient began breathing and his heartbeat resumed. Diamond decided to assist with the evacuation of the man because of the critical nature of his situation. He grabbed a backboard to load the gentleman and prepared him for movement to an ambulance.

With limited personnel available, Diamond carried the feet side of the backboard solo while two others carried the top end. Diamond motivated the two volunteers as they ran 800 meters to the first available ambulance. Through their diligent efforts, they saved the man's life, averting a fourth casualty.

After helping take the man to the ambulance, Diamond was pushed outside the security perimeter, and was unable to continue to offer assistance. Exhausted and covered in blood, he departed the blast site

to locate his family.

"Lieutenant Colonel Diamond did all this without regard for his own personal safety," said McCain at the ceremony. "He brought stability and leadership to a scene of chaos. Historically, the Boston Marathon is an event meant to celebrate the patriots of the Revolutionary War. To a new generation, it will also commemorate the courageous actions of the men and women who responded in a time of desperate need. In today's new world, the battlegrounds have changed, but the face of valor has not. We must continue to recognize those who pass that test and who answer that call without hesitation, without personal gain, and risk to their own personal safety."

Diamond said that his experiences and training as a Soldier were what helped him that day to help others who had been injured in the two blasts.

"My training, my experiences in combat, my values I embrace as an Army leader, moved me back to the finish line to assist those that were injured, who needed help," he said. "I know, had it been my family, my friends, my colleagues that were injured, or myself, I'd have wanted the same kind of help. It's just those times, when you don't really think about your safety, you just think about the regard for others."

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Protestant Service)  
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**Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939**  
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# Gatlin brings gospel to Wiregrass

**Landmark Park**  
*Press Release*

The Wiregrass community is invited to clap and sing along with Larry Gatlin and the Blackwood Quartet at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

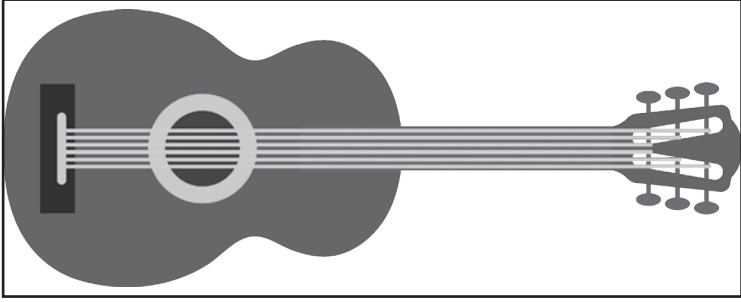
Tickets purchased in advance are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. Tickets purchased the day of the show are \$30 for adults and \$23 students. Season tickets may be purchased at David's Westgate Beauty Salon in Enterprise. For more information, call 406-1617.

Gatlin — a Grammy Award-winning American country legend, Southern Gospel singer and songwriter — achieved success

as part of a team with his brothers, Steve and Rudy. As their fame grew in the country music genre, the band became known as Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers. Their biggest hits include "Broken Lady", "All the Gold in California", "Houston (Means I'm One Day Closer to You)", "She Used to Be Somebody's Baby", "Talking to the Moon" and "Heartbreak Ridge and New Hope Road"

Gatlin shares the music and stories from four decades as a solo artist and with The Gatlin Brothers. He has performed on 33 Top 40 single hits combining his solo recordings and those with his brothers.

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tinues the gospel sound made famous by The Blackwood Brothers Quartet of 1934, which is considered the First Family of Gospel Music.

The Blackwood Brothers won eight Grammys and six Dove Awards and they were inducted in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1998. Expect to hear songs such as "How Great Thou Art",

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Tickets are available at these locations:

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- The Framery in Enterprise -

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- MWR Central in Fort Rucker - 255-2997

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**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.andalusialegiopost80.org](http://www.andalusialegiopost80.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.andalusialegiopost80.org](http://www.andalusialegiopost80.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

**OCT. 8** — The Dothan Roller Derby will host its last game of this season, Fall Brawl Wiregrass Wreckers vs. Emerald Coast Roller Derby, at the Ozark Civic Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., game starts at 6p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-10 and children ages 5 and under are admitted for free.

**ONGOING** — The Wiregrass Museum of Art will host its next seasonal public film series, Screen on the Green, the first Friday of October and November in the museum's garden beginning at 7:30 p.m. — and admission is free. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets. A local food truck will be on hand to satisfy movie-watching cravings and the museum will provide free popcorn. Tim Burton's "Beetlejuice" will be shown Oct. 7 and Steven Spielberg's "Hook" Nov. 4. A spring series of films will be announced in January. In case of inclement weather, movies will be show in the Great Hall of WMA's Conference Center.

**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

**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).

**ONGOING** — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 9 Enterprise-Coffee County meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Shane's Rib Shack. For more information, call 308-2480.

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 73 meets at the American Legion building at 200 Gibson Street on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning at 9 a.m. The building is across the street from the Lee Street Baptist Church. For more information call 447-8507.

### 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. For more information, call 894-2350.

### OZARK

**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. For more information, call 774-2042.

**ONGOING** —AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at noon at the Lutheran Prince of Peace. For more information, call 618-513-1258.

### 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.

### WIREGRASS 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.

## Beyond Briefs

### Pirate fest

Panama City Beach, Flroida, will host its Pirates of the High Seas Fest Oct. 7-9 at Pier Park and Capt. Anderson's Marina. The free festival will feature a scavenger hunt, pirate invasions, children's parade, main parade, live music, fireworks and more.

For more details, visit <http://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/piratesofthehighseas/>.

### Jazz by the Bay Festival

Panama City, Florida, will host the 16th annual Jazz by the Bay Festival Oct. 7-8 at Oaks by the Bay Park from 6:30-11:59 p.m. The free festival will include 10 hours of jazz over the two days played by six bands playing various styles of jazz.

For more details, visit <http://www.bayartsevents.com/event/16th-annual-jazz-by-the-bay-festkival/>.

### Zoo Boo

The Montgomery Zoo will host 13 nights of horror and fun at its Zoo Boo starting Oct. 13. Zoo officials welcome people to climb aboard the Haunted Hay

Ride or mosey on over to the Pumpkin Pull for a good, old-fashioned, non-scary, traditional hay ride. The event will also feature games, bouncy castles, concessions and more.

Gates open nightly at 6 p.m., and the first Haunted Hay Ride will pull out at dusk. Event fee is \$15 for ages 3 years old and older. Ticket includes entry, one ride on either the Haunted Hay Ride or the Pumpkin Pull Hay Ride and one sheet of game tickets — 10 tickets per sheet.

For more information, call 334-240-4900 or visit [montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/zoo-boo-week-1](http://montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/zoo-boo-week-1).

### Theatre in the Mind

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival will host its free Theatre in the Mind series on various Saturdays now through May 6 from noon to 1 p.m. The series is designed to help people gain new insights into ASF productions through the acclaimed Theatre in the Mind and Bard Talk lecture discussions. Designed around the plays ASF presents each season, people can participate in free pre-show discussions with authors, cast members, designers and directors. The discussions are hosted by Dr. Susan Willis, ASF's resident dramaturge. Schedule: Oct. 15 —Special Theatre in

the Mind event for Shakespeare Celebration; Nov. 26 —A Christmas Carol; Feb. 4 — Because of Winn-Dixie; Feb. 18 —The Two Gentlemen of Verona; March 11 —Sherlock Holmes; March 25 —Dauphin Island; and April 22 —The Tempest; and May 6 — Rep Actor's Discussion (after matinee) and Narrated Changeover.

Theatre in the Mind is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required — people may pick up their tickets at the box office counter just before each lecture. People do not need to be a ticket holder to that day's performance to attend the lecture.

For more information, call 334-271-5353, or visit [www.asf.net/Education/Theatre-in-the-Mind.aspx](http://www.asf.net/Education/Theatre-in-the-Mind.aspx).

### 'Gravedigger's Tale'

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival will host a special limited engagement of "Gravedigger's Tale," an interactive retelling of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" from the point of view of the Gravedigger. The performance will take place Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

"Gravedigger's Tale" comes to ASF from the Folger Theatre to celebrate the national tour of Shakespeare's Folio on display at the Montgomery Museum of

Fine Arts in October. The story of Hamlet is told by the Gravedigger using Shakespeare's moving words and help from the audience, according to ASF officials. In Shakespeare's play, "Hamlet," the Gravedigger appears briefly in Act V to perform a comic exchange with a fellow gravedigger before speaking to Hamlet and presenting him with the jester Yorick's skull. During this performance, Gravedigger arrives with a trunk and a book, and answers questions from the audience with pieces of text from Hamlet.

The performance is recommended ages 10 and up. Ticket prices vary based on play, date, and availability of seating. For more information, call 334-271-5353 or visit [www.asf.net/Plays-and-Shows/2016-2017-Season/Gravedigger-s-Tale.aspx](http://www.asf.net/Plays-and-Shows/2016-2017-Season/Gravedigger-s-Tale.aspx).

### U.S. Marine Band

The United States Marine Band will perform for free in two nearby locations in October. The band will perform in Panama City, Florida, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marina Civic Center. For more information, visit <http://www.marinaciviccenter.com/>. The band will perform in Montgomery Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre. For more, visit [www.mpaonline.org/events/](http://www.mpaonline.org/events/).



# War remains arrive in U.S. for study

By Capt. Andre Bowser  
*Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations*

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — The Mexican-American War and the Battle for Monterrey are, in part, the reason Tennessee is called the Volunteer State.

The state's nickname is derived from the outpouring of support during the War of 1812 and again in 1846 when the U.S. declared war against Mexico. During that conflict, a reported 30,000 Tennesseans volunteered and marched against Mexico after the nation had requested just 10 percent of that robust force.

Sept. 28, approximately 170 years after the war, as many as 13 skeletal remains were returned to U.S. soil and honored during a solemn transfer at Dover Air Force Base.

The movement of the remains, believed to be members of the Tennessee militia who died in the Battle of Monterrey in 1846, was the culmination of more than three years of diplomatic negotiation, sparked by a professor of forensic science at Middle Tennessee State University, according to Andrew Oppmann, the university's spokesman.

The remains, transported aboard an Army C-12 aircraft, were carried to an awaiting vehicle by the Army Old Guard ceremonial team, under the watchful gaze of senior military, university and government leaders.

A delegation of MTSU officials flew in to witness the dignified transfer of the remains and meet with experts at the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System to establish a collaboration geared at discovering more details about them.

Col. Louis Finelli, AFMES director, said it was too early to speculate how long the process would take. His team plans to work closely with MTSU's staff in studying the skeletons.

"Given the age of the remains, we can do everything in our power, but without accurate references and accurate family genealogy, we may not be able to put a name to them," Finelli said. "We should hopefully be able to at least individualize these remains."

During the transfer, U.S. Rep. Diane Black, of Tennessee, stood with the official party of senior military, university and



PHOTO BY ROLAND BALK

Repatriation of Mexican-American War remains in a dignified transfer at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Sept. 28.

government representatives. Her office first became aware of the remains in 2011, and she and other members of Tennessee's congressional delegation worked with Mexican officials to retrieve them.

"It had taken six years to bring these brave Soldiers home," she said, during a break in the otherwise constant drizzle. "We have been in ongoing negotiations with the Mexican government and we have finally returned our fallen ... heroes back to American soil."

Black lives about 7 miles from a cemetery where Mexican-American War dead are buried. She said if the bones are indeed determined to be Tennessee militia volunteers, "We would love to see their remains buried in that cemetery."

Oppmann described the history surrounding the Mexican-American War, which ended in 1848 as nothing less than fascinating.

"In September 1846, American forces

caught the Mexican army in retreat at the city of Monterrey in northern Mexico," he said. "(Monterrey) is referenced as 'a Perfect Gibraltar' for its formidable defenses."

Oppmann went on to describe a frontal attack in which U.S. commander Zachary Taylor sent regular soldiers and Texas militia as the main attack force to the western sector. At the same time, a regiment of regulars led by West Point officers Ulysses S. Grant and Braxton Bragg, along with volunteer regiments from Mississippi and Tennessee, attacked the northeastern sector.

With a specific nod to the militia of his home state, Oppmann noted that the unfortunate distinction of the "Bloody First" went to a Tennessean regiment that suffered staggering losses.

"Fourteen percent of all forces engaged were killed or wounded (about 394) men, representing one of the bloodiest days in West Point history as 11 former cadets fell

in action," Oppmann said.

He also noted that Mexican war records indicate the dead were buried in "hastily covered mounds" along the roadside.

"Historical evidence strongly indicates that these burials are likely those of Tennesseans," according to Oppmann.

Dr. Hugh Berryman, a MTSU forensic anthropologist and professor, leads a team of 22 scientists that will work closely with AFMES to shed light on the remains.

"They were in a part of the battle that had a high number of Tennesseans that died," said Berryman. "This is important for a number of different reasons."

But perhaps the most important of which, Berryman said, is how interwoven the Mexican-American War is with the very identity of Tennessee.

"We're the Volunteer State," he said. "That name was given to us by the War of 1812 and this war, in 1846."



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# Organizations provide input to Army

By Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than 20 leaders of veteran service organizations, military service organizations and other non-federal entities visited the Pentagon Sept. 28 to discuss issues affecting America's Soldiers and veterans.

Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning told the VSO/MSO representatives that one of his priorities is to ensure a smooth, "seamless transition" for Soldiers and families who are leaving the Army to become veterans.

"We want to strengthen the connections between the Soldier for Life initiative and your organizations" he said, continuing "we need you to assist us with our transitioning Soldiers and spouses from the Army into civilian life."

He went around the table and asked the representatives to identify issues affecting Soldiers, veterans or their organizations.

Rhonda Powell, national security director for the American Legion, said that Soldiers who transition to the civilian sector often experience a smaller paycheck than they had in the Army. She recommended that Soldiers get more information before they leave about challenges they are likely to face in the job market.

Kelly Hruska, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association, said she was concerned about cuts that might affect programs on various Army installations, especially family readiness positions.

"The Army has decided not to reduce appropriated fund support to Morale,

Welfare and Recreation activities until it has completed a thorough and comprehensive analysis" said Fanning and continued that other proposed cuts are on hold as well.

Kristofer Goldsmith, assistant director for the Vietnam Veterans of America, suggested that the Army Review Board Agency be assigned more personnel to speed the review of involuntary separation cases, especially when Soldiers getting out had traumatic brain injury or post traumatic stress disorder.

A briefing about the Army Review Board Agency was provided to VSO/MSO reps earlier that day by Col. Michael Pratt, director of the Military Review Board, and Dennis Dingle, director of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records.

When asked if the St. Louis Records fire has impacted work, Dingle said some records can be reconstructed. Those that cannot be done on first review by the board are sent back to service member or family representative with new request for missing documents or information. There is no statute of limitations.

The visitors also received an operational overview from Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7.

Army Chief of Public Affairs Maj. Gen. Malcolm B. Frost talked to the VSO/MSO representatives about the "Meet Your Army" program.

He explained that the program aims to tell the Army story in 27 cities across the country that don't have regular exposure to Soldiers. He asked the group for assistance.

Secretary Fanning agreed, saying "veterans' stories are the story of the Army and America. You help tell that story."

John Trujillo, director and founder of Warrior Transition, suggested that the Army use VSOs and MSOs as force multipliers for social media messages. "If you look across this table, you probably have 10 million followers, easily," Trujillo said.

Joe Davis, public affairs director for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said those around the table should visit military installations to tell commanders and first sergeants what VSO/MSO groups "add to the fight."

Davis said many Soldiers don't know what's available off post and how organizations such as the VFW can sponsor awards and provide veterans to attend unit programs.



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Maj. Gen. Malcolm B. Frost, chief of Army Public Affairs, talks to leaders of veterans service organizations and military service organizations at the Pentagon Sept. 28.

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# CARDIAC COPS

MPs deny comeback, handcuff 1-11th Avn., 19-18

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The 2016 Fort Rucker Intramural Football Season officially kicked off last week as teams went head to head to find out who the contenders are for this year's championship title.

The 6th Military Police Detachment team took on and narrowly took down the 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation, 19-18, during a game Sept. 29 that had both teams on the edge of their seats.

Sgt. Bennie Morris, coach of the 6th MP team, said the game for them was more mental than physical, which allowed them to stay ahead of their opponents throughout most of the bout.

"We had a pretty good game," said Morris. "We know these guys and we played them throughout the summer. We're really

competitive, but we keep it clean.

"They were too focused on arguing with the refs and we just focused on the game," he continued. "They were almost able to catch up at the end because we started running our mouths. We started arguing back with them and lost control of the mental game, but we got it back."

The game started as the MPs received the kickoff and pushed downfield early on. They managed to push through to the goal line within just minutes of the start of the game, but a penalty set them back to the 20-yard line.

The MPs wouldn't be slowed, though, as they were able to repeat their success and get through the 1-11th's defense to score a touchdown and get on the scoreboard first.

On their first possession, 1-11th Avn.



PHOTO BY TORI EVANS

Players of the 1-11th Avn. Regt. and the 6th MP Det. fight for field position during an intramural football game Sept. 29 – the 6th MPs narrowly won the game, 19-18.

SEE CARDIAC COPS, PAGE D3

# TRICARE REFERRALS

Understanding process key to avoiding delays, extra costs

By Jenny Stripling  
Lyster Army Health Clinic  
Public Affairs

As plentiful as the services available at Lyster Army Health Clinic are, TRICARE beneficiaries may, at times, be referred to a specialist outside of the clinic.

It's important for TRICARE beneficiaries to understand the referral process to avoid unnecessary delays with care and potential costs.

"It is in the best interest of our patients to receive as much care here as possible," said Lt. Col. Jon Baker, LAHC Commander. "The staff here is part of the military family, so we understand our patients' needs."

There are two types of referrals: specialty and diagnostic.

A beneficiary's provider places a referral request into the LAHC Health System for services that are outside of the scope of what Lyster can provide inside the primary care clinic.

Diagnostic testing can include, but is not limited to: bone scans, sleep studies, Holter monitors or mammograms, which are scheduled through the patient service center.

Specialty services can be for such services as allergy, dermatology, neurology or endocrinology needs.

"Once a request is placed by your provider, it can take up to 10 business days before TRICARE approves or denies the request. If the specialty service provider is located within Lyster (optometry, physical therapy or nutrition care) you will receive a call from that department to schedule an appointment," said



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Shannon Vickery, chief of managed care operations at LAHC.

Patients will receive a notice in the mail from TRICARE with the decision regarding their referral. They will either be authorized or denied, and a justification will be listed.

"When a beneficiary is granted a referral from their primary care manager for a specialist outside of Lyster, they will receive a letter in the mail from TRICARE explaining the referral," said Vickery. "The letter will contain who the referral is with and how many appointments can be made with that referral. It is important that beneficiaries read and understand the letter to avoid confusion."

People who need to change the specialty provider listed should call TRICARE at the number listed, or if they need to repeal their denial, patients should follow the directions sent with the denial.

People's specialty provider

should be able to see them within 28 days. If they cannot, patients should call TRICARE and specialists will help locate a new provider for them. Lyster no longer has representatives for TRICARE located in the clinic. The patient service center can only print off a copy of people's referrals if they are unable to access a printer.

People who have seen their specialty providers and would like a second opinion will need to contact their PCM by calling the patient appointment line. They will need to leave their provider's team nurse a message, providing the name of the TRICARE-approved specialty provider they would like to see. The patients' PCM will enter a referral for them to obtain the second opinion. Patients will then need to wait the 10 business days for TRICARE's response.

People can check the status of their referral or print it online at [www.humanamilitary.mil](http://www.humanamilitary.mil).



ARMY PHOTO

First Sgt. James Conway, USASAM, Maj. Gen. Brian Lein, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School Health Readiness Center of Excellence commanding general, AND Col. Mark McPherson, USASAM dean, cut the ribbon to open the newly renovated classrooms at USASAM Sept. 27.

## School of Aviation Medicine opens renovated classrooms

By Jenny Stripling  
Lyster Army Health Clinic  
Public Affairs

The U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its newly remodeled Aviation medicine classrooms Sept. 27.

Guest speaker for the event, Maj. Gen. Brian Lein, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School Health Readiness Center of Excellence commanding general, cut the ribbon along with Col. Mark McPherson, USASAM dean, and 1st Sgt. James Conway, USASAM.

The original classrooms were built in 1984. The renovated USASAM classrooms are a \$4.9 million, 18-month project now offering state-of-the-art technology, including computers at every station, projection and speaker systems and video teleconference capabilities.

The upgrade also includes the classrooms at the DUSTOFF Training Complex – where flight paramedics and USASAM Joint Enroute Care Course students receive all go-to-war training, and where medical skillsets are operationalized to the Aviation mission.

Last year USASAM trained 2,497 Aviation Soldiers on the aeromedical factors affecting flight and the human body and trained 493 medical personnel on how to perform medical operations in the flight environment.

# PIGSKIN PICKS



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Tennessee  
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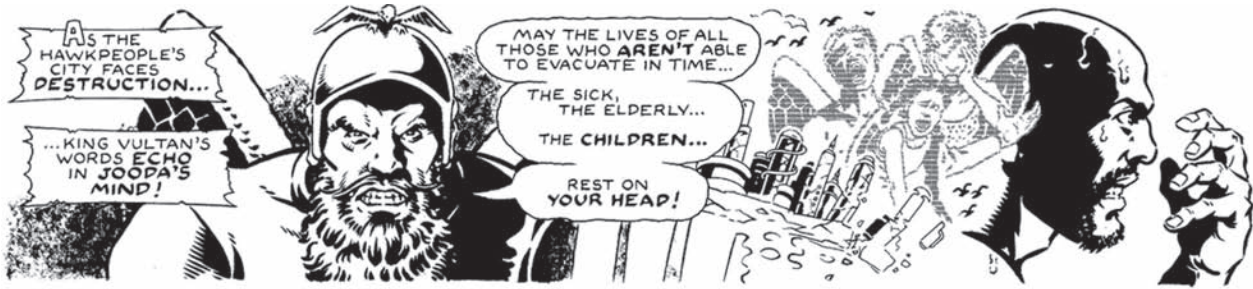
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 Capt. Jason Jordan 6th MP (17-11)							
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# DOWN TIME



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

# T R I V I A

1. MOVIES: What two movies were the highest-grossing films of all time worldwide?
2. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's plays features the character of Shylock?
3. ANATOMY: In which part of the human body is the stirrup bone located?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is the seventh planet from the Sun in our solar system?
5. ENTERTAINERS: In what year did singer Elvis Presley die?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone associated with November?
7. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the first female deity, according to Greek mythology?
8. MUSIC: Mark Knopfler is best known as lead singer of what rock group?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What U.S. state is closest to Russia?
10. ANTHROPOLOGY: What is Lascaux site in southern France famous for?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

I WILL NOT BE A PART OF THIS!

### ACROSS

- 1 School, in Soissons  
6 Paquin of "X-Men"  
10 Mascara enhances it  
14 Impertinent  
19 Volcano emissions  
20 Tackiness  
22 Spanish for "milk"  
23 Letter after phi, chi, psi  
24 Person in a sit-in, say  
25 Skin soothers  
26 Period to remember  
27 "The Matrix" star  
29 — healthy pace  
30 It made the Ciera, briefly  
31 Being hauled to the station  
32 Unit of binary digits  
34 2004-12 Fox medical drama  
36 St. — University (Philadelphia school)  
38 Girders, often  
42 Very easy  
45 Zany

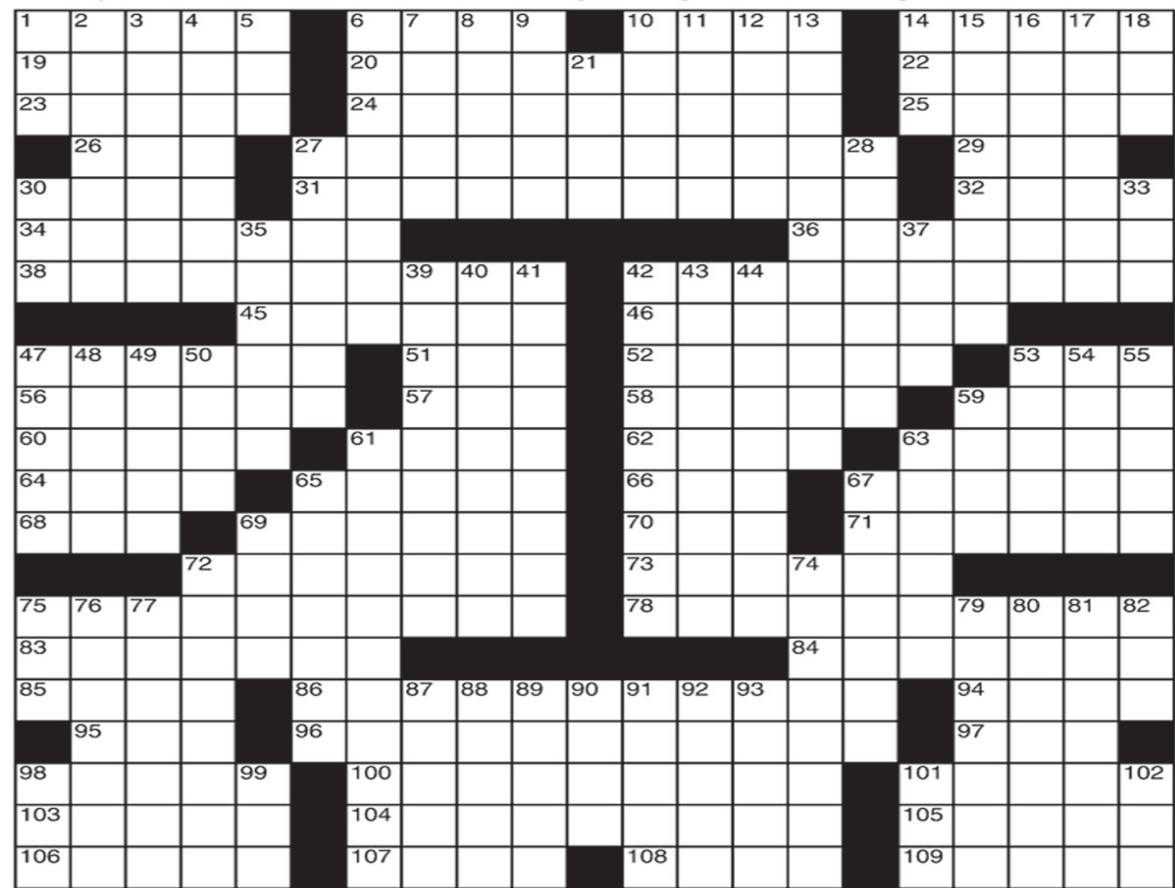
- 46 Beef cattle with back humps  
47 Musical mix  
51 Tony winner Hagen  
52 Rubble of Bedrock  
53 Upscale German ride  
56 Dawn  
57 Tic — (wee mint)  
58 Correct, as text  
59 Not exciting  
60 Seizes  
61 Summoned by invitation  
62 Like grass at dawn, often  
63 Quench  
64 Old hi-fi format  
65 Bigwig  
66 "— you sleeping?"  
67 National Mall's vicinity  
68 Question  
69 Tijuana wife  
70 —Mart (retail titan)  
71 Redford with many roles  
72 Butcher knife  
73 After a lengthy delay  
75 "Heavens!"

- 78 "Yankeeography" cable channel  
83 Wife on "The Sopranos"  
84 19th-century stage actress Charlotte  
85 Part of UAR  
86 Property liquidations  
94 Dawn's direction  
95 Gene material  
96 Span  
97 "Say what?" sounds  
98 Terre —  
100 Elec. flow in power supplies  
101 Allan— ("Robin Hood" minstrel)  
103 Stared at lecherously  
104 Class writing assignment  
105 ESPN baseball analyst  
106 Plants often extirpated  
107 Spear  
108 Pietà mother  
109 Della of song

### DOWN

- 1 "Do Ya" rock gp.  
2 "C'est Moi" musical  
3 Late  
4 Celebrity chef Emeril  
5 That, to Juan  
6 Attached  
7 U.S.-Canada air-watch org.  
8 0% of the group  
9 Pianist Rubinstein  
10 Hair removal tool  
11 Fall flower  
12 Singer Winwood  
13 Old "Tonight Show" intro  
14 Ga. neighbor  
15 Puts a new tag on  
16 Subspecies adapted to a particular habitat  
17 Sword cases  
18 "— my brother"  
21 Prefix with 32-Across  
27 Campfire spiritual song  
28 Raided  
30 Cries of insight  
33 Suffix with shepherd  
35 Glue brand  
37 Don't budge  
39 Superior to  
40 People fighting los toros  
41 They're between "Alt" keys  
42 Faded, as an emotion  
43 24 images per second, for most films  
44 Goodbyes  
47 Volcanic rock material  
48 Greek coins  
49 Sipped, say  
50 Gray wolf  
53 Siren sound  
54 Constructor  
55 Spell, e.g.  
59 Spill secrets  
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65 Taunting type  
67 He created Whoville  
69 Dark purple fruit  
72 Fought against  
74 Lineage

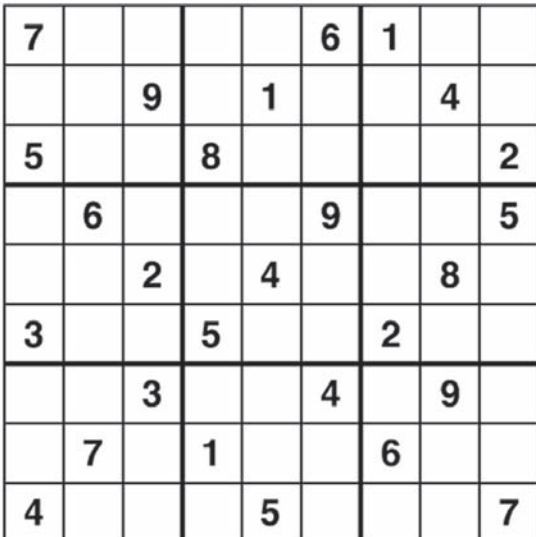
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76 Gridiron gain  
77 Bit of sand  
79 Coax  
80 Largest city in the Cornhusker St.  
81 Grapples, in the sticks  
82 Chess piece: Abbr.  
87 "Be silent," musically  
88 Ghana's largest city  
89 Glove part  
90 Wyatt of the Wild West  
91 "Gitt!"  
92 Corn pancake of Colombia  
93 Solitary soul  
98 "— so?"  
99 Masthead VIPs  
101 "Which is longer, — B?"  
102 Body part that's a homophone of the vowel that is totally absent from this puzzle's answer



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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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# KID's CORNER



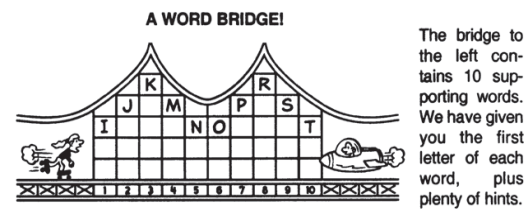
HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME is a famous proverb. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "W" in the bottom rail, "Words will never cease."

A COIN CONUNDRUM! Jimmy has a bag that contains 50 coins. The total value of these coins is \$1. Can you tell how many quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies are in the bag?

THE "C" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. Roman numeral for 100.
2. Symbol for calcium.
3. A metal container.
4. Peruvian native.
5. Making a hole in one.
6. Type of chair repair.
7. Moving rhythmically.
8. Examining eggs for freshness.



1. Anger; wrath.  
2. Brewed coffee (sl).  
3. Small, covered newsstand.  
4. Found in all restaurants.  
5. Zero, or nothing.  
6. To make a choice or decision.  
7. Top of the head.  
8. A large, black bird.  
9. A large, flat-bottomed boat.  
10. A type of hat.

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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# Army doctors: Medics may face fewer resources, increased role

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — During a visit to Afghanistan in 2009, then-Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told troops at Camp Leatherneck of his goal to provide the same adherence to the golden hour in Afghanistan that was, at the time, being practiced in Iraq.

He was referring to a standard of care that gets Soldiers to advanced-level treatment facilities within the first critical 60 minutes of being wounded, thereby greatly increasing their odds of survival.

Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Joseph Carvalho Jr. said that the golden hour standard of care might not always be possible in future conflicts and even in current humanitarian operations in austere environments, where treatment is far away in terms of time and distance.

One such place, he said, is Africa, where Soldiers operate in small teams, sometimes with just one medic. There are not very many nongovernmental health organizations operating on that vast continent, and hospitals are few and far between, he explained.

In parts of Africa and other austere places, he said, the gold standard of one hour may come to mean “six hours” instead.

Carvalho and others spoke Sept. 22, at the Association of the United States Army’s Institute of Land Warfare hot topic: “Army Medicine: Enabling Army Readiness Today



ARMY PHOTO

**Spc. Luis Candelaria, middle, and Spc. Deborah Drullard, right, 407th Ambulance Company, teach Chadian combat medics tactical combat casualty care techniques at the Hospital Military D’ Instruction in N’Djamena, Chad, in 2014.**

and Tomorrow.”

Col. Jim Czarnik, U.S. medical liaison to the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence and U.S. Army surgeon general consultant for Operational Medicine, said getting used to operating in austere environments can be challenging.

Czarnik, who served as the command surgeon of U.S. Army Africa Command on his previous assignment, said those who entered the Army medical community after the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were already under-way are experienced in operating in environments where the golden hour response time is possible.

The Army medical community, he said, has become accustomed to quick MedEvac flights to nearby forward operating bases, working with medical equipment left behind by previous units, and operating in advanced medical facilities.

Very little of that exists or is practical in Africa, where small, mobile teams are widely disbursed across a continent that’s nearly 30 times the size of Iraq and Afghanistan combined.

“Commanders accustomed to the golden hour are being told there’s nothing there,” and that’s quite a change for them, Czarnik said.

The new reality of medical delivery in austere environments doesn’t involve the construction of new medical treatment facilities. And with the small mobile teams operating in Africa, it also doesn’t include bringing along expensive and bulky medical equipment.

Instead, small medical teams will need to learn to use the existing medical infrastructure, supplies and medicines of host nations, Czarnik said.

Where certain host-nation capabilities are lacking, such as in transportation for casualties, locally contracted services will need to be used, he said. Also, the Army will probably look to nongovernmental health organizations to fill in the gaps, as they did during the Ebola crisis in west Africa.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald C. Ecker, who serves as the command sergeant major of Army Medical Command and the senior enlisted advisor to the Army surgeon general, said with the new reality of medical care, the importance of the medic’s role within small teams will grow, and his or her training and expertise will be relied on to a greater than ever degree.

The Army will need to help medics expand beyond the skills they currently possess, he said.

Today’s medics are “hungry to learn more and we’re passionate about feeding their hunger.”

Doing that, Ecker said, will involve providing them with more advanced medical training than they are currently receiving and getting them certifications and licenses. They will need to acquire, for instance, a better understanding of physiology and pharmacology.

“We want to allow them to work at the highest scope of practice in clinical environments and get solid pre-deployment training,” he added.

Also, medics will need to be empowered with more leadership authority, Ecker said. Well-trained medics of the future should be able to advise their platoon leaders on who should and who shouldn’t move forward on an assault, since they know current conditions of their Soldiers better than anyone.

## Cardiac Cops

Continued from Page D1

aggressively pushed against their opponents and managed to get right up on the opposing goal line, but an interception on the next play stopped them in their tracks.

The MPs took their newfound possession and managed to push for 1st down after 1st down to inch closer to the opposing end zone. They managed to get a clean pass into the end zone for their second touchdown and extra point to take the lead, 13-0.

The 1-11th Avn. had their work cut out for them as the 2-minute warning sounded for the half, and though they managed to push downfield during their possession, the 6th MP’s defense proved to be too strong as they kept the pressure on.

The MPs managed another interception to retake possession just before the clock ran down, but they couldn’t manage another touchdown before the half

ended, still leading 13-0.

The 1-11th received to start the half and got off to a good start, managing to push against their opponents for a 1st and goal opportunity.

This was their chance to get back in the game, and the 6th MPs held strong, but their defense wasn’t enough to stop the 1-11th from breaking through for their first score.

The MPs took possession and were determined to maintain their lead, but the 1-11th Avn. defense started to tighten up, slowing their opponent’s advance, but it wasn’t enough to stop the 6th MP’s advance as they pushed closer to the end zone.

The 1-11th defense managed to hold the MPs to a 4th down, but they left two receivers wide open near the goal line on the play, allowing the 6th MPs another touchdown to extend their lead to 19-6.

The 1-11th came back strong during their possession and managed a 35-yard run to set them up with a 1st and

goal opportunity. The 1-11th quarterback managed to push past the opposing defense to score on the play and make the score 19-12 with less than 2 minutes in the game.

The MPs took possession determined not to give up their lead, but 1-11th’s defense managed to hold them off and force a punt and regain possession with a few precious seconds remaining in the game.

The 6th MPs managed an interception on the next play, but a penalty for roughing the quarterback returned possession to the 1-11th, offering another chance at redemption.

With seconds remaining, the 1-11th managed to get a long bomb off into the opposing end zone for a touchdown to close the score to 1 point. They couldn’t complete the comeback, though, as the extra point attempt was unsuccessful.

The 6th MPs retook possession and ran down the remaining 12 seconds of the game for the victory.

**BRIEFS**

**Rucker Lanes construction**

The Rucker Lanes is undergoing construction now through Nov. 1 to improve the facility. The snack bar and bingo corner should remain operational, but might experience some limited unavailability. Bowling will be open for regular business hours now-Oct. 23 and closed again Oct. 24-31. Construction is scheduled to be finished and Rucker Lanes will be operating at regular business hours starting

Nov. 1. An updated operational status will be posted at the bowling center, on the bowling center marquee and on the Fort Rucker MWR Facebook page.

For more information, call 255-9503.

**Fort Rucker PFC renovations**

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 4605, will undergo a minor renovation project to paint the front entrance lobby area Monday-Oct. 16. During this timeframe, the front entrance doors, lobby area and hallway will be closed to all patrons. The entrance and front desk operations will move to the gymnasium exit doors located closest to the front parking lot. The racquetball hallway can be utilized to access the locker rooms. The front entrance area will reopen Oct. 17.

For more information, call 255-2296.

# PIGSKIN PICKS

Tennessee vs. Texas A&M

Alabama vs. Arkansas

Florida State vs. Miami

Texas vs. Oklahoma

Auburn vs. Mississippi State

Army vs. Duke

Georgia vs. South Carolina

<div><b>Kent Anger</b> DPTMS (21-7)</div>							
<div><b>Todd Conyers</b> USAACE (19-9)</div>							
<div><b>Jeff Frey</b> NCOA (14-14)</div>							
<div><b>Wes Hamilton</b> NEC (19-9)</div>							
<div><b>John Tkac</b> DPS (19-9)</div>							

## Super Crossword

Answers

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Answer

7	2	8	4	9	6	1	5	3
6	3	9	2	1	5	7	4	8
5	4	1	8	7	3	9	6	2
8	6	7	3	2	9	4	1	5
1	5	2	6	4	7	3	8	9
3	9	4	5	8	1	2	7	6
2	8	3	7	6	4	5	9	1
9	7	5	1	3	8	6	2	4
4	1	6	9	5	2	8	3	7

## TRIVIA

Answers

1. "Avatar" and "Titanic"
2. "The Merchant of Venice"
3. The car
4. Uranus
5. 1977
6. Topaz or citrine
7. Gaia
8. Dire Straits
9. Alaska
10. Ancient cave paintings

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