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LEARNING 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Beta Club members paint bear, learn leadership, collaboration

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

As dozens of Fort Rucker Elementary School students took paint to bear to give Sgt. Ted E. Bear a new costume for Halloween, the children learned more than just how good the Fort Rucker icon looks clad in his new Ninja Turtle costume.

The FRES junior Beta Club members got the unique opportunity to get the post bear ready for Halloween, but the project wasn't just a chance for the children to get their hands dirty, but a valuable lesson in service leadership, according to Katherine Nelson, FRES reading specialist and Beta sponsor.

Nelson said that the Beta Club, which was originally started in South Carolina in the early 1900s, focuses much of its lesson on service leadership – teaching children leadership through service.

So when the school was approached with the idea of painting the bear, they jumped at the opportunity, she said.

"These are leaders, and we're training them to be leaders, so we give them opportunities like (painting the bear), so they have to work together," she said. "(Beta

also focuses on scholarship, so part of the requirements to be a junior Beta, which is made up of fourth, fifth and sixth graders, is to have a good academic record, to be responsible and show good citizenship."

Nelson said the students were excited to get the chance to paint Sgt. Ted E. Bear, and the toughest decision they had to make was which Ninja Turtle they wanted him to be for Halloween – Michelangelo.

Painting the bear isn't the club members' first time getting their hands dirty with work to benefit the community. In the past, the FRES Junior Beta Club has also worked on possible names for the new elementary school, which was presented to the school board, they collected books for the flood victims in Elba and this year they're collecting socks for the Soktober Project, which will be donated to the Dale Rescue Mission for families in need.

"We have a real diverse kind of focus, and as you go through the country and look at different Beta organizations, you see different focuses because they can focus on the areas of need in their specific community," said Nelson, adding that the focus for the students at FRES is on working together.

For Kalista Butler, sixth grade Junior



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Students of the Fort Rucker Elementary School Junior Beta Club paint Sgt. Ted E. Bear Friday. He is now painted as a Ninja Turtle just in time for Halloween.

Beta Club member, that focus on working together is what will help her to develop skills needed to be the leader she hopes to one day become.

"I want to be able to help people around the community and help to make a difference," she said. "We work on leadership skills and we do community projects, like the Soktober Project, and Beta Club has taught me how to be a good leader."

That level of dedication from each student is part of the ideals that Nelson said she hopes to be able to instill in the students as they learn.

"Working together is a 21st century skill," said the Beta sponsor. "You have to learn to collaborate and work with people and communicate, and if you can do that these kids will going be able to have a productive future."

AHEAD OF THE GAME

Cairns integrates new air traffic surveillance system

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

In a profession where seconds matter, Fort Rucker is staying ahead of the game as it integrates a new air traffic surveillance system to the Army's busiest airfield.

Cairns Army Airfield now operates a new, state-of-the-art surveillance system, Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast, which is a satellite-based, digital surveillance system that uses GPS technology to determine an aircraft's location, airspeed and other data, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

"To simplify it, this is our means of tracking targets utilizing satellite technology," said Rick Rehm, Cairns Army Radar Approach Con-



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Radar controllers at the Cairns Army Radar Approach Control facility operate with the new ADS-B surveillance system as they track aircraft in the airspace around south Alabama.

trol facility chief. "In the past, our only way of painting aircraft is actually showing them displayed on a radar scope and then secondary radar, which works off the transponder in the aircraft."

"Digital surveillance involves utilizing a combination of radars and ground sensors to enhance the de-

tection capabilities of the primary radar," added Christopher Angle, Cairns ARAC operations supervisor.

Rehm, who's been a part of the ARAC for 21 years, said the new capability increases safety and allows for better coverage when compared

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USAJOBS
"WORKING FOR AMERICA"
ARMY GRAPHIC

ACS workshop dissects federal hiring process

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

Job seekers interested in federal government employment have the opportunity to gain an edge in the hiring process by attending an upcoming Army Community Service workshop.

How can a workshop better equip job seekers?

"The answer lies in the 'Ten Step' method popularized by Kathryn Troutman, renowned expert on the federal hiring process," said Mike Kozlowski, ACS employment readiness manager. "Troutman and her team teach this method to staff representing a wide variety of federal agencies, and her tips and techniques have the support of (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center) staffing specialists worldwide.

According to Kozlowski, by following her method job seekers will:

1. Be better able to understand the process by which hiring officials and staffing specialists go through to list and fill federal positions;
2. Be able to hunt jobs based on their specific experiences and qualifications;
3. Know the importance of including accomplishment statements on their federal résumés and why doing so is critically important;
4. Be able to craft impactful USAJOBS.gov outline-based federal résumés, which bring out their KSAs – Knowledge, Skills and Abilities – in a more effective way than before; and
5. Understand the import of the follow-up when tracking the progress of their application packets.

The workshop, open to active duty Soldiers, their spouses and family members, retirees, and current civil service and non-appropriated fund employees, takes place Oct. 28 from 8:15-11:30 a.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284.

Kozlowski said attendees need only bring a thirst for knowledge.

"There is nothing that workshop attendees need to bring to this workshop," he said. "All materials will be provided to them at the start of the workshop including pad folios, pens and a free copy of

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FILE PHOTO

T-Roy, the mascot of the Troy Trojans, interacts with Fort Rucker Soldiers at a Salute to Armed Forces football game in 2012. Troy University will again host its military appreciation day Nov. 12, featuring free admission for all military ID card holders to its home game vs. Appalachian State University. Soldiers and family members interested in going to the game need to get the free tickets they will need to be admitted to the game from MWR Central in Bldg. 5700. For more information, call Troy at 334-670-5991 or MWR Central at 255-2997.

PERSPECTIVE

SMA: Cohesive teams will thrive in ambiguity

By Sgt. Maj. of the Army
Daniel A. Dailey
For Army News Service

Gen. Mark A. Milley, the 39th chief of staff of the Army, has said “readiness is our No. 1 priority...there is no other No. 1.”

As the world becomes increasingly complex, it is difficult to predict the next challenge to American interests and, therefore, difficult to prepare our Army for what may lie ahead, so we must be prepared for anything, anytime, anywhere.

Whether we are fighting Ebola in Liberia or fighting the spread of ISIS, the nation continues to ask our Army to perform a diverse number of combat and non-combat missions. However, the increasing complexity we face does not negate our responsibility to meet the needs of our nation.

Where the Army once prepared for what was termed AirLand Battle, it must now prepare leaders to be creative and adaptive in order to thrive in chaos and ambiguity. In order to build readiness, our policies, procedures, and culture require the Army to prepare today’s leaders for future challenges.

Efforts are under way at the Army Training and Doctrine Command, Army Material Command, Army Human Resource Command and Army Medical Command to enhance the Army’s overall readiness posture by doing just that.

In a future marked by uncertainty, the individual, the team and the institution need to understand the responsibility each has in making our Army a force fit to fight and able to deter our potential adversaries, assure our allies and defeat our enemies when called to do so.

A FIT FORCE STARTS WITH INDIVIDUAL READINESS

I often say, “We win wars between 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.” By this, I mean I expect a team that does challenging physical fitness every morning will also be a team that is better postured to accomplish their mission.

I have seen how physical training can bond individuals into teams like no other experience besides combat. I visit units all over the world and make it a point to do physical training with them on each trip.

Over the last year, I have observed that when PT is tough and realistic, and the leaders and Soldiers are enthusiastic about it,



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MARCUS FICHTL

Special operations Soldiers head toward their objective during Jackal Stone 2016 in Tbilisi, Georgia, Aug. 15.

you can expect better overall performance and efficiency from the organization. It prepares the team – body, mind and spirit – for the challenges of the day and those of the future.

I believe cohesive teams will thrive in the ambiguity we will face in the future. For that reason, physical fitness is an indicator of the overall readiness of a unit. Building cohesive teams through tough realistic training sets the tone for the day and the organization, will reduce conduct issues, and gives leaders more time to focus on improving war-fighting skills.

The result is Soldiers who are mentally, emotionally and physically fit to withstand the rigors required as members of the Profession of Arms.

EVERY SOLDIER READY TO ANSWER OUR NATIONS CALL

I often ask myself, what are Soldiers for? It is simple, Soldiers are warriors who must be physical and mentally prepared to fight and win our nations wars when called upon by our leaders. They must not only be able to deter and defeat our adversaries but they also must assure our allies we are prepared.

Each and every Soldier has the responsibility to maintain their individual readiness and with the scale and pace of the Army’s downsizing increasing each Soldier’s significance also increases. We need every Soldier

ready to accomplish their assigned mission, every Soldier on our team counts.

We have a significant number of Soldiers who are non-deployable. The causes vary, but the primary reason they cannot deploy is due to a medical issue, typically a temporary illness or injury. No one will argue we need Soldiers and leaders focused on building readiness on their individual and collective tasks, but we also need to monitor medical readiness closely.

Army Medical Command is in the midst of redesigning their personnel readiness reporting system, which I think will help us develop a clear picture of our true readiness state, allowing commanders to have more control over their Soldiers’ well-being, and help keep Soldiers accountable for their own health and fitness, as it relates to their deployable status.

Improving how we track and report Individual Medical Readiness allows for action on the part of the commander and the individual. To that end, we have instituted the Commanders’ Portal, a mandatory digital tool for commanders and healthcare personnel that consolidates data into a single place, which enables intervention by commanders on individual and unit readiness.

The portal gives commanders the ability to manage deficient IMR issues, determine deployable statuses, and communicate with healthcare providers concerning issues with

their Soldiers.

The Army cannot do our nation’s business if our Soldiers do not stand ready to do it. We are our nation’s credentials and although the size of our force has changed, our mission has remained the same for over 240 years: “This We’ll Defend.”

SOLDIERS ARE SOLDIERS FOR LIFE

Investing in our Soldiers training and education not only builds readiness, it is also an investment in our future as an Army. Our Soldiers have and continue to receive the best training and education in the world.

Our NCO Corps is the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world at what they do. For over 240 years, our Army has demonstrated the need and value of a professionally trained and educated enlisted force.

Since our inception in 1775 until today, the need to decentralize operations on the battlefield has increased incrementally. From the linear formations used during the revolutionary war to the widespread operations of WWII to the complex decentralized operations of the current fight, we have and will continue to ask more of our Soldiers and NCO’s.

Our Soldiers have demonstrated their ability to take on increasing levels of responsibility and prevailed. This was not done by happenstance. Our Soldiers have been able to bear this additional weight and succeed due to the decades of investment made in them by our Army and our nation.

Today, that need still exists and one might argue it is and will expand in the future. First and foremost we must continue to invest in our Soldiers by providing them with the best training and education possible through innovate programs like NCO 2020, Army University and the One Army School System. These programs and initiatives will increase the lethality and capability of our enlisted force well into the future.

Secondly, we must capitalize our investment by continuing to find ways to expand equivalent civilian credentials and academic accreditation for the world class training and education we provide. Credentialing and collegiate accreditation of our enlisted programs is an investment in our future as an Army and demonstrates to the American people the value of service beyond service; “Soldiers for Life!”

Rotor Wash



Maricela Ramirez,
FRES student

“My favorite Halloween activity is making my costume. We don’t like to buy our costumes, we like to make them.”



Madison Morrison,
FRES student

“Spending time with my family and going trick or treating with them.”



Rihanna Evans,
FRES student

“My favorite Halloween activity is carving pumpkins.”



Christine Hoh,
FRES student

“My favorite activity is to make Jack-O-Lanterns.”



Hannah Westmoreland,
FRES student

“I really like costume shopping and I really like trick-or-treating – it’s fun.”

“Halloween is just around the corner. What are some of your favorite Halloween or October activities?”

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DOD: Iraq, Syria make significant strides countering ISIL

By Terri Moon Cronk
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WASHINGTON — In Syria and Iraq, local ground forces backed by the U.S.-led coalition have made significant progress over the past few days in the fight to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook told reporters Tuesday.

On Monday in northern Syria, Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces, supported by the coalition, liberated six towns and villages from ISIL, including the town of Dabiq.

“Freeing Dabiq over the weekend holds military and symbolic significance,” Cook said. “Dabiq was so important to ISIL’s propaganda machine that the terror group’s magazine was named after this town.”

ISIL conducted barbaric atrocities in Dabiq, and even claimed its final victory will take place there, the press secretary said. “Instead, its forces have been defeated in Dabiq, just as they have been in territory across Syria and in Iraq,” he said.

“We applaud the Turkish and Syrian opposition forces that took part in the battle to liberate the people of Dabiq from ISIL oppression,” Cook said, and referred to Defense Secretary Ash Carter’s statement Monday in which the secretary said the Department of Defense particularly appreciates “the close coordination we’ve had with Turkey in this effort.”



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ISF OPS FOR MOSUL BEGIN

This morning in Iraq, Prime Minister (Haider)Abadi announced that Iraqi forces, with the support of the counter-ISIL coalition, began operations to liberate Mosul at 6 a.m., Baghdad time.

“This is a decisive moment in the counter-ISIL campaign,” Cook said. “It is in Mosul that ISIL’s leader chose to announce its so-called caliphate. Mosul is also, historically, a diverse, multi-ethnic, multi-sectarian city, precisely the opposite of ISIL’s hate-filled ideology. So, Mosul carries a great deal of symbolic importance in this fight as well.”

More than just a symbol, Cook said, Mosul is also a city of more than a million people. In the two years since ISIL took control

of the city, its terrorist members have brutalized the city’s population, committing horrific atrocities.

“This is a fight to free hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqis from ISIL’s rule,” he said.

‘IRAQIS FIRMLY IN THE LEAD’

“This fight is taking place with Iraqi firmly in the lead, including thousands of Iraqi army personnel, counterterrorism forces, federal police (and) Kurdish peshmerga and Sunni tribal forces (who) are also playing a critical role in this fight,” Cook said.

The Iraqi forces have the support of an international counter-ISIL coalition of 60

nations led by the United States, which is providing advice and assistance, logistical support, intelligence and precision airpower.

Cook noted the coalition has conducted more than 54,000 training cycles for Iraqi forces and executed more than 10,000 precision strikes in Iraq – including more than 70 in the Mosul area just this month. The Iraqi forces will have the continued support of the coalition as they move forward.

“The role of U.S. and coalition forces will continue to be one of supporting the (Iraqis),” he said.

MOSUL LIBERATION COULD TAKE TIME

“We are on the first day of what we assume will be a difficult campaign that could take some time,” Cook said, before adding that early indications are that Iraqi forces have so far met their objectives and are ahead of schedule for this first day.

“This is going according to the Iraqi plan, but again, it’s early, and the enemy gets a vote here,” he said.

“We will see whether ISIL stands and fights,” the press secretary continued. “We are confident no matter what, however, the Iraqis have the capabilities to get this job done, and we stand ready to support them along with the rest of the coalition.”

Cook added, “It is in our interest that they succeed, and we will do what we can to help them.”

Training manual helps Army improve readiness

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army recently introduced a new version of its premier training manual to help leaders from sergeants to generals improve their unit’s readiness.

“Train to Win in a Complex World” is the title of the new Field Manual 7-0. The digital field manual explains Army training strategies and new initiatives for assessing Army training readiness. What’s more, the manual offers links to online training resources.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley said the new field manual will help the force achieve his No. 1 priority – readiness.

“Training is the key task to improve our readiness,” he said. “Realistic, hard, rigorous, repetitive training increases combat performance and reduces friendly casualties. Read, understand and use (the manual).”

Col. Steve York is the director of Training Management Directorate, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the organization that wrote the new Field Manual 7-0.



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“The field manual is the primary source for leaders – non-commissioned officers to division commanders – to find the information they need on how to conduct successful training,” York said. “It gives Soldiers the ability to pick up a single-source document that tells them how to plan, prepare, execute and assess training events.”

The field manual details how to plan training events, conduct training meetings, write after-action reports and carry out many other training tasks. Field Manual 7-0 will not be published in

book form. Soldiers can read the field manual online or download it from the Army Training Network, where it can be under the What’s Hot section, or the Army Publishing Directorate, where it can be found in the Field Manual section.

Field Manual 7-0 links to Army Training Network’s many resources, including instructional videos, mission-essential task lists, training and evaluation outlines, and best training practices.

“The field manual and online resources will help leaders at every stage of the training process,”

York said.

The new Field Manual 7-0 reflects the Army’s transition from preparing units at training centers for a specific mission in Iraq or Afghanistan to training to set standards. The manual will help leaders who have never conducted standards-based training and leaders whose training planning skills have atrophied, York said.

“(Field Manual 7-0) states that the unit commander is at the center of the plan-prepare-execute-assess cycle and much of the training will occur at home station,” he said.

The new field manual also makes training proficiency ratings more specific and more objective. The old proficiency ratings of T (trained), P (needs practice), and U (untrained) have been replaced with T (fully trained), T- (trained), P (practiced), P- (marginally practiced), and U (untrained). The change is designed to give leaders a more accurate picture of their unit’s readiness.

Though it’s new, the field manual returns to time-tested training concepts such as battle-focused training and hip-pocket training.

Battle-focused training meets

the commander’s guidance while taking into account limited time and resources. The concept helps leaders understand the responsibility for, and links between, collective mission essential tasks and the individual tasks. The field manual points to online resources to help leaders conduct battle-focused training.

Hip-pocket training usually consists of individual tasks on which the unit can train during inactive periods. Ideally, leaders train these selected tasks in 15 to 30 minutes. The field manual provides examples of hip-pocket training.

By combining the old and new, Field Manual 7-0 shows Army leaders how to conduct training that will help their Soldiers successfully complete their missions.

“The field manual blends long-established training practices with online training resources to meet the Army’s training readiness goals,” York said.

Field Manual 7-0 is available on the Army Publishing Directorate website, <https://armypubs.army.mil>, and on the Army Training Network at <https://atn.army.mil>.

News Briefs

Motorcycle fall ride

The 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, 110th Aviation Brigade Motorcycle Mentorship Program will host its fall ride to Panama City Beach, Florida, Friday with a 7:15 a.m. pre-ride brief at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum parking lot and the ride will depart at 8:15 a.m. The ride is open to all Fort Rucker Soldiers and civilians who have all required documentation and personal protective equipment for on- and off-post riding. For more information, call 255-2146.

Chiropractic open house

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

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 Friday for judging. Lyster will host a breast cancer awareness event at the clinic Friday 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.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fort Rucker will provide people the opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The Fort Rucker community can bring unused or unwanted prescription drugs for disposal to the Fort Rucker Post Exchange in front of the barber shop. Liquids and needles cannot be accepted. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information, call 255-7509 or 255-7830.

German Liaison Oktoberfest

The German Liaison staff will host its Oktoberfest Saturday 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.

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.

Chili cookoff and more

Oct. 28, the Spooky 5k, Wounded Warrior Hunt award ceremony and Army Aviation Association of America Chili Cookoff will take place at Lake Tholocco. Spooky 5k registration and chili cooking will begin at 7:30 a.m.; Spooky 5k race will begin at 9 a.m.; Chili tasting opens to the public and a military working dog demonstration will take place at 10:30 a.m.; the Wounded Warrior Hunt closing ceremony will take place at 11 a.m.; chili judging will begin at noon; chili awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m. and events will come to a close at 2 p.m. Open to the public, the events will also feature children’s activities and inflatables, music and a rock climbing wall.

For more on the Spooky 5k, call 255-3794. For more on the chili cookoff, visit www.ruckeraaaa.com.

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.

Building dedication

The Training and Doctrine Command will host a building dedication at the Directorate of Training and Doctrine Liaison Office, Bldg. 4105, in honor of Bill Foley Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. Foley was the liaison point of contact officer for many years before his death April 2015.

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.

Holiday Bazaar

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club will host its annual Holiday Bazaar Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Yano Hall. Admission costs \$5 and all proceeds go towards the club’s scholarship and community grants program, according to FRCSC officials. The bazaar will feature more than 90 vendors, swag bags for the first 500 attendees and a visit from Santa Claus.

For more information, visit www.fortruckeresc.com.

Lost and found

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

ARMY LEADERS:

Technology will change way Army fights, ‘unburden’ Soldier

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The way ahead on modernization will involve everything from autonomous vehicles to artificial intelligence, Army leaders said at a panel in October.

Speaking at the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition, each of the leaders linked the Army’s modernization efforts to its overall goal of readiness.

ASA(ALT) PERSPECTIVE

Asked how technology will change the way the Army fights, acting assistant secretary of the Army Katharina G. McFarland called the Soldier “our primary weapon.” The role of technology, she said, would be to unburden the soldier.

McFarland said the Army’s new Rapid Capabilities Office and other acquisition methods that streamline the process will enable new technologies to come to the fore.

“We need to make him able to spend more time thinking rather than doing,” she said. “We need to think about how we create an environment that allows him to have an extension of himself. Those things are related to autonomy.”

By autonomy, she meant the unmanned ground and aerial systems that can extend a Soldier’s reach on the battlefield.

In her remarks, McFarland listed a host of technology-enabled goals that the Army has already set out to accomplish:

- Enable formations to “aggregate and disaggregate quickly;”
- Improve overmatch in electronic warfare;
- Lessen the logistics and maintenance burden;
- Equip Soldiers with complete



ARMY PHOTO

Network and cyber modernization are big deals for the Army. Shown here, a brigade tactical operations center, or command post, supports the Army Network Integration Evaluation to support Soldier readiness in 2015 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

network and communications gear;

- Ensure that Soldiers have immediate and accurate positioning and navigation data in contested environments; and
- Implement strategies to remove the cyber capabilities of adversaries.

G-2 PERSPECTIVE

According to Lt. Gen. Robert P. Ashley Jr., deputy chief of staff, G-2, the Army has over the last decade, “been very additive” in terms of providing sensors and communications data for the Soldier.

“It’s almost become a burden,” he said.

The key to modernization for the Soldier, he said, will be to unburden him from some of that flood of data by “placing it on a machine” that can process the data and use it to provide the Soldier with meaningful solutions. That can be accomplished through machine learning and artificial intelligence systems.

Another area that needs im-

proving, Ashley said, is information sharing with coalition partners. Currently, much of the data that is collected goes to U.S.-only systems.

“When you think of all the (data) collection that you bring in when you process, exploit, and disseminate that information, it’s important that you can get it in near-real time to coalition partners and coalition users,” he continued.

The solution to exchanging information with coalition partners, he said, is to “federate” the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance data.

Federation, he explained, means requiring common data standards and processes to ensure that the many unique systems used by coalition partners can communicate with one another.

Another area the general said could use improvement is the realm of social media.

“When you look at all the things that come in through social

media, how do you track them?” Ashley said. “How do you look for a trend? How do you receive warnings?”

The general cited, as an example, people congregating in Tahrir Square in Cairo during the Arab Spring. At the time, intelligence agencies had no way of seeing or measuring what was going on, he said.

Had there been a way to track the chatter on social media being used by those who assembled, a clearer picture of what was going on would have emerged.

G-4 PERSPECTIVE

Lt. Gen. Gustave F. Perna, who served as the deputy chief of staff, G-4 until September and now serves commander of the Army Materiel Command, said the Army’s acquisition and requirements processes must be streamlined.

When it comes to acquisition, few people realize that 70 percent of the cost of a weapon or equipment system comes from

sustainment, he said. Just a small part of the cost comes from the research, development and purchase.

According to Perna, the solution is “more alignment between the requirements, generators and acquisition process early-on in teaming.”

Even before the acquisition process begins, he said, there should be sufficient Soldier testing to ensure the system is the right fit for the Soldier.

Asked to name the top three sustainment challenges the Army faces today, Perna replied, “First and foremost, we need to be able to maintain our own equipment on the battlefield.”

To do that, the Army must own the intellectual property rights, rather than depend on contractors, he said.

Soldiers must also be properly trained to maintain their own equipment, he added, and the Army must be prepared to counter enemy cyber threats to the supply chain.

Army tests new warfighting tech at Army Warfighting Assessment

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

FORT BLISS, Texas — The first full Army Warfighting Assessment, AWA 17.1, kicked off at Fort Bliss Monday.

The two-week exercise is meant to gather feedback from Soldiers on the performance of new warfighting capabilities, like robotics systems and autonomous weapons systems in a life-like combat situation, according to Maj. Gen. Terry McKenrick, commander of the Army’s Brigade Modernization Command.

“How well do these capabilities perform?” he said during a media day Friday, describing the questions the AWA is intended to answer. “Do they meet the requirements? Are the requirements right? Is there a way to make this capability better?”

Participants in AWA 17.1 include Soldiers from the regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve, as well as soldiers from the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Denmark and Italy.

During the AWA, Soldiers will implement 41 concepts and capabilities designed to meet 20 warfighting challenges posed by the Army. The exercise will be stopped three times so the Soldiers can provide insight on how the new capabilities helped or hindered the execution of their mission.

McKenrick said the feedback will be analyzed by the Brigade Modernization Command.

“We determine some findings and recommendations; we then brief that through a series of governance forms, and then it goes up to the Department of the Army, where senior leaders ... can prioritize and make decisions,” he said.

In some cases, the new capabilities will be fielded to the Army; in others, improvements will be called for; and in still others, the capability will be judged ineffective or

incapable of meeting the capability gap for which it was designed.

Capabilities being assessed at AWA 17.1 include unmanned aircraft systems, including the micro UAS, a “leader-follower” capability that is meant to increase the safety of convoy operations by limiting the number of drivers needed for vehicles.

The Army defines the 20 warfighting challenges that new capabilities like the micro UAS are meant to answer as “enduring first-order problems, the solutions to which (will) improve the combat effectiveness of the current and future force.”

“We vet every concept and capability for (network integration evaluations and AWAs) against those warfighting challenges, making sure we’re focused on solving the highest priority problems and gaps affecting our Army,” McKenrick said.

In the past, the Army conducted an array of NIEs, 11 in all, at a rate of two per year. Such evaluations are meant to determine how well equipment works within the existing Army network.

That’s not the goal of the AWA, McKenrick said. Its purpose is to examine how new concepts and capabilities integrate into the war fight, rather than whether equipment works on the Army network.

The AWA also brings in multi-national partners – because the Army doesn’t fight alone, McKenrick said.

The AWA is meant to further develop interoperability in a joint, inter-organizational, and multinational environment –one of the 20 warfighting challenges.

The AWA 17.1 is the first AWA, which is being held this year instead of an NIE. According to McKenrick, the Army will host one AWA and one NIE each year, in lieu of two NIEs a year.

In July the Army will host NIE 17.2 at Fort Bliss. The Army already has plans for AWA 18.1 and NIE 18.2, as well as AWA 19.1 and NIE 19.2.



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At Fort Bliss, Texas, Oct. 14, 2016, one tactical vehicle, with a driver, is followed automatically by another, without input from the passenger behind the wheel. The “leader-follower” vehicle concept is being evaluated during the Army Warfighter Assessment 17.1.

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CYBER EXPERTS:

Infiltrating installations – in a good way

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Cyber, a term used for sensors and other electronics in buildings and even in the environment, is the future for Army installations, said Katherine Hammack and other experts.

Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, spoke at the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exhibition Oct. 5.

Sensors in “smart buildings allow a lot of the things to run themselves,” said Hammack, whose background is in mechanical engineering.

“We have it in some buildings where you might see window shades come down at certain times by themselves at certain times of the day and dimming sensors along the perimeter,” she continued. “And, a lot of times they’re autonomous, not necessarily linked into other systems. But they sense what’s going on in their own environment, and, respond accordingly.”

Not having them linked into other systems, she implied, means there’s less chance for hackers to get in.

CYBER RESILIENCY

Dr. Patrick McDaniel, a professor at the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Pennsylvania State University, said “cyber is key to resiliency” of structures and the environment.

While the Army uses the term “resiliency” to usually denote the resiliency of Soldiers to overcome stress and improve readiness through such things as sleep, activity, nutrition and mental well-being, engineers use the term to refer to anticipating problems

before they become problems, he said.

For example, sensors placed in the ground can detect if the ground is too saturated. If the ground is sloped, that would anticipate a possible mudslide, he said.

Sensors installed in buildings might be able to predict structural problems months before they become potential catastrophes, he said.

Sensors are just one component of cyber, McDaniel explained. The other components are the transmission of the data to installation commanders and others who need it, and the hardware and software that analyze the data and provide meaningful results.

LIFE-CHANGING TECHNOLOGY

McDaniel compared cyber to computing 30 years ago when access to Internet was limited, as cyber on installations is now likewise limited. Then the explosive growth of Internet access occurred and, in the same way, he predicted cyber will, as well.

He also compared cyber to smartphone usage 25 years ago that soon allowed people “to divorce themselves from their geography.”

Cyber will become so pervasive on installations, McDaniel further predicted, that post commanders “will see who is on their installation, how much water and energy is being utilized, and how many Soldiers at what particular time are using various facilities.”

Also, installation commanders will be able to react in moments when a particular system on their post is under attack from the weather elements or people, he said. Right now, everything is done manually and is prone to failure.



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, speaks at the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exhibition Oct. 5.

But McDaniel had a warning about cyber on installations. Cyber, which is largely autonomous, will be “making decisions on our behalf.” You would want to control that to some extent by programming how cyber’s ability to reason is structured.

BUILDING FOR CYBER

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, P.E., chief of engineers and commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said the question he asks of his folks is, “How do we as smart engineers think ahead of cyber? Because there’s no way we’re going to be able to predict exactly what’s going to happen 10, 15, 20 years down the road.”

For example, he asked if buildings being built now will be able to handle new cabling, sensors and other infrastructure that goes with cyber, or will the structure need to be torn down and replaced.

The Corps has just put \$40 billion into new buildings since the last 2005 round of base realignment and closure, he said. Those buildings are going to be around for the next 40 years or so, and

there won’t be enough money to tear them down and rebuild.

Semonite said he and the Corps don’t have all the answers to what the future holds for structural design, so he said he’s appealing to industry partners to provide answers since they try to anticipate technologies that don’t yet exist.

The Corps’ current strategy, he added, is to design structures for multi-usage. For instance, a large building might have a few large offices, but it will mostly be open space for cubicles. This open space inside the building’s shell allows rearranging the interior in ways not yet anticipated for cyber.

Industry partners are already designing multi-use buildings, he continued. For example, workers might only need to come into work one day a week and telecommute the rest. So, office space is being designed accordingly.

FUNDING CHALLENGES

The big challenge, Semonite said, is funding. U.S. Army Installation Command took some

“drastic cuts” and so it’s been hard for them to put the money into these new cyber technologies that would eventually pay for themselves.

Hammack agreed. “We’re struggling to find some of the funding for that,” she said, adding that buildings are now literally falling apart for lack of funding to maintain them.

Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, assistant chief of staff for installation management, said “we’re trying to balance sustainment of existing infrastructure even as the Army builds new facilities” such as for U.S. Army Cyber Command, but it’s hard when the budget to do that dropped from \$4.7 billion in 2010 to \$1 billion today.

If sequestration continues, she added, that will only “accelerate facility degradation.”

ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

That cyber was a big topic at this year’s AUSA meeting is particularly noteworthy, Hammack said, since October also happens to be Energy Awareness Month.

Over the past 20 years, \$2 billion in energy-performance contract savings were realized, with \$1 billion of that just over the last five years, she noted.

Also, Strategy 2025 was released this month, which is a guide for future energy savings and readiness initiatives. Hammack said her office is already working on the outline for Strategy 2035.

She noted that Congress can play a positive role in energy savings by allowing the Army to divest itself of failing, under-utilized or unused infrastructure.

“We owe it to our men and women to ensure we have the best resources available for them,” she added.

‘Clockspeed dilemma’ hobbling Army cyber – partnerships may be answer

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Frustration with the pace of integrating new technologies within Army cyber can be likened to the “clockspeed dilemma,” a term applied recently to the auto industry, said Brig. Gen. Patricia Frost.

The once innovative auto industry has trouble keeping pace with new developments of autonomous vehicles, sensors and information technology gadgets going into their cars. Likewise, the Army has trouble keeping up with new cyber technologies used by adversaries against the United States, she said.

Frost, director of Cyber, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, spoke Oct. 5 at the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition.

The Army and the other services within the Department of Defense are hobbled by a slow acquisition system and bureaucracy that hamper the adoption of innovative ideas and new technologies, she said.

Adversaries are not as constrained, she warned, and “they are leaping ahead at a speed never seen in modern history.”

Raj Shah, director, Defense Innovation Unit Experimenta, who spent a decade as an Air Force cyber operator, agreed with Frost’s assessment. He said he could provide many examples of technology the Army has yet to adopt because of bureaucracy.

For instance, he said, he recently visited cyber Soldiers in the field, where he observed their intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance feeds running “slow and jerky.”

He asked the Soldiers about the problem and found they were running Windows XP, an old operating system. The Soldiers weren’t allowed to install the latest version because of the slow way in which security concerns were being addressed.

Shawn Wells, chief security strategist at Red Hat, also agreed with Frost and cited his own example of the clockspeed dilemma.

As an operator deployed to a combat zone with Marines, he said, source code verification was held up in the accreditation process.

In other words, the enemy might have been using an iPhone for command and control. Soldiers could monitor that. However, if the enemy switched to Android devices, the Soldiers had no way to monitor the traffic because they didn’t have accreditation to do so.

Wells said his company is now working to eliminate that type of problem through a public-private partnership.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, commander, Army Cyber Command and Second Army, said public-private partnerships are critical, because the Army and the Department

of Defense can “never keep pace with the innovations going on right now in the tech industry, not in the (science and technology)] world and not in the (research, development, testing and engineering) world.”

“That’s a little bit overstated,” he added, “but not too much.”

The Army, with a total science and technology budget of \$4 billion a year -- a figure that covers much more than cyber -- would never be able to go it alone when it comes to introducing new cyber technologies, he

said. The science and technology budgets of Microsoft, Google, AT&T and Verizon are all much larger than the Army’s.

The challenge with public-private partnerships in cyber is the current acquisition system, he said. “It just doesn’t work well.”

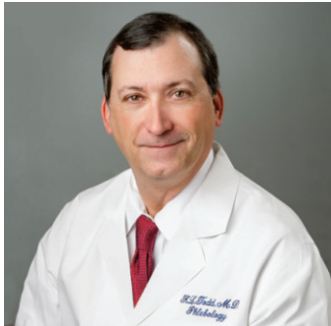
Cardon credited the current secretary of Defense with allowing the Army to use some innovative strategies outside of the current acquisition process to fund cyber projects.

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PACIFIC PATHWAYS

Exercises help Army put multi-domain into action

By Sean Kimmons
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Overseas training is helping groom Army units in the Pacific theater for future missions that may require cross-domain tactics to defeat enemies, according to senior leaders.

One set of exercises, Pacific Pathways, has allowed Army units to broaden their training as they deploy across the region for bilateral and multilateral drills with foreign militaries, while working with their sister services.

“We’re moving toward joint integration where we get out of our service stovepipes and look at all of the domains ... to present multiple dilemmas to an adversary,” Gen. Robert Brown, commander of U.S. Army Pacific, said while speaking at a panel discussion at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exhibition Oct. 5.

Things can get complicated, though, in a theater that covers over half the globe, with some of the world's most populous countries and largest armies. There are also hostile adversaries like North Korea testing nuclear weapons, extremist groups spreading terror tactics, and China and Russia pushing their influence into the region.

To counter future threats, the Army recently introduced a multi-domain battle concept that aims to give Soldiers the ability to adapt and present several challenges to enemies from land, sea, air and cyber.

Brown said that a multi-domain task force is currently being planned to maneuver land assets that could impact other domains in the region.

"It's clearly the way of the future," he said. "It can be very



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Soldiers assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, move a casualty toward a designated casualty collection point with their Republic of Korea Army counterparts during a platoon live fire training in March near the demilitarized zone in South Korea.

difficult for an enemy to handle multiple domains, and at the same time, it presents multiple options to our commanders and our national command authorities.”

Army multi-domain operations would hinge on a united front with the other services and their Pacific allies, according to the general.

"It would deter anybody from being stupid enough to try something against us," Brown said of the new concept. "They would be defeated because of our efforts and our joint integration that we can do that no one else can do."

The concept would eventually require massive upgrades to U.S. military systems in order to

share information to all partners involved.

“We didn’t grow up integrated the way we should be,” Brown said. “We have systems that can’t talk to each other within our own services, let alone between services themselves. It’s not an easy thing to accomplish.”

To help close gaps in today's partnerships, Army leaders kicked off Pacific Pathways in 2014, a three-part training event where a brigade-level unit and its equipment travels by sea and air to three countries back to back to join in large-scale exercises.

Training a combat-ready unit in another country not only improves multinational interoper-

ability, officials said, it also opens up the doors to other nations while showcasing the Army's strength to potential foes.

"If you want to enhance access, and if you want to provide reassurance to our partners and allies, having that forward presence during an operation is extremely important," Lt. Gen. Stephen Lanza, commander of I Corps, said during the discussion.

This year, three Pacific Pathway rotations are being carried out. Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, which Lanza also commands, had two Stryker BCTs take part in rotations in five different countries earlier this year.

In the three-month rotations,

DOD recognizes innovative initiatives to prevent sexual assault

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Staff Report

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department honors this year's exceptional groups and individuals from each military component who developed innovative approaches to improve sexual assault prevention programs.

The Sexual Assault Prevention Innovation Award recognizes service members and DOD civilians who have contributed efforts to improve the command climate by preventing sexual assault and other readiness impacting behaviors, according to officials.

“This year’s Prevention Innovation awardees have demonstrated impressive effort and passion to having a lasting impact on reducing sexual assault,” said Maj. Gen. Camille M. Nichols, director of the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

"The range of the types of projects put forward by all the awardees underscores the importance that we look at prevention as a multi-faceted effort," Nichols said.

The 2016 Sexual Assault Prevention Innovation Award awardees follow.

- **Army:** The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention team at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana, for their approach of focusing on the bystander for intervention, squad leader empowerment, and development of dynamic tools that promote awareness and prevention at the Soldier and squad level.
- **Marine Corps:** 1st Marine Logistics Group at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, for their collaboration with Combat Camera and the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator to develop “Just Another Night”, an interactive skit aimed at bystander intervention.
- **Navy:** Damon Pratt and Cmdr. Kim



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Donahue for their adapted approach for a “Take Back the Night” and “The Labyrinth” event that was relevant to the unique environment on the USS George Washington to prevent and ultimately end sexual, relationship and domestic violence in all forms.

- **Air Force:** Capt. Amara Adams for her development of the Victim Care, Outreach, Team development, and Evolution, or VOTE concept, a prevention model that ties into electoral promotions, while simplifying and rebranding “consent first” practices.
- **National Guard Bureau:** Staff Sgt. Gary Brumley, Kentucky National Guard, for development of improved training to address sexual assault prevention, healthy relationships, bystander intervention in social settings, and addressing other forms of sexual violence to build awareness that led to targeted training for the most at risk population.
- **Coast Guard:** The Coast Guard’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program for Command Cadre Team is recognized for their creation of a comprehensive, standardized, repeatable six-hour module focused on providing best practices, tools, and techniques to maintain a healthy command and unit climate free of sexual assault and other toxic climate problems to address training gaps between the existing material and the new requirements from the Department of Homeland Security.

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to conventional ground-based radar, depending on the geographical location.

“With radar, the further away you are or the lower you are, the less chance we’ll be able to track you utilizing radar, but with the satellite, we’ll be able to take a target,” he said. “This also allows us to use less separation between aircraft.”

ADS-B offers Army Aviation with the means to discover new procedures and improve the utility of airspace surrounding Fort Rucker, added Jack Holmes, Fort Rucker air traffic and airspace officer.

“Aviators will use (this system) as a decision support tool to improve the safety of navigation and potentially as a planning tool in regards to flight training areas. It allows them to achieve enhanced situational awareness of other aircraft operating within training areas, and ATC facilities will gain immediate confirmation of pilot positioning reports.”

In addition to the ADS-B sys-



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A TH-67 flies at Cairns Army Airfield as a UH-72 Lakota sits on the flightline Monday.

tem, FUSION was added, which fuses all products that a facility has available – radar and satellite data – and puts them onto one display, said Rehm.

“We have access to four radar feeds here at Cairns, and FUSION mode allows us to work all four radar feeds simultaneously,” he said. “Before, we were only able

to work them one at a time, but now we get them all together on one screen, which is significant because it gives us more visibility.”

With the introduction of FUSION mode, the refresh rate on the radar screens have been significantly reduced, said Angle. “Our refresh rates have gone

from 4.7-second updates down to just one-second updates,” he said. “There were previously some small blind spots, but now we can move traffic faster, safer and more efficiently.”

Adding this capability to Cairns puts the airfield ahead of the game, according to Rehm, because by 2020, the FAA is mandating that

facilities operating in certain types of airspace must have ADS-B capability.

“Right now, what we’ve done is not required, but it has great benefit because later down the road it’s going to be (required),” said the ARAC facility chief.

When the new system begins to roll out through the Army, the training standard will have been set at the home of Army Aviation, added Rehm.

“Because this is the first and only Army air traffic control facility to use the ADS-B capability right now, our training program has set the standard for Air Traffic Services Command.”

Radar controllers had to train with simulators and attend one-on-one classes to become proficient with the new equipment, said Angle.

“The end game was to make sure that all of the controllers knew their regulations and that they were comfortable and proficient in using the equipment,” he said. “This makes our job easier and has huge benefits to the Aviation community.”

Workshop

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Kathryn Troutman’s book ‘Ten Steps to a Federal Job.’

“As a matter of fact, I encourage all participants not to bring their résumés,” he added. “The information I’ll be presenting will possibly be a ‘paradigm shift’ for them, i.e., the way they thought a federal résumé should look will, in many instances not be in a winning federal résumé format.”

The workshop will help job seekers understand how the federal process compares to seeking employment in the private sector.

“The federal hiring process has several similarities to those found in the private sector,” he said. “For example, one still must be able to conduct targeted job hunts in fields

in which they have career suitability, based on work experiences, qualifications and credentialing.

“Both processes require the creation of résumés which effectively capture an individual’s work experiences, qualifications and credentialing,” he added. “Both processes require follow-up with their targeted employers.

However, Kozlowski continued, the federal job hunt has several distinctions from the traditional. “For example, you should not limit your search to positions found in the (Department of Defense),” he said. “There are several federal agencies and programs whose missions may be a better fit for your qualifications and credentials, many of which are not located at Fort Rucker.

The workshop will also give attendees

tips on building a résumé for federal employment applications, which Kozlowski said differs from résumés for the private sector.

“The federal résumé is a different kind of cat,” he said. “The format is more along the lines of a hybrid style, combining the traditional reverse chronological style with a functional format. It’s also quite a bit longer than its private sector counterpart.

“Some federal résumés can be as long as 19 pages, although the optimum length should be limited to five to six pages,” he added. “There are a host of other key differences I could cite and I plan to bring them out during the course of the workshop proper.”

At the conclusion of the workshop, according to Kozlowski, participants should

be able to better understand the federal hiring process.

“Following the ‘Ten Step’ method provides a framework for this understanding,” he said. “Attendees at the last workshop have commented to me that they now understand the process as being more than routinely applying for a job on USAJOBS.gov; that there are so many items they have previously overlooked that they now incorporate into their federal job hunts.”

Pre-registration is required due to space and materials limitations. The workshop is limited to the first 60 registrants. Deadline for registration is close of business Monday.

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Maggie Haas 389-0011



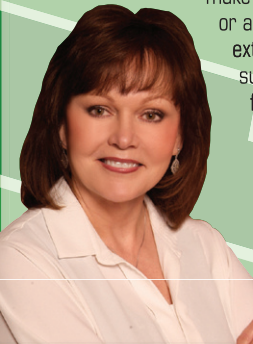
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DALEVILLE: 108 EASTRIDGE: Great house in Daleville convenient to Fort Rucker, Enterprise and Dathan. Featuring split bedrooms, the master suite has access to the pool. As you enter the home, you have a nice entry foyer with a formal dining room off to the left with built-ins. The kitchen is off the family room/breakfast area with access to the garage and laundry room. Laundry room has closet and built-ins as well as built-in ironing board. Extra bedroom with closet and 1/2 bath off garage w/door to pool area. Look TODAY!! **EVELYN HITCH 406-3436**

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208 LEGACY: This 3bd/2ba with pool in Legacy Farms is a must see! Open floor plan with large back deck and lots of land! **CHRIS ROGERS 406-0726**

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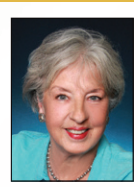
4 STRATFORD: Great location close to Fort Rucker. Enjoy the summer with the inground pool. New liner in 2015. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and large family room. New Trane heat pump in 2015. This house is perfect for entertaining! **JACKIE THOMPSON 406-1231**

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JUST LISTED OCTOBER 12 ~ \$219,900



1435 FOREST LAKE: ELBA: A must see! 3 BR/2.5 BA, one owner, lovely area, can fish in the lake, cart path on end of cul de sac to Elba Country Club golf course. Living and dining room, kitchen with breakfast area, updated appliances and flooring. Playroom with bathroom, stairs to floored attic, lovely deck and detached storage. **JACKIE THOMPSON 406-1231**

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501 S OUIDA: Charming Home situated on a cul-de-sac and corner. New flooring in kitchen & living areas. Painted Kitchen cabinets with new counter tops. Bathrooms have updated vanities. Interior and exterior have fresh paint. This home is move in ready. Investors purchased this home as a foreclosure. Foreclosure date July 19, 2016. Right of redemption in effect. **SHAWN REEVES 475-6405**

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2211 N CR 61: HARTFORD: Spacious move in ready 4 BR 3 BA on 4.62 beautiful acres! Two living areas, plus dining room. Large master suite with tray ceilings, walk in closets, and huge bathroom. All stainless appliances and pantry in kitchen. 22'x25' covered patio. 2 car attached garage plus 24'x36' workshop provides space for all your toys! Property is landscaped around house, with timbered land behind; your own forest! Close to amenities in Hartford, and an easy 15 minute drive to Enterprise or Ft. Rucker...yet privacy! **THERESA HERNANDEZ 379-5937**

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704 DIXIE: This beautiful home features an open concept living space with an elegant inlaid ceiling, gas fireplace, and wood floors. In the kitchen you will find granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and a window over the sink looking into the spacious backyard! Both the covered porch and the covered patio make for a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors. With a separate shower and jetted tub you can keep relaxing in style in the master bathroom. Come see this lovely four bedroom today! **SOMMER RAKES 406-1286**

OCTOBER 20, 2016

ALLIED SPIRIT V

12th CAB, 1st AD fly with Belgian, Czech allies

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

HOHENFELS, Germany — An Aviation task force of Soldiers from 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), the 1st Armored Division CAB, Belgium and the Czech Republic's military participated in Exercise Allied Spirit V at the 7th Army Training Command's Training Area Sept. 26 through Saturday.

Allied Spirit V is a force on force exercise involving 1,065 participants from the NATO countries of Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Lithuania and the United Kingdom. The goal of the exercise is to prepare forces in Europe to operate together by exercising tactical interoperability, and testing secure communications within NATO Allies and partners.

The 3rd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 1st AD CAB, "Task Force Apoca-

lypse," provided the mission command of all Aviation forces for the exercise. TF Apocalypse is the current Regionally Allocated Aviation force deployed to Europe in support of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade.

The Aviation task force was comprised of two A-109s from the Belgian Air Force, two MI-171s from the Czech Air Force, six AH-64 Apaches from 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 12th CAB. The 3-501st Avn. Regt., 1st AD CAB, provided three HH-60 and six UH-60 Black Hawks.

Task Force Apocalypse provided crucial air-assault, lift and medical evacuation support throughout the exercise with the help of the Black Hawks. The support company also secured the area and conducted refueling, maintenance and downed aircraft recovery team operations.

The AH-64 Apaches from 1-3rd Avn.

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PHOTO BY SPC. ANTONIO RAMIREZ

A Belgian air force Agusta Westland A-109 Hirundo helicopter from the First Wing, 17th Squadron, Beauvechain Air Base, returns to the airfield during exercise Allied Spirit V near Hohenfels, Germany, Oct. 12.



PHOTO BY CAPT. BRIAN HARRIS

A UH-60 Black Hawk assigned to 2-158th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division prepares to take off to fly towards a mountain range at Orchard Combat Training Center, Idaho, Oct. 5. The pilots were preparing to conduct High Altitude Mountain Environmental Training in the nearby Owyhee Mountains to hone skills needed for missions around the world as part of Raptor Fury, a major training exercise bringing together over 1,000 7th ID Soldiers to validate 16th CAB's mission readiness.

'RIGGEROUS'

Quartermasters conduct convoy training

By 1st Lt. Jonathan Charney

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Soldiers from 5th Quartermaster Theater Aerial Delivery Company, 39th Transportation Battalion, conducted expeditionary airborne operations during Exercise Riggerous Assault Sept. 8-21.

The exercise was a culmination of the unit's convoy training and covered over 480 miles with more than 25 Soldiers and 12 vehicles.

"The convoy was great training for 5th Quartermaster Soldiers," said 1st Lt. Rickie Sallie Jr., platoon leader, 5th QM TADC. "It reestablished the confidence of the Soldiers to deploy."

In addition to the convoy operations the unit established and prepared to defend an assembly area and drop zone.

"The unit rapidly deployed and executed its mission essential warfighting tasks in an austere environment," said 2nd Lt. Sophia Rickard, aerial delivery platoon leader, 5th QM TADC. "Our Soldiers exceeded our mission standards. As a junior leader, it makes me feel like we knocked it out of the park."

The operation involved aerial delivery of supplies, essential equipment and 49 paratroopers.

"The major advantage to aerial resupply is that supplies are delivered in a ready-to-use configuration on the battlefield, reducing the need for material handling equipment, or requiring units to move to a port or station for pick-up," said Capt. James Arthur, commander, 5th QM TADC. "Often we can't use



PHOTOS BY 1ST LT. JONATHAN CHARNEY

A CH-47 Chinook helps Soldiers from 5th Quartermaster Theater Aerial Delivery Company, 39th Transportation Battalion, conducted expeditionary airborne operations during Exercise Riggerous Assault Sept. 8-21.

trucks as a means of transportation to move supplies to a certain area due to road conditions, so with aerial delivery, we can rapidly drop what the warfighter needs."

In two weeks, the unit executed airborne operations from a two types of helicopters, sling load operations, a German army marksmanship competition (Schützenschnur), a grenade launcher and rifle qualification range, land navigation, and convoy fire operations via virtual trainer.

"My goal is develop, empower, and build confidence in our junior leaders and the goal was accomplished during Riggerous Assault," said Arthur.



A CH-47 Chinook carries an M-149 400-gallon water trailer during the training.

10TH CAB

Units hone skills to prep for exercise

By Capt. Linda Gerron
10th Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — In preparation for Fort Drum's largest field training exercise, Mountain Peak 2016, the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI), conducted multiple field training exercises throughout various training areas on post and Rome Sept. 15-23.

Mountain Peak is an annual two-week field training event that externally evaluates a brigade's readiness on mission essential tasks, such as air movement operations and offensive operations, to name a few.

The overall realistic exercise also gives junior Soldiers an opportunity familiarize themselves with the daily operations of a deployment environment.

On par with the Army's crawl-walk-run training methodology, the 277th Aviation Support Battalion and the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company used the past two weeks to identify any operational gaps within the walking phase of their internal field event.

As the brigade's support battalion, the 277th ASB focused on honing their tactical troop movement skills and logistical and health services support by assisting the brigade's internal Aviation battalions through a fictional exercise called Operation Deter Denovian, while the brigade HHC primarily focused on equipment validation and mission command system operations through their tactical operations center exercise.

According to Capt. Jeffrey Timmick, 277th Aviation Support Battalion operations officer, before setting up site on Fort Drum's Training Area 5D, the battalion had previously conducted a series of training events during the crawl phase.

"We've been training hard for Operation Deter Denovian and the upcoming Mountain Peak," Timmick said. "We've conducted crew-served weapons ranges and multiple Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer and (Humvee) Egress Assistance Trainer iterations in

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PHOTO BY CAPT. LINDA GERRON

A Soldier assigned to 277th Aviation Support Battalion secures the area during a medical evacuation scenario as part of the battalion's fall field training exercise Sept. 19 at Fort Drum, N.Y.

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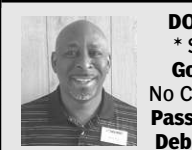
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Allied Spirit

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The two AgustaWestland A-109 Hirundos helicopters belong to the First Wing, 17th Squadron, of the Belgian Air Force, from Beauvechain Air Base.

“Our goal in coming to Allied Spirit was to integrate with allied partners here,” said Maj. Nicolas Coucke, the commanding officer of the 17th Squadron.

Coucke also stressed the importance of using an exercise like this to ensure that their tactics, techniques, and procedures are in line with our NATO partners.

This was the first time flying in Hohenfels for the Belgian A-109 helicopter pilots.

The 221st Squadron and 222nd Squadron from the 22nd Helicopter Air Base “Biskajska,” represented the Czech Air Force during Allied Spirit. Their support came in the form of two MI-



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A UH-60 Black Hawk from 3-501st Avn. Regt., 1st AD CAB prepares to receive fuel as an AH-64 Apache waits to take off.

171's.

Captain Ladislav Zajicek, the commander for the Czech contingency, spoke extensively about the progress his Soldiers

made during the exercise. “They will be better prepared in the future when we work with a NATO force,” said Zajicek.

The Czech aviators also spoke

of how the training environment helped challenge and build their aviation planning products.

The highlight of the exercise was the mission the MI-171's

flew for the opposing force said Zajicek. It allowed them complete control of the operation from planning to execution and they flew opposed to the AH-64s,

10th CAB

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preparation for convoy operations.”

“Our Headquarters Service Company conducted their own off-post convoy to Rome to validate the concept prior to the FTX, and the battalion staff conducted a smaller-level TOCEX in order to ensure all systems were operational,” he added. “Also during this time, our A Company conducted multiple (forward arming and refueling point) iterations, while B Company conducted several downed aircraft recovery training scenarios, and C Company focused on new equipment training for upgrades to their communications equipment.”

Like 277th ASB, the brigade HHC also has been busy training up for the TOCEX and Mountain Peak.

“At our level, we continuously train our personnel to be fully qualified on their weapons and basic soldier tasks and drills,” said Capt. Jeremy Hunter, 10th CAB HHC commander. “But as the brigade headquarters, our main priority is to ensure we have a fully functional operations center, so we focus a lot on technical preparation.

“For example, in late August our Signal team conducted a weeklong communications exercise, also known as a SWITCHEX, in order to assess the brigade's WIN-T teams and systems,” he said. “And back in March we set up a TOCEX as the initial point to try to identify essential equipment shortages required for the operations center.”

Fast forward to the days of the FTXs, and the sounds of helicopters and simulat-

ed rounds are hard to miss around the Fort Drum training areas.

During one particular training scenario, the 277th ASB received fire from “aggressors, which resulted in multiple simulated casualties and a MedEvac helicopter from the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion had to be called in.

Not too long after that, the MedEvac helicopter arrived on scene and immediate security was set up by 277th ASB personnel, so the casualties could be safely unloaded from the vehicle and into the UH-60 Black Hawk.

As this was all taking place, the Soldiers involved in the scenario were silently being evaluated by the brigade surgeon and the physician assistant.

“This is what it's all about – gaining experience and building confidence,” Tim-

mick said.

When asked if all their expectations had been met and if the battalion was ready for next week's Mountain Peak, he replied, “Absolutely!”

“In fact, the off-post operations actually exceeded our expectations,” he added. “We had six convoys travel between Fort Drum and Griffiss International Airport in Rome, with no issues or accidents. Overall, the battalion traveled more than 8,000 miles during this FTX, including one route through the western Adirondack region that took eight hours to complete.

“In all, I'm beyond confident we're ready for Mountain Peak, he added. “We have a phenomenal team of agile leaders, with the right skill sets and who are prepared to face whatever challenges come their way.”

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HOT-N-SPOOKY

Halloween events combine fun, exercise, chili, more

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when people don their favorite costumes and prepare to celebrate one of the spookiest nights of the year.

Although Frite Nite won't be returning to Fort Rucker this year, there are plenty of activities to keep people busy and get their Halloween fix before the big night of trick-or-treating.

Center Library Fall Carnival

The Center Library is inviting all to come join in the fun for fall activities Tuesday from 4-5:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a costume contest in different age groups, including up to six years old, 7-12 years old and 13-17 years old. There will also be a Halloween craft session, as well as spooky-themed games and other activities. The event is opened to all authorized patrons and no registration is required to attend.

For more information people can stop by the Center Library or call 255-3885.

Superhero Costume Party Lock-In

Members of the Fort Rucker Youth Center can enjoy the Superhero Costume Party Lock-

in Friday starting at 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following Saturday at the Youth Center, located in Bldg. 2800 on 7th Ave.

During the event, games and other activities will be played, and prizes will be given away for best costume.

Admission is \$20 for youth center members, ages 13-18 years, and all teens must be signed up at the youth center and be registered with child, youth and school services, and space is limited, so people are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. For more information, call 255-2271.

Spooky 5K and Chili Cook-off

One way people can get a bit of exercising in before taking on the frightening sights during trick-or-treating is the Spooky 5K, 1-mile fun run and costume contest Oct. 29 on West Beach at Lake Tholocco.

Registration on the day of the event runs from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields. The run will begin at 9 a.m. The cost to register is \$20 to include a T-shirt if registered by Friday, and \$25 after that. There is also a \$12 run-only option, which does not include a T-shirt. Teams of up to eight can also register for \$120 if registered by Friday, and \$160 after that, and both include



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Then-Second Lt. Jeremy Martini, D Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, and his wife, Aryka, enjoy a cup of chili together during the 2012 chili cookoff event.

T-shirts while supplies last.

The costume contest is free to enter and will begin at 8:15 a.m. Trophies will be awarded for overall best costume, scariest costume and most original costume for both children and adults.

For more information, call 255-3794.

Also at West Beach in conjunction with the Spooky 5K is the Chili Cook-off and Tailgate, which will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will feature a military working dog demonstration, Wounded Warrior Hunt awards presentation and cook-off contest with prizes for best tasting, best in show and people's choice.

Trick or Treat

After all the crafts have been made and runs ran, people can get ready for a night of trick-or-treating on post Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. in the post housing areas.

Parents, children and those driving through the housing areas at that time are reminded to keep safety in the forefront of their minds and to be vigilant

while enjoying trick-or-treating this year, said Peggy Contreras, Fort Rucker Community Police supervisor.

"A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds, and if your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you," said the community police supervisor. "Also, make sure to agree on a specific time when they should return home and only go to homes with a porch light on – and never enter a home or car for a treat."

Contreras also recommends that people carry a cell phone for quick communication, and remember to wear reflective clothing and flashlights.

Parents should also talk to children about safety when it comes to the candy they are collecting, and remind their children to let them inspect the candy before eating it, she said.

"It may be a good idea to pin the address or phone number on children in case they get lost or separated from their group," she added.

Police and fire personnel will be set up at all three community centers handing out candy, and they will also be roaming and walking the area during those hours to help keep things safe.

"Drivers should decrease speed and watch for people moving, and really should avoid driving in the area, if possible," she added.

For more information on Halloween events call, 255-1749.



FILE PHOTO

Runners take part in a previous Spooky 5k. This year's run is Oct. 29.

'IT'S PERFECT'

Hundreds flock to festival fields for unique deals, treasures

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

People rummaged through racks of clothes and piles of old toys, and perused typical and atypical household items at the festival fields Saturday as they came from all over the Wiregrass in search of treasures.

Fort Rucker held its annual outdoor yard sale where people came by the hundreds to shop and browse for items they might not be able to find in any retail store, and provide sellers a unique opportunity to provide a service to the community.

"The yard sale is a great way for military families on and off Fort Rucker to sell their household goods and get rid of some extra weight while making a little extra money," said Aida Stallings, Fort Rucker special events coordinator.

For Gina Rogers, military spouse, yard sales provide a

unique opportunity to find treasures she might not be able to find elsewhere.

"A lot of these items aren't available in stores anymore and, even if they were, you're not going to be able to get them for the price you would if it had been slightly used," she said. "I just love a good yard sale and this is probably the biggest one you're going to find in the area. It's basically like it takes a bunch of neighborhoods of yard sales and puts them in one place for you – it's perfect."

Rogers said nothing beats the excitement of browsing through a yard sale in hope of finding that one item that might make the entire day of shopping worth it.

"What I like most about yard sales is the excitement of not knowing what you might find," she said. "You really never know what you might find when you're at one of these things and sometimes you



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Shoppers browse through clothes during the Fort Rucker outdoor yard sale at the festival fields Saturday.

can find some really nice things, like antique furniture and things like that. It's just really a lot of fun for me."

For others, the experience is more about practicality rather than excitement, but the savings alone

are enough to bring out any avid shopper, said Jessica Spencer, Enterprise native.

"I love to come out and see what kinds of clothes I can find," she said. "It's a great way to shop for clothes for the kids because

kids will grow out of their clothes so quickly, especially if they're young, and this is a great way to not have to spend too much money on clothes that they won't be in very long."

For others, the yard sale is a great way to unload extra items that may be taking up extra space in their homes.

"This is always a great way to get rid of some stuff that you've had laying around," said Terry Dornan, yard sale vendor. "You can always have a yard sale in your own front yard but you're not going to get the kind of foot traffic you have here – you get people from all over the area."

"I'm also the type of guy who hates to throw things away," added the Enterprise native. "If some of my old stuff can find a new home with someone else, that makes me just as happy as the person who's getting them."

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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON THURSDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK’S EDITION.

Youth center lock-in

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host its Superhero Costume Party Lock-In Friday 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 years. Youth can be dropped off any time after school Friday, and youth must be picked up by 6 a.m. Saturday. Parents must sign a permission slip for the field trip and turn it in by Friday. 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 Friday 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.

Center Library Fall Carnival

The Center Library Fall Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. The event will feature crafts, fun, prizes and a family-friendly costume contest for children up to age 17. The contest will be broken down into age groups: baby to 6, 7-12 and 13-17. Judging will begin at 5 p.m. The event will be open to authorized patrons and will be Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

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

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. 27. 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.

Yarn It Darn It

The Center Library hosts its Yarn It Darn It group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The free monthly event will offer patrons a chance to learn how to crochet, knit or do needlework. The group is open to authorized patrons ages 18 and older.

For more information, visit the Center Library or call 255-3885.

Federal jobs workshop

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop Oct. 28 from 8:15-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. This informative and interactive workshop is aimed at getting people the information they need to increase their federal employment possibilities, according to ACS organizers. Participants will receive a free copy of Kathryn Troutman’s “Jobseeker’s Guide.” Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 people to register and the event is open to authorized patrons only.

For more information or to register, call 255-2594.

Relocation readiness workshop

Army Community Service will host its relocation readiness workshop Oct. 28 from 9-10 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371D. Soldiers and spouses will receive information on benefits, entitlements, advance pay, government travel cards and more.

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

Trick-or-Treat

Fort Rucker’s Trick-or-Treat night on post will be Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 255-9638.

Family advisory board meeting

The Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services Family Advisory Board will meet Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. at the school age center, Bldg. 2806. PAC Meetings give parents the oppor-



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m., hosted by the NCO Academy. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For more information, call 255-0768.

tunity to provide input about administrative policies and developmental programming for CYSS services, and establish volunteer opportunities, according to CYSS officials. PAC members will earn two parent participation points per meeting to help them accumulate 10 points and receive 10 percent off of monthly child care fees.

For more information, call 255-2958.

DFMWR ornament contest

The annual Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation ornament contest will run Nov. 1-23. Prizes will be awarded to first-place entries in the following categories: 3-5 years old, 6-8 years old and 9-11 years old. Ornaments may be turned into the youth center, child development center or central registration in Bldg. 5700. All entries will be displayed on the post Christmas tree. Parents should label their children’s entries with the child’s name and age, and the guardian’s name and contact information.

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

Coffee & Conversation with Vicki Cody

In celebration of the Month of the Military Family, The Landing will host Coffee & Conversation with Vicki Cody Nov. 4 from 9-10 a.m. Cody will discuss her life as a military spouse. She spent 33 years as an Army wife, supporting her husband in his career. While raising their two sons and moving all over the U.S. and overseas, she served as a coach and mentor for Army spouses and as an advocate for Army families. Vicki Cody will share her experiences as an Army wife and answer questions from the audience. RSVPs are recommended. People can register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coffee-conversation-with-vicki-cody-tickets-27629452436>. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

For additional details, visit rucker.armymwr.com, or call 255-3817 or 255-3161.

Blue Angels air show

JMWR Central will host a day trip to Pensacola to see the 70th Anniversary Blue Angels Air Show Nov. 11. People are welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket and spend the day watching the show. Cost is \$18 per person.

For more information, call 255-2997.

Army Family Team Building app

People can complete Army Family Team Building training through AFTB’s app. Visit <http://www.ftruckermwr.com/acs/army-family-team-building/> to find the direct link to the app. Once complete, people can contact Fort Rucker AFTB to receive their certificate. Search for AFTB in the app store for Apple devices. For more information, call 255-9637.

International Spouses Get Together

Army Community Service hosts its International Spouses Get Together the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Community Center. According to ACS officials, the get together is a place for spouses to find support, and help with finding resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, drivers licenses and more. Multilingual vol-

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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.

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

Book clubs

The Center Library hosts a book club for adults the third Tuesday of each month from 5-6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The Center Library hosts a book club for teens the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Both clubs are open to authorized patrons. For more information, call 255-3885.

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MEET YOUR ARMY:

Master sergeant goes from Peru to San Antonio

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. — Master Sgt. Patricia Font was born and raised in Lima, Peru, and has earned recognition helping U.S. Army missions throughout South America.

She joined the U.S. Army after attending Queens College for a year in New York. Her parents were a bit surprised at her decision to join the Army. But they are now extremely proud of her accomplishments.

“In our culture, you don’t see too many females in the military,” Font said.

Font became a contracting specialist and eventually was assigned to support U.S. Army South. In 2013, she returned to Peru for almost three weeks to assist with construction contracts at the U.S. embassy in Lima. There she was also able to spend some time with her parents.

“They were really proud to see me working at the U.S. embassy,” she said, adding they were just as proud when she became a U.S. citizen.

Her father is a retired colonel who served in the Peruvian special forces.

“I grew up with discipline,” Font said. “My father always made me do PT.” He also took



COURTESY PHOTO

Master Sgt. Patricia Font poses with her National Latino Style Distinguished Service Award while flanked by her daughter, Gabriella, and son Alexander, an ROTC cadet at Texas A&M.

her to the range often to fire a pistol.

Today her oldest brother serves as a general in Peru, and one of her younger brothers serves in the Texas National Guard. Her oldest son, Alexander, is an ROTC cadet

at Texas A&M. Her two younger brothers work for the IRS in Austin, Texas, about an hour drive from where she is stationed at Joint Base San Antonio.

She and her family now consider San Antonio home.

“I like the culture,” she said of San Antonio. Many of the residents are bilingual and “everybody is friendly with the military.”

From August 2012 through 2013, Font deployed from San Antonio to countries in South America to help with contracting missions. There she earned the 2014 National Latina Style Distinguished Service Award.

She was credited with saving the government more than \$100,000 in the award of 65 contracts valued in excess of \$1.8 million.

She spent six months deployed in Columbia. There, when she was off duty, she did volunteered work with underprivileged children.

“I had a little free time, so I was able to help,” she said. “The children were so happy.”

She also performed community service in San Antonio. At Christmas time, she provided gifts for poor children and helped serve meals to the homeless and elderly.

She was named the 410th CSB Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 2012.

In 2014, Font transferred to Fort Lee, Virginia, where she served with the Mission Installation Contracting Command. She became the senior enlisted advisor

for the field directorate office at Joint Base Langley-Eustis. There she was in charge of 88 Soldiers and more than 300 civilians providing contracting support to U.S. Army North.

Her priority was to take care of her Soldiers and employees, she said, and ensure they received the training and education necessary to complete the contracting missions. A number of her Soldiers were able to complete their college degrees.

Font herself has earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in human resources.

Several months ago, she transferred back to San Antonio to serve again with the 410th CSB. There, she said, her husband can receive care at Brooke Army Medical Center, and she can put her language skills to good use.

In her current role, she helps deploy contracting teams throughout Central and South America. She now has teams deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Honduras, Paraguay and Brazil.

Font said she has some advice for young Hispanic Soldiers, especially for some young women whom she has observed serving quietly.

“Don’t be quiet,” she said. “Be proud to have an accent. I’m proud.”

‘Gadget guy’ helps shape Army’s Cyber Branch

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. — While attending high school in Binghamton, New York, Sgt. Maj. Jesse Potter began building his own computers for gaming.

“I’m a gadget kind of guy,” Potter said. That inclination has helped him shape the Army’s Cyber Branch and career field. He was the Army’s first Electronic Warfare proponent sergeant major and one of the first senior NCOs in the Cyber Branch.

“Most of my cyber experience is self-taught,” he said.

His first computer was an IBM PC Junior. His father, who worked for IBM, brought one home. “We had a computer even before anybody in the schools had computers,” Potter remembered.

One of the first games he played was “Zork,” a text-based game with no graphics. Now he plays first-person shooter games with his son Jordan.

Potter began his Army career as a chemical operations specialist. But even back then, he was interested in cyber and was building his own computers in his spare time. Building computers was fun, he said, “because you could always push the envelope” on processing power and other components.

“It was more of a hobby for me,” Potter said, “and then when I was given the opportunity to do it as a career, it was a no-brainer for me.”

While serving in Iraq in 2007, he and other Soldiers from his section networked their computers together to play games

like Halo when they were off duty. During his Iraq deployment, he aggravated an old training injury.

Unable to continue serving as a chemical reconnaissance platoon sergeant after receiving a wrist fusion to treat the injury, he became an electronic warfare NCO in 2009. Then about two years ago, as one of the senior electronic warfare noncommissioned officers, he was offered the opportunity to help build the Cyber Branch.

“I went around the Army and talked to all the people we were going to convert through the process to become the newly created 17 charlies and 170 alphas,” he said.

With his background working with maneuver units on chemical reconnaissance and electronic warfare, he was well suited for the position. The vision for the Cyber Branch was to create a maneuver force with a “maneuver mindset.”

“Having a background working with maneuver units,” he said, “has really benefited me from the perspective of what I do, (which is) really to blend the technical understanding with the operational mindset as we go forward.”

Potter is now the operations sergeant major for the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Meade. He’s just down the street from the Cyber Command and he’s still helping set up the Army’s cyber force.

“The recruiting of the force is unique. It’s not only about identifying aptitude, but, even more important, is (identifying) the desire and motivation,” he said. “You don’t have to have the innate skills. You



COURTESY PHOTO

Potter plays a video game with his 13-year-old son, Jordan.

have to have the aptitude and the desire, because the training is world-class.”

The skills are taught in the six-month joint school at Corry Station, Florida, near Pensacola Naval Air Station. The six-month training will soon be extended to a year, he said, as the Army stands up Phase II of the course at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

The initial Phase II class is scheduled to get underway this spring, Potter said. Students will still attend the first phase at Corry Station with their counterparts from other services and then proceed to the Army Cyber School for the service-specific training.

Even with all the training, Potter said, what a young Soldier coming into the branch really needs is “a desire to be innovative and be at the leading edge of change, as the Army transitions and



PHOTO BY GARY SHEFTICK

Sgt. Maj. Jesse Potter, the operations sergeant major for the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade, attends the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 3.

focuses more on the cyber domain as we go forward.”

Potter’s eldest daughter, Alexa, 18, plans to join the Army soon, he said. She wants to be a 31K dog-handler, though. But his 13-year-old son Jordan, is a “huge gamer” and interested in cyber. The two of them bond over computer games, but they also enjoy hiking and biking together.

“I like playing (games)] with my son,” Potter said. “It’s more of a bonding thing, if you would.”

Around the Christmas holidays, Potter likes to return with his family to Binghamton, where he first began building computers as a high school student, to spend time with extended family.



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Employee’s comic book no laughing matter

By James Brooks

GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — What if everything you ever believed turned out to be a lie?

More importantly, you were told you weren’t human, but an entirely different being?

That’s the science fiction tale in the recently published comic book “Sentient,” written and produced M. Zachary Sherman, George C. Marshall European Center visual information specialist

“I’ve been working on ‘Sentient’ for over two years. The original idea, ‘What if everything you thought about your life was a lie?’ was the catalyst. But the script and the art took the majority of the time to create,” said Sherman.

“Sentient” isn’t Sherman’s first published comic story book. His first published work was for a “Star Wars” comic book in 2005, but the self-described, life-long story teller made his break as a “creator owned” comic book writer in 2006.

“My first original graphic novel was a book called “SO-COM: SEAL Team Seven.” It’s a graphic novel about U.S. Navy SEALs who fight the legendary underwater kingdom of Atlantis who had come to enslave humanity. But I have worked for Marvel, Image, Dark Horse, Hermes Press, and a slew of others as a work-for-hire writer,” said Sherman.

While Sherman takes pride in his artwork as a visual information specialist and graphic artist for the Marshall Center, he says his artistic style isn’t tailored to comics and graphic novels. Sherman’s illustrator for “Sentient” was Javier Xerx, someone who he has worked with in the past.

“You need to know your strengths and weaknesses. And these guys do it every day, day in and day out,” Sherman said. “Even at a fast clip, it can take an entire day to produce just one page of a comic book – and that’s for the pencils alone.

“For ‘Sentient,’ I wanted to capture the essence of San Francisco, where the story takes place. I worked really closely with Javier to recreate the city’s landmarks and buildings, and I know it was tedious for him, because he was limited to drawing existing landscapes to perfection. But it totally paid off, because one comic reviewer said ‘the drawings captured the city perfectly and you don’t see that happen very often in comics these days,’” Sherman explained.

The Marine Corps veteran also used to write stories and create other art elements for the U.S. Army-sponsored comic book and video game series, “America’s Army.”

“The stories were, at their core, about Soldiers – what they go through, how they become the best versions of themselves and how they overcome adversity, on and off the battlefield. You can still download free copies of the comic book online,” he said.

While some may discount Sherman’s passion for comic books, he is quick to point out that it helps him become a better visual specialist.

“Being a visual effects artist and graphic designer has given me a very visual writing style that allows me to impart what I’m looking for to the artists and visual information specialists who work with me, he said. “It’s also helped me develop a critical eye which allows for detailed



PHOTO BY KARLHEINZ WEDHORN

M. Zachary Sherman, George C. Marshall European Center visual information specialist, looks through his recently published comic book, ‘Sentient.’

project reviews so I can get the best imagery for Marshall Center customers’ projects.

“Comics is a visual medium and it needs to impart

mood, emotion, drama and action very clearly without the use of words. Having this background as an artist makes me a better editor and team lead, as well,” said Sherman.

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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.

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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.andalusialegionpost80.org.

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

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

NOV. 4 — The Wiregrass Museum of Art will host its next seasonal public film series, Screen on the Green, 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. Steven Spielberg's "Hook" will be shown. 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.

NOV. 5 — Dothan Montessori School will host its fourth annual Montessori Madness 5K and Kids Dash. DMS is located at 205 Holly Lane. The race begins at 8 a.m., with race-day registration starting at 7 a.m. Payment accepted by cash or check only. There will be door prizes, a children's dash, face painting and more! DMS is the only local non-profit, non-denominational Montessori school in the Wiregrass. Pre-registration can be found online at www.dothanmontessorischool.org. For more information, call 334-671-7170.

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.

ENTERPRISE

OCT. 22 — The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library will hold a fall book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library. The sale will feature popular fiction and

nonfiction for all ages, DVDs, CDs, books on CD, as well as vintage, signed and classic items. Money raised by the sales fund library projects, as well as the purchase of books and materials for use by patrons.

OCT. 27 — The Wiregrass-Enterprise Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees will hold its monthly lunch program at 11 a.m. at PoFolks Restaurant, Enterprise. Chris Alexander, representative for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance, will be the guest speaker. He handles all aspects of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program for federal employees. Alexander will discuss the latest federal Blue Cross health insurance benefits, as well as answer questions about this health insurance program that relate to federal employees. All federal employees, active or retired, are invited to attend the luncheon programs scheduled every fourth Thursday at 11 a.m. at PoFolks. For more information, contact Lee O'Berry, 334-393-0492.

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 [vfw post 6683](https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost6683).

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

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

NEW BROCKTON

OCT. 27 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center located one block behind the police station. Food and drinks will be served, followed by regular chapter business. Veterans throughout the Wiregrass are invited to join as new members in DAV and DAV Auxiliary. For more information, call 334-718-5707.

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

OCT. 22 — The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities will sponsor a pumpkin carving and decorating contest. Pumpkins may be decorated or carved – they must have been carved by the person entering the pumpkin.

The entry fee is \$10 and limited to one entry per person or group. People can bring their entries to the Ann Rudd Art Center, 144 E. Broad Street between 1-2 p.m. The judging will begin at 2 p.m. and awards will be presented. All pumpkins must be taken home by 3 p.m. For more information, call 334-445-6526.

OCT. 28 — St. Michael's Episcopal Church will host a classical guitar and flutist concert at 7 p.m. The performers are known as R2Duo – classical guitarist Dr. Robert Gibson and flutist Rachel Nozny. Gibson and Nozny teach music at Troy University. Following the concert will be a meet the artists reception in the parish hall. St. Michael's Episcopal Church is located at 427 Camilla Avenue.

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

For more information, call 774-5480.

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.

WIREFLASS 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

U.S. Marine Band

The United States Marine Band will perform for free in Montgomery Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre. For more, visit www.mpaonline.org/events/.

Established by an Act of Congress in 1798, the United States Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization, according to the band's website. Its mission is unique – to provide music for the president of the United States and the commandant of the Marine Corps. The band tours each year for approximately 31 days, during which the band performs in roughly 29 cities. The tradition of the Marine Band tour began in 1891 under 17th Director John Philip Sousa.

Find more information about the band, visit <http://www.marineband.marines.mil/>.

Scarecrows in the Garden

The Old Alabama Town Herb Society hosts its fifth annual Scarecrows in the Garden at Old Alabama Town in Mont-

gomery now through Nov. 18. All scarecrows are made with materials found in nature, as far as is possible, according to Old Alabama Town officials.

For more information, call 334-240-4500 or visit www.landmarksfoundation.com/events/upcoming-events.

Firefighter challenge

The 2016 Scott World Firefighter Combat Challenge will be held in Montgomery Oct. 24-29 at the parking lot adjacent to Embassy Suites at 300 Tallapoosa Street. Officials said the challenge simulates the physical demands of real-life firefighting and includes climbing a five-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hose and rescuing a life-sized victim, all while wearing full gear. A top chef firefighter district cook-off competition will also be held in conjunction with the event, and children can run their own scaled-down version of the challenge, as well as get rides on fire trucks.

For more information, call 334-625-2469 or visit www.firefighterchallenge.com/.

Alabama National Fair

The Alabama National Fair is scheduled

for Oct. 28-Nov. 6 at Montgomery's Garrett Coliseum and Fairgrounds. The event will feature more than 60 rides, food, information and commercial booths, livestock competitions and more, according to organizers. General admission tickets are \$12.

For more information, visit www.alnationalfair.org.

Public Eye Soar

Panama City, Florida, will host its Public Eye Soar 2016 Nov. 11-12 from 5-10 p.m. at the City Arts Cooperative, 318 Luverne Avenue. Admission is free to this international projection art festival that combines art, technology and interactive activities into a street festival based in downtown Panama City. Featuring artists from all over the world, SOAR takes art out of the gallery and projects it onto buildings, walls and 3D objects, according to organizers. Festival goers can expect to see traditional art, animation and short videos. Interactive projections and installations invite attendees to create art, emerge themselves in virtual experiences and watch live art created during the festival. Artists are encouraged to be a part of the festival by submitting their work. There is no fee for submission.

SOAR is family friendly.

For more information, visit <http://www.bayartsevents.com/event/public-eye-soar-2016/>.

Emerald Coast Cruizin

Emerald Coast Cruizin - The South's Best Blast from the Past is billed as a family event featuring thousands of classic cars, hot rods, custom cars and trucks held Nov. 7-12 in Panama City Beach, according to organizers. This year's event will be held at Aaron Bessant Park next to Pier Park. Along with the car show, the event will feature a swap meet, parade, cruizin's, a block party and live music.

For more information, including a schedule, visit <http://www.emeraldcoastcruizin.com/>.

Color Vibe 5k

The Color Vibe 5k is scheduled for Nov. 19 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Andrews Marina, 1201 Beck Avenue, Panama City, Florida. Price is \$27-30, and children 12 and under register for free -- not include processing fee, according to organizers.

For more information and to register visit <http://www.thecolorvibe.com/panamacity.php#>.

TRAVELING WEST

Army surgeon general shares journey during Pacific-region trip

By Amy Parr
Army News Service

HONOLULU — “It doesn’t matter where you start. It’s where you end up,” said Lt. Gen. Nadja West, Army Surgeon General and commanding general of U.S. Army Medical Command, to an audience of military and civilian leaders at Fort Shafter as part of her first official visit to the Pacific Region.

West’s story is a testimony for what can be accomplished through hard work and perseverance. The youngest of 12 children, all adopted, West said, “If I can do it, anyone can. I was an orphan. I started with an uncertain future.” Once adopted into a military family she had no thought of doing anything other than joining the military.

“It wasn’t just the parents I had that started me on the right path,” she said. “It’s the inspiration and encouragement they provided.”

Coming from a humble family, West’s father joined the Army as a private when it was segregated, working his way through enlisted and then warrant officer ranks, where he retired as a chief warrant officer four.

“He worked hard and believed in the Army as an institution because things were happening in the military that weren’t happening in the civilian sector. The Army led the way,” she said. “So he saw in the Army a way to better himself, better his family and must have loved it because he stayed in for 33 years.”

As the youngest, West watched nine of her siblings join the military. With brothers in the Army, sisters in the Women’s Army Corps, and a sister in each of the Navy and Women’s Auxiliary Air Force, the examples set by her siblings and parents paved the way for her military future.

West said being the youngest, she had some confidence issues growing up and was a bit fearful and not always sure of her abilities. But her parents constantly told her she could do anything she put her mind to and not to let anyone tell her not to strive for something and that it can’t be done. “So, that’s kind of how I live my life,” she said.

When it came time to make a military enlistment decision, one of her brothers, who graduated from West Point, told her the service academy was opening to women and she should apply. “And so I did and got in and what a culture shock,” she said. “I went from an all-girl catholic school to a predominately all-male military academy at age 17.”

With perseverance and the support from classmates, West worked hard and graduated from West Point. Then she came to her next crossroads-medical school. Even though she’d graduated from West Point, medical school seemed daunting. “I had a lapse in confidence thinking ‘I can’t do that. I can’t go to medical school. That’s hard,’” she said.

She credits her parents encouraging her, but also outside



COURTESY PHOTO

Now Lt. Gen. Nadja West, Army surgeon general and U.S. Army Medical Command commanding general, center, is shown during Operation Desert Storm treating a wounded Iraqi soldier.

people. She said a lesson learned is mentors come in all types and are people you encounter along the way that you don’t even know are encouraging you and it’s not someone that has to look like you.

“There was a physician at Walter Reed who happened to see me in my uniform. I was a cadet still, and I was visiting my dad. He was ill in the hospital,” West said. “(The physician) found out I wanted to go to medical school but I’d given up on that dream because I thought I couldn’t do it. His comment to me was, ‘If you want to do it, apply. Worse they can do is say no and what have you lost? Nothing but the application fee and what you have lost if you don’t try is knowing you might have had a chance and might have gotten that yes answer.’

“So I studied hard, took the tests, and I got in. That’s a lesson learned I would tell anyone,” she said. “Make sure you don’t sell yourself short and make sure if you have a dream that you go for it and always look and realize there are people out there, mentors you might have, and people that encourage you along the way that you don’t even know. So be aware and be on the lookout.”

As a resident at Fort Benning, Georgia, West learned another lesson. “The battalion commander asked me, ‘Can you fix broke Soldiers?’ And the answer is, ‘Yes sir, I can,’” she said.

“I was a resident going through my residency program, little did I know Desert Storm would happen and I would be called up,” she said. “You have to be ready. Always strive to be the best you can be in your craft.”

Throughout her career, West said she’s had lots of people en-

couraging, helping and mentoring her to be the best she could, but sometimes luck comes into play. “Colin Powell always says luck equals opportunity plus preparation. I had a lucky day. Someone asked me if I was interested in interviewing to be the division surgeon for 1st Armored Division,” she said.

“As a medical corps person who graduated from West Point but didn’t really spend a lot of time at operational units other than Desert Storm, the first thing I said was, ‘I can’t do that. I can’t do Division Surgeon.’ For a minute I had to say ‘Stop.’ Someone felt it was worth the ask to say ‘Hey, do you want to interview?’ So someone must have thought I had the skills. So instead of having that crisis in confidence again, I interviewed,” West said.

Here she learned the importance of preparation. While the Army Command and General Staff course was not required for military physicians, West said she always made sure to keep her military schools up to date.

“I didn’t just want to do what I had to do. I wanted to do the best I could do,” she said. “As an Army officer I wanted to make sure I had all the training and education I could to make sure I was not just a competent physician but a competent Soldier.”

She credits having attended the course with contributing to her interview for and selection of the 1st Armored Division, division surgeon. “The fact that I had done it provided me the opportunity and preparation to be able to take advantage of that opportunity,” she said, offering Soldiers the advice, “Be prepared in everything you can do. Your ORBs, if you’re officers. Your ERBs, if you’re en-

listed. Make sure they’re up-to-date. Make sure you do all the schoolings and courses you can to ensure you’re prepared in case an opportunity comes up.”

Had West not been prepared, she would have missed what she describes as one of the best career and leader developing and broadening positions in her career. “We deployed to Kosovo during that time so we prepared units medically,” she said. “Working in that environment really taught me a lot.”

While deployed, West said she learned the importance of being extremely competent in her craft so she was able to apply the best medical knowledge.

“You never know who might be asking you a question,” she said. “It’s important to always keep yourself up to date. and well informed in your craft and responsibility.”

She also reflected that had she given leadership incorrect information, it would have minimized her ability to be an effective adviser.

As a leader, she also learned the importance of being a good role model. “You always have someone looking up to you or watching you and maybe crafting their style of leadership after you,” she said. “Make sure you’re the example young Soldiers can see and learn good habits from and not bad.”

Continuing her military education, West attended the National War College. She soon had to make another career choice. She was offered an opportunity to work alongside the Navy on their leadership staff as the two services integrated the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center and National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, Maryland,

into one integrated health system that is now known as Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

She thought it could be a risky position because she wasn’t sure what the expectations were. She talked to her husband, asking his thoughts. Should she take a sure thing or take an uncertain job?

“I ended up taking the job and that’s probably one of the best jobs I ever had,” she said. “They didn’t see me as an Army officer. I was part of the team. I learned a lot from our Navy colleagues.”

West said she’s never had a bad assignment. Working with the Navy taught her to take any and every job as a learning opportunity and an opportunity to serve as an example.

“Whatever job you’re given, do it very well,” she said. “You never know what job you’re going to get, but the one you do get, do it to the utmost of your abilities. You never know the outcome.

“My journey is not something I mapped out,” she said. “I didn’t start out saying, ‘OK, I’m going to do this path and be the surgeon general someday. In fact, I still chuckle (in disbelief) when I think about it. I’m honored to have been selected and am going to do the best of my ability.”

West said it doesn’t matter where you start – it’s where you end up. She may have started as an orphan with an uncertain future, but along her path, through hard work, determination and the help of positive role models, she blazed a trail of success.

West became the first African-American female lieutenant general in the Army’s active component and is the highest ranking woman to graduate from the United States Military Academy.

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109
8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940
8:30 a.m. Catholic Confessions
9 a.m. Catholic Mass
11 a.m. Collective Protestant
12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass
(Tuesday-Friday)
4 p.m. Catholic Confessions
(Saturday)
5 p.m. Catholic Mass (Saturday)

Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads
(Contemporary Worship
Protestant Service)
11 p.m. Eckankar Study (4th Sunday)

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

BIBLE STUDIES
TUESDAYS
Crossroads Discipleship Study
(Meal/Bible Study)
Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel
Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.



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WOUNDED WARRIOR SUPPORT

Hunt aims to add more handicap-accessible amenities

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Wiregrass community's support of Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation's annual Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt provided the resources to add a three-bedroom, handicap accessible cabin to its growing list of wounded warrior-specific equipment for disabled veterans to use at no cost. And this year's event will help support wounded warriors even more.

Hunters will gather Wednesday at 4:30 a.m. at the ODR service center, Bldg. 24235, on Johnston Road, to kick off this year's hunt. The hunt, which concludes Oct. 29, will give wounded warriors, as well as Soldiers and civilians, the opportunity to hunt hogs and coyotes to win prizes that will help out a worthy cause, said John Clancy, ODR manager.

"All they need to do is register with us," he said. "The registration fee is \$25. The hunt starts at daylight 30 minutes before sunrise and ends at 30 minutes after sunset."

Those who wish to participate in the hunt must be at least 16 years of age with a hunter's education card, Alabama state hunting license, Fort Rucker post hunting permit and have their weapons registered with the Fort Rucker Provost Marshal Office.

According to Clancy, this year's goal will be to accrue funds for a possible second cabin.

"If this cabin is being utilized to the max and we can't keep up with the demand we will possibly look into building a second one," he said.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Mark Yoakum, outdoor recreation facilities manager, drives The Warrior on Lake Tholocco with Tony Vilardo, a wounded warrior, last year.

"It is very important, because we can show wounded warriors that we care and want to provide them with equipment and facilities that will help the enjoy the outdoors," he added.

The community can support the effort by joining the hunt or purchasing tickets to enter into a drawing for several door prizes.

"We will be giving away guns, a bow, crossbows, a Yeti cooler, Yeti-like items, a camouflage reclining chair, a grill and more," Clancy said. "The grand prize will be a Rhino aluminum boat with a 15-horsepower Honda motor and trailer worth \$9,739."

Drawing participants do not have to be present at the drawing to win, according to Clancy.

"Just fill out the required information on the ticket," he said. "Don't fold the ticket and please clearly print the information."

People don't have to hunt to contribute

to the cause or be eligible for door prizes, said Clancy. People can donate and participate by purchasing door prize tickets for \$5 at the outdoor recreation service center at Lake Tholocco, Bldg. 24235, MWR Central in Bldg. 5700, Builders Cash and Carry in Daleville, Joe's Motor Service in Hartford, and the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center on Andrews Avenue.

After 2011's hunt, which raised \$40,890, Fort Rucker purchased two handicap-accessible elevated tree stands and a track chair, and after 2012's hunt, which raised \$35,322, a customized handicap accessible boat with features that include a ramp that allows a person in a wheelchair to directly roll onto the boat, specialized controls, remote control anchor, wheelchair locking system and other specialized features, along with a boat dock, accessories for the track chair and some support equipment for the upcoming hunts were purchased, said Clancy.

In previous years the hunt has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support wounded warriors on Fort Rucker, and that money has gone directly into buying new equipment for those wounded warriors, said Clancy.

All of the proceeds from the Wounded Warrior Hunt will go directly back into outdoor recreation to fund programs or equipment for wounded warriors, he said.

There will be prizes given to the hunter with the most points for hogs and for coyotes – three points per hog and 15 points per coyote. There also will be door prizes given away to the person holding the winning ticket on the final day of the hunt.

As much as the hunt is about raising funds for new equipment for wounded warriors, Clancy said it's also about raising awareness of the sacrifices those Soldiers made for the freedoms people enjoy today.

For more information or to register, call 255-4305.

'A WIN FOR THE ARMY'

Soldiers dominate the 2016 Army Ten-Miler, WCAP team strives to finish race together

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Sgt. Augustus Maiyo led his fellow Soldiers in snatching the Top 5 places in the 32nd running of the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 9.

"We were running together the whole time," said Maiyo, a Kenyan native who is a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

According to Maiyo, most of the WCAP team stayed out in front the entire race. That allowed the team members to move to the finish line as one. Of the more than 35,000 runners who participated, none of the others came even close.

"It was a win for the Army," Maiyo said.

Seconds before the start of the race, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley had picked up a microphone and asked if the Soldiers were going to win. They raised their arms in a victory gesture and declared they would do it for the Army. A loud "Hooah!" followed from the racers, many of whom were Soldiers or veterans.



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Sgt. Augustus Maiyo crosses the finish line first, with fellow Soldier Robert Chesseret in tow, followed by Soldiers Shadrack Kipchirchir and Hillary Bor.

Now, at the finish line, members of the team looked refreshed, having not even broken a sweat. That was due to the stiff wind, rain and low temperatures, said fellow WCAP teammate Emmanuel Bor, who placed seventh. The announcer said the headwind at the start of the race was 18 mph and the temperature was 56 degrees Fahrenheit.

WOUNDED WARRIORS PROUD

Some 100 wounded warriors, on various types of recumbent bicycles, some leg-propelled and some hand-propelled, as well as

special wheelchairs, led the race.

Dave Gifford road a hand cycle. He lost the use of both legs when a car struck him from behind while he was riding a motor-cycle. For Gifford, who served eight years on active duty in the Army and 20 in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, this was his first year at the Army Ten-Miler.

He expressed gratitude to the Department of Veterans Affairs for helping him recuperate from his injuries and providing him with the hand cycle, which has allowed him to exercise and connect with other veterans.

Gifford said he still visits his old unit in Pittsburgh, the 128th Brigade Support Battalion. He and other vets sell hot dogs and hamburgers to raise funds for morale activities for the Soldiers and family members of the 128th.

Haywood Thomas also rode a hand cycle provided to him by Bethesda National Military Medical Center. He said he is still receiving therapy at Bethesda for a leg infection that left him unable to walk after he retired from the Army in 2002 as a sergeant first class.

Thomas said he does a tremendous amount of volunteer work with his church, 1st Mount Zion, in Dumphries, Virginia. He also volunteers at the VA, performing clerical duties. He said the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the VA have the best surgeons in the world.

Thomas encouraged other wounded, ill or injured veterans to get involved in sporting activities like this one and volunteer their time.

"If you don't do things, you go crazy," he said.

ARMY LEADERS SPEAK

A few minutes before the start of the Ten-Miler, several Army leaders offered remarks, encouraging the runners and talking up the Army.

Milley assured the runners who assembled at the start line that they "represent all that's good about America." He noted that the event's 35,000 runners came from all 50 U.S. states, as well as 54 countries.

Under Secretary of the Army Patrick J.

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PIGSKIN PICKS



	Chicago vs. Green Bay	N.Y. Giants vs. Los Angeles	Washington vs. Detroit	Buffalo vs. Miami	Atlanta vs. San Diego	Seattle vs. Arizona	Houston vs. Denver
 David Agan PAO (22-20)							
 Col. Tom von Eschenbach CDID Director (23-19)							
 Jim Hughes PAO (22-20)							
 Capt. Jason Jordan 6th MP (23-19)							
 Capt. Mike Simmons DPS (27-15)							

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OUR STORY SO FAR...

HAVING BEEN SLIGHTED BY TEESHA'S COMPARISON OF HIMSELF TO FLASH, JOODA HANDS FLASH OVER TO DUROK AND HIS MEN.

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FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE 10-16

AS JOODA'S DEATH IS MOURNED, THE MASSIVE UNDERTAKING OF REPAIRING VULTAN'S CITY IN THE CLOUDS BEGINS.

DR. ZARKOV, YOUR EXPERTISE WOULD BE INVALUABLE. AS WE REBUILD, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD STAY WITH US.

BUT WHAT ABOUT BARIN'S MEN, VULTAN? FLASH, DALE AND I ARE STILL WANTED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

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WE'RE IN YOUR DEBT, THORNE. THANKS!

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FOR UNTIL HE'S FOUND, AND OUR NAMES ARE CLEARED, WE DON'T EVER STAND A CHANCE OF GETTING BACK HOME TO EARTH!

DALE AND ZARKOV CAN.

BUT AS LONG AS WE'RE STILL FUGITIVES, IT'S IMPERATIVE I FIND MING...

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA

- ENTERTAINMENT: The book "Happy Trails" was the autobiography of what famous Western film couple?
- HISTORY: What U.S. office did Aaron Burr hold when he shot and killed Alexander Hamilton?
- LITERATURE: What was the pen name of this 18th-century French writer/philosopher whose real name was Francois-Marie Arouet?
- GEOGRAPHY: What small principality is located between France and Spain?
- MUSIC: What father/daughter duo had a Billboard No. 1 hit in 1967?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What nation is the top producer of vanilla?
- ASTRONOMY: What is the fifth planet from the sun in our solar system?
- GEOLOGY: What type of rock is pumice?
- FOOD & DRINK: What were the five original colors of M&M's candies?
- TELEVISION: What were the names of the boys on the 1960s show "My Three Sons"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Display shimmering milky colors

9 Reinforcing eyelet

16 Shapes of parentheses

20 Like a Williams-burg district

21 Eyeglass

22 0

23 Sharp-witted response from a creep?

25 Eye part

26 Energy-filled

27 Provide (with)

28 Hiatus

29 Gut-punch response

32 Mello — (drink brand)

34 Like someone doing an oil change under a car?

38 Plane part

40 Gaelic language

42 Columnist Barrett

43 Took charge

44 Sale on items having a quintet of hanging decorative threads?

51 Suds-filled

52 Bible bk. before Job

53 Siesta, e.g.

57 Greatest importance

59 One-sixth of a foot?

64 Circumspect

67 Hula —

69 Open, as a bolted door

70 19th Greek letter

71 Palette part

72 Hold PC fixers dear?

76 Work unit

77 Lyric penner Gershwin

78 Pulls down

79 Jorge's "this"

80 Hawkish god

81 One telling fortunes by gazing into artificial light sources?

84 Equally billed

88 Alternatively

89 "— pity!"

91 Working properly

95 Bistro that's beautiful and also has great food?

101 "I see now!"

104 "It's — of words"

105 They counter nays

106 Ill-fated whaler

107 What it used to take to get word in prehistoric times?

111 8-pointer in Scrabble

115 They cross rds.

116 Fiery fits

117 Steer snarer

119 Nautilus VIP

121 Hot-rod rod

122 Lament from somebody who wants one of their sons to be named after director De Palma?

129 Mad, with "off"

130 Indian oven

131 Oil conduit

132 Water swirl

133 Novelist Sabato

134 Endeavoring anew

DOWN

1 Suffix with hill

2 "Lenore" poet

3 Brit's brew

4 Extended

5 Savor

6 Attack tactic

7 Noel

8 Wapiti

9 Govt. agents

10 Train track supporters

11 Well-timed

12 Orbitz listing

13 Old AT&T rival

14 "Twilight" rock gp.

15 Olympic ideal

16 Sky color

17 Expose

18 Wrinkle

19 Really wet

24 Corp. shuffle

28 Oat husk

29 Sign- (approvals)

30 Mishmash

31 — beans

33 Helped out

35 Tolkien villain

36 Seek to win

37 Wildebeest

39 Energy-filled

41 "Ciao"

45 Yule tree

46 Outdoor gear retailer

47 Suffix with 20-Across

48 "— better be good!"

49 Yell at from a distance

50 Three: Prefix

54 Come in

55 Startle

56 Violent sorts

58 Mollycoddles

60 Least comfortable

61 U.K. channel

62 "— -di-dahl!"

63 Hosp. areas

64 As long as

65 Ear-relevant

66 Stationery store units

68 Marital beginning?

72 Artist Gerard — Borch

73 Comic Charlotte

74 Age

75 Flee from

80 Humane org. of the U.S.

82 Fence (in)

83 Slowing down, in mus.

85 Blast cause

86 Craft

87 San Luis —

90 Speaks volumes

92 Spa sighs

93 — all possible

94 Yanks' foes

96 Klutzy ones

97 A pair

98 Honey holder

99 Vase type

100 Indian noble

101 Make fizzy

102 Humbugged

103 Used a hook and line

108 Sordid

109 Rub away

110 Tipping types

112 Film festival flick, often

113 Sprang

114 Dying fire bit

118 Trainee

120 Airport near Paris

122 Manhattan chaser?

123 Way-off

124 Red Roof —

125 Busy mo. for the IRS

126 VI / II

127 Raggedy — (doll)

128 Like some nos.

REORDERING PARTS

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

KID's CORNER

Puzzle Card

HOW MANY RECTANGLES of varying sizes can you count in the above drawing?

Answer: There are 25 rectangles in the drawing.

SOLVE THIS ONE AND WIN THE GAME! To solve this AlphaMath problem, replace the letters on our scoreboard with the digits 0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you will have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest possible total.

Our Answer: F=3, O=0, T=7, A=8, B=6, M=5, E=1 (2007 + 6844 = 9851).

CAN YOU "RISE" TO THIS CHALLENGE? Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid B.

1. A supervisor.
2. An eating place.
3. Fish love it here.
4. Desperately urgent.

1. Sounds of distress.
2. To confront trouble.
3. A vegetable.
4. To be carried.

Answers: 1. Boss-9082, 2. Cafe-1083, 3. Like-418, 4. Dine-0184

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend
STUFF AROUND THE HOUSE!

Hidden in the above diagram are the names of 21 items that are common to most households. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the items you will be looking for.

Bathtub
Blender
Books
Bottles
Chairs
China
Crib
Dresser
Goblets
Griddle
Lamp
Laundry
Oven
Pillows
Plants
Radio
Silver
Sofa
Stereo
Storage
Table

Wishing Well®

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. T-shirt is missing, 2. Clock is missing, 3. Chair is missing, 4. Bedpost is missing, 5. TV remote is missing, 6. Picture is missing, 7. Book is missing, 8. Pillow is missing, 9. Lamp is missing, 10. Chair is missing, 11. Bedpost is missing, 12. Clock is missing, 13. Chair is missing, 14. Bedpost is missing, 15. TV remote is missing, 16. Picture is missing, 17. Book is missing, 18. Pillow is missing, 19. Lamp is missing, 20. Chair is missing, 21. Bedpost is missing, 22. Clock is missing, 23. Chair is missing, 24. Bedpost is missing, 25. TV remote is missing, 26. Picture is missing, 27. Book is missing, 28. Pillow is missing, 29. Lamp is missing, 30. Chair is missing, 31. Bedpost is missing, 32. Clock is missing, 33. Chair is missing, 34. Bedpost is missing, 35. TV remote is missing, 36. Picture is missing, 37. Book is missing, 38. Pillow is missing, 39. Lamp is missing, 40. Chair is missing, 41. Bedpost is missing, 42. Clock is missing, 43. Chair is missing, 44. 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Makers update Combat Application Tourniquet

By Ellen Crown
Army Medical Materiel Agency
Public Affairs

FORT DETRICK, Md. — Makers of the Combat Application Tourniquet™ have updated the design of the widely used tourniquet.

The update has resulted in two different versions of the tourniquet currently in use in the field, though both have the same national stock number – NSN 6515-01-521-7976.

“When you need to actually use a tourniquet is the wrong time to figure out which version you have and how to use it,” advised Jason Harrington, Army Medical Materiel Agency’s nurse consultant with the Medical Devices Program Management Office. “Soldiers need to look at their tourniquets and become familiar with the ver-



PHOTO BY ELLEN CROWN

A photo of the CAT Generation 7 applied to a Soldier's leg.

sion they have been issued by carefully reading the printed instructions that come with each CAT.”

The older version of the tourniquet, Generation 6, which was

developed through research at the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, is a small, lightweight tourniquet designed to completely stop arterial blood flow

from an injured limb.

Exsanguination, i.e. bleeding to death, is the most common cause of potentially survivable death for wounded warfighters. So every Soldier carries a CAT on the battlefield to provide life-saving care to themselves or a fellow Soldier.

The update version of the CAT, Generation 7, features a single-routing buckle through which Soldiers feed the tourniquet belt before tightening it with the windlass – a textured black rod.

The Generation 6 CAT model has two slots on the buckle and could be used to either double-route (buddy care) or single-route (self-care) the belt.

While the updated CAT single-slot buckle is designed for faster and easier application, the Army emphasizes that both models are effective.

“Soldiers who have an older version should not feel they have to replace their device by getting the newer version or fear that the older version is any less effective,” Harrington said.

Both have been tested by the Army Medical Research Materiel Command’s Institute of Surgical Research and the Navy. Additionally, Army medics are now trained on both versions.

Harrington recommends keeping the instructions for reference and refresher training.

In appearance, the two generations differ in the color of the fastener strap. The fastener strap on the new model is gray, compared to a white strap on the older model.

Additionally, the new model’s lot number and G7 are visible on the device and through the manufacturer’s packaging.

Dominate

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Murphy, who ran in a later wave of the Ten-Miler, said the Ten-Miler had raised \$6 million that will go toward funding Soldier and family programs.

He then added some swagger, predicting that in 62 days, Army would beat the Navy at their annual rivalry.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said, “It’s a great day to be a Soldier. If you can’t pass me, you’re not trying

hard enough.”

Dailey and fellow sergeants major formed a race team that beat out the other Army sergeants major teams, coming in at 4:43:49. Dailey had enough energy after the finish to enter an impromptu pull-up competition with drill sergeants.

Provisional results can be found at <http://www.armytenmiler.com/Results/searchable-results.cfm?RL=1&>.

Final results will be posted Oct. 25.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

The top three winners of the 2016 Army Ten-Miler include:

- First place overall male: Augustus Maiyo, 48:20;
- Second place overall male: Robert Cheseret, 48:20; and
- Third place overall male: Shadrack Kipchirchir, 48:22.

FORT RUCKER SPORTS 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-Sunday and closed again Monday through Oct. 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.

Rucker Lanes re-opening party

Rucker Lanes will host its grand re-opening costume party Nov. 5 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Kid-Focused Time will be 6-9 p.m. and Xtreme Bowling will be 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$35 per lane, with a maximum of four per lane; or \$60 per pair of lanes, for up to 10 people. Price includes unlimited bowling during people’s selected timeframe and shoe rentals. Prize packs will be awarded for the best costumes. Reservations are not required, but are recommended.

For more information, call 255-9503.

Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt

The Fort Rucker Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt is slated for Wednesday through Oct.29. This year’s hog hunt wraps up Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. At the con-

clusion of the hunt, participants will meet back at West Beach, Lake Tholocco, at noon for door prize giveaways, announcement of winners and sponsor recognition. Cost to participate in the hunt is \$25 and it is open to the public. Patrons can purchase \$5 door prize tickets, which will be available at local participating businesses in the Wiregrass and on post at the outdoor recreation service center and MWR Central. Proceeds from this year’s hunt will be used to enhance the quality of life for local wounded warriors. Hunt registration is under way. Participants must have a valid Alabama hunting license, and a Hunter Safety Education Course Completion Card and a Fort Rucker post hunting permit.

For more information, visit rucker.armymwr.com or call 255-4305.

Biggest Buck Contest

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host its Big Buck Contest now through Jan. 30 during daylight hours. Entry fee is \$25 per person and the contest is open to the public. Participants must be registered before harvesting their buck – bucks must be harvested on Fort Rucker to qualify. Fort Rucker requires that individuals ages 16 and older have an Alabama State Hunting License, a Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and a Hunter Education Card.

For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

Youth gymnastics classes

Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services

will hold gymnastics classes now through Dec. 20 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the school age center, Bldg. 2806. Classes are offered for preschool – coed – (age 3-5) up though Level 5 (age 16). Cost varies from \$25-\$50 per month. Students can join classes at any time.

For more information, call 255-1867.

Youth basketball registration

Child, youth and school support youth sports fall basketball registration will take place throughout October. Cost is \$40 to participate and additional children will receive a percentage discount to be determined at parent central services during registration. Teams will be broken down into age groups: Training League - ages 6-8; PeeWee League - ages 9-10; Minor League - ages 11-12; Junior League - ages 13-14; and Senior League - ages 15-18. Children must meet age requirements by Sept. 1. A current sports physical and a valid CYSS registration are required for participation. There will be a parents meeting Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at the youth center gymnasium, Bldg. 2800, Seventh Avenue.

Coaches are needed and people interested can call 255-2257 or 255-2254. For more information and to register, call 255-2257 or 255-2254.

Deep-sea fishing trip

MWR Central will host a deep-sea fishing trip Oct. 22 aboard the Vera Marie in Destin, Florida. All people have to do is sit back, relax and enjoy

a day of fishing, as everything else will be taken care of for them, according to organizers. The bus will depart Fort Rucker at 4 a.m. from Bldg. 5700 and return at 8 p.m. People are welcome to bring a small cooler with drinks and snacks – no glass. The cost is \$75 per person, plus tip. The price includes transportation to and from Destin, bait, rod, reel, fishing license, six-hour fishing trip, and people’s fish cut and cleaned at the end of the trip. The trip is limited to 42 participants.

People can sign up at outdoor recreation, 255-4305, or MWR Central, 255-2997.

Spooky 5K

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host the annual Spooky 5k, 1-Mile Fun Run and Costume Contest Oct. 29 at West Beach, Lake Tholocco. Registration on the day of the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 8:45 a.m. The run will start at 9 a.m. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the event, which ensures availability of shirts and also offers a discount for those who register by Saturday. Forms are available at both PFCs and online at rucker.armymwr.com. The fun run is free and open to all children. Each fun run participant will receive a medal. There will be a costume contest for adults and children in various categories. The costume contest is free to enter and will start at 8:15 a.m. Trophies will also be awarded in various categories for the 5k race.

For more information, including costs to register for the race, call 255-2296.

PIGSKIN PICKS



	Troy vs. USA	North Texas vs. Army	Alabama vs. Texas A&M	Utah vs. UCLA	Arkansas vs. Auburn	Mississippi State vs. Kentucky	Ole Miss vs. LSU
 Kent Anger DPTMS (32-10)							
 Todd Conyers USAACE (31-11)							
 Jeff Frey NCOA (23-19)							
 Wes Hamilton NEC (31-11)							
 John Tkac DPS (29-13)							

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword														
Answers														
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TRIVIA

Answers

1. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans
2. Vice president
3. Voltaire
4. Andorra
5. Nancy and Frank Sinatra
6. Indonesia
7. Jupiter
8. Igneous
9. Red, yellow, brown, green and purple
10. Mike, Robbie and Chip



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