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Ceremony bonors duty, sacrifice

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker hosted its Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park May 21 as a way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation and to once again make the promise to never

"These brave men and women paid the full measure on the field of battle to preserve this great nation and to secure the freedoms and liberties that generations of Americans have enjoyed since (the country was founded)," said Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general. "All we cherish today and enjoy as free people was paid in full through the currency of courage and selfless sacrifice. It is a debt that we can only honor, but never truly repay. In quiet reverence and with overwhelming pride, we remember the sacrifices of our fallen and those of their families, and we will not forget them."

Lundy, along with CW5 Allen R. Godfrey, chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch, and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric C. Thom, Aviation Branch command sergeant major, laid a wreath to honor those who have fallen in service to the nation.

"I know today, given the opportunity, each of us here would give anything to tell our fallen how we really feel," said Lundy. "We'd want them to know how grateful we are for their sacrifice. We'd want them to know how important they are to our nation. We'd want to reas-



Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, CW5 Allen R. Godfrey, chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch, and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric C. Thom, Aviation Branch command sergeant major, lay a wreath during a Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park May 21.

sure them that their honorable service kept us free and protected our way of life. And we want to tell them that we always know that they chose the hard right, and that they always served something greater than themselves.

"But most importantly, I think we want them to know that their sacrifice was not in vain and that we're not going to let them down because they made us who we are - a standing example to the people of the world that freedom comes with a heavy price," he said.

The best way to continue to honor their sacrifice is to continue to serve with the character and commitment that was exemplified by those who came before us, said Lundy.

And freedom is something that Jason Milton, civilian from Enterprise, said he is grateful to enjoy, and that he owes everything to those who have come before him in service.

"Growing up in the area, I'm very familiar with the military - it's a part of my everyday life," he said. "Without the sacrifices made by those who came before us, I might not have the opportunity to stand here today to honor our service members. I might not have the freedom to do what I wish, and I might not have the freedom to even talk to you. But because of those who came before us, I'm able to enjoy those freedoms and I'm eternally grateful for it."

It's because of those freedoms that Lundy said it's important to never forget, and that it is the responsibility of every current service member to assure that the legacy that they created - the people of today - continue to protect those freedoms for future generations.

Post supports Gold Star Families

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Before the Memorial Day ceremony to honor the nation's fallen, post leadership welcomed area Gold Star Family members and survivors to a special gathering as a means to provide additional support to those whose loved ones died while serving the nation.

Fort Rucker's Survivor Outreach Services hosted a meet-and-greet social for Gold Star Families and survivors at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 21 to allow them to interact with one another and receive peer-to-peer support, said Rick Kohl, Army Family Team Building and SOS support coordinator.

"This is a good opportunity for these families to come out and understand some of the stories about the recovery process, but also the connection to the military - it makes them feel not so alone throughout the process," he said.

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Mai. Gen. Michael D. Lundv. U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, speaks with the Gold Star Family members.

James Bright, Fort Rucker firefighter, teaches Oliver Villagomez, military family member, how to operate a fire truck during the Directorate of Public Safety Family Day at Munson Heights Neighborhood Center May 20.

Ist responders host community event

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

Police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians play a vital role in any community, and Fort Rucker's first responders want to be on a first-name basis with members of the community

The Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Safety held its Family Day at the Munson Heights Neighborhood Center May 20 as a way for people in the community to get to know their first responders, said Peggy Contreras, Fort Rucker Community Police supervisor.

"We want to provide an outreach program to the community for people in the communities to get to know the first responders – police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians – as a way to give back a little to the community," she said. "This is a good opportunity for them to come and ask questions and find out what's going on in their community. It's also a great way for the children to get to know who they should be dealing with in an emergency situation and to not be afraid."

The outreach is held quarterly throughout the various neighborhood centers and serves as a way to make the first responders more approachable, especially for newer families, Contreras said. "This makes for a smoother transition for new

families because they don't have to come out to us

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Fort Rucker community within burricane danger zone

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

Although this year's hurricane season is expected to be mild, it only takes one big storm to wreak havoc on coastal states, and Fort Rucker officials remind people that preparation

Having a kit ready and being prepared for a storm has the potential to save lives and give people what they need to not only make it through a storm, but be able to survive the aftermath, said Willie Worsham, Fort Rucker emergency response manager.

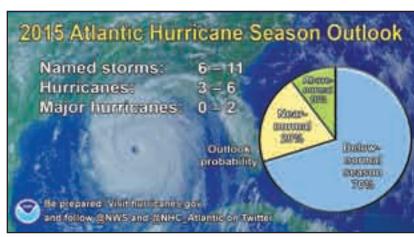
"Throughout hurricane season, people need to understand the dangers that are associated with hurricanes, even though we don't live right along the coast," he said. "We are still close enough to the coast that we do feel the effects of hurricanes."

Worsham said that people should familiarize themselves with what hurricanes can bring, such as high winds, torrential rainfall, flooding and even tornadoes that can come along with the storm systems. Education is important so that people understand what they need to prepare for, he added.

"Make sure you have plenty of water to drink, because in the event of flooding, water systems could become contaminated," said the emergency response manager. "People need to have at least one gallon of water per person, per day. And normally they should have at least three days of water on hand, but with a hurricane, people should prepare for at least a week."

Along with water, people should make sure to have at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, any necessary medications, first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, ID cards and anything they feel might help them if they are without power.

People should also take into account





Worsham the needs of their pets, he added.

In the event of extended power outages, which can be fairly common with severe storms, people should also invest in a back-up generator to power their most essential appliances, such as a refrigerator.

Although we are relatively close to the coast, when a hurricane makes landfall, it loses power fairly quickly, so areas surrounding the Fort Rucker community won't experience the kind of devastation that coastal cities might see, but people should prepare for the worst nonetheless, said Worsham.

Hurricanes can also spawn strong storms with high winds, large downpours, lightning, possible tornadoes and even flooding in low-lying areas,

Tornados are one of the main things

people need to be prepared for since they are so unpredictable and can strike

without warning, said Worsham. "The dynamics in the atmosphere during these periods are very conducive for the formation of tornados," he said. "If people hear tornado sirens, they should immediately move to an interior area of their house, such as a hallway or closet, and try and shield themselves with mattresses or anything they can."

If people live in low-lying areas prone to flooding, they should try to evacuate to an area out of the flood zone to avoid danger, he added.

Another thing people should be prepared for is after the storm. Afterward, they should do a damage assessment to make sure their area is still safe. Some things people need to look out for are downed trees and power lines, and they should make sure to stay clear of any power lines they see on the ground.

In the event of a storm, Fort Rucker residents can stay informed with CodeRED alerts direct to their smart phones, which they can sign up for at www.rucker.army.mil/codered/.

For more information on emergency weather preparation, visit www.acsim. army.mil/readyarmy/ra_readiness. htm#natural.

PERSPECTIVE

DPW plans to reduce aquatic vegetation

Natural Resources Staff Article

By Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works

Natural Resources Branch Staff

Aquatic vegetation in lakes such as Lake Tholocco can be a controversial subject.

Heavy vegetation can interfere with activities, such as water skiing, swimming and boating. On the other hand, vegetation in the lake provides oxygen, shade, cover and food sources for sport fish, as well as filtering the water in the lake and improving water quality. The trick is to manage the lake where there is not too much of a good thing.

Lake Tholocco is used for all these recreational purposes, as well as being used for military training. There are many patrons of the Directorate of Family, Morale,

Welfare and Recreation that use the lake for camping, swimming, boating, skiing, picnicking and other activities.

Lake Tholocco is also a popular fishing lake and provides opportunities to catch largemouth bass, hybrid striped bass, crappie, bream and channel catfish. Recent surveys indicate that the fishery is in good condition with healthy fish and welldistributed age classes. These fish tend to inhabit areas of the lake with good cover, such as grass, lily pads and woody areas.

During the last few years, a new type of submersed vegetation, fanwort, has begun to expand in the lake. This vegetation grows up from the bottom in waters up to 10 feet deep. When fanwort has topped out at the surface, it becomes thick enough to prevent outboard motor use where it occurs.

Fort Rucker Natural Resources per-

sonnel, in consultation with the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division have developed a plan for reducing the invasive aquatic vegetation in problem areas of the lake while retaining the fishery benefits of the vegetation in other areas. This will involve a two-pronged approach.

First, recreational areas that have encroaching vegetation such as boat ramps, boat docks, swimming areas and selected navigation access areas will be treated with aquatic herbicide to reduce the growth in these areas.

Secondly, a limited number of white amur (grass carp) will be stocked in the lake. These forage-eating fish consume large amounts of aquatic vegetation, especially submersed vegetation, such as fanwort. Repeated herbicide applications and additional white amur stockings may

be necessary in the future if the problem does not decline.

The treatment application is scheduled for May-June and will be performed by a certified pest management applicator while utilizing airboats to access the impacted areas. The selected chemicals planned for use are labeled for this specific use and will not affect recreational use of the lake. The white amur, or grasseating carp, will also be stocked in the lake during the same timeframe.

The DPW Natural Resources Branch will continue to monitor the lake on a regular basis to determine if additional measures for managing the aquatic vegetation are needed. Our goal is to maximize the availability of the lake for recreation and enjoyment while balancing the ecosystem for a high-quality fishery that will last many years.

THIS MONTH IN ARMY AVIATION HISTORY

This month we're spotlighting the May 1990 issue of the U.S. Army Aviation Digest. This issue features:

The Army ground forces and the helicopter: 1941 to 1945

Thanks to a number of pseudohistorical products that primarily rest upon suspect secondary sources, the lay reader could easily gain a number of misconceptions about the relationship of the helicopter to the Army ground forces and its successor organizations.

Grand opening: U.S. Army Aviation

All roads in the Wiregrass and Fort

Rucker area lead to the fabulous and exhilarating new U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Brochures, and distinctive and colorful billboards along Alabama and Florida roadways help attract visitors to one of the largest helicopter collections

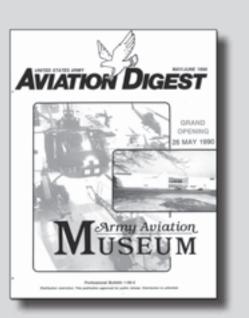
Army Aviation: A relevant force for the future

The world is obviously experiencing one of the most dynamic periods of this century. Not since the end of World War II has so much fundamental change taken place in the political-military situation across the global landscape. Now is the time to take stock of where we are and

Helicopter operations in a microburst environment

Microburst wind shear is hazardous to helicopters for basically the same reasons it's hazardous to fixed-wing aircraft. It affects both types of aircraft by a systematic loss of lift that occurs following downdrafts and tailwind conditions, which are undetected by the crew until the aircraft has penetrated the wind shear.

Download this issue of the U.S. Army Aviation Digest at http://bit.ly/av8-





The third annual disc golf tournament begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center. Why is it important to support and participate in sports programs on post? ""



military spouse "It's a good way for people to



Jessica Farris, military family member

"It's always nice to take part in something outside of work that the family can get involved



Joseph Priven, military family member

"It's a great way to stay active and get out of the house outside



Jerry Dornan, veteran

"It's a great way to promote team building and



Bethany Kinkle, military spouse

"Sports, in general, help to promote teamwork and it's just a good way to stay active."

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SUICIDE INTERVENTION

Ask your buddy

- · Have the courage to ask the question, but stay
- Ask the question directly. For example, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

Care for your buddy

· Remove any means that could be used for self-

injury.

- Calmly control the situation, do not use force.
- Actively listen to produce relief.

⊏scort your buddy

- · Never leave your buddy alone.
- · Escort to the chain of command, a chaplain, a behavioral health professional or a primary care provider.

Obama: Nation owes debt to fallen service members

By Terri Moon Cronk Department of Defense News

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama Monday used the stories of three Soldiers who died in Afghanistan to illustrate the values of the thousands of service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the nation's wars.

Joined by Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, Obama spoke at the cemetery's amphitheater after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in observance of Memorial Day.

Spc. Wyatt Martin and Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Morris were 15 years apart in age and traveled different paths in life, the president said, but their paths took them to the same unit in Afghanistan and made them brothers

"In December, an (improvised explosive device) struck their vehicle. They were the last two Americans to give their lives during our combat mission in Afghanistan," Obama said. "These two men, these two heroes, if you saw them passing on the street, you wouldn't have known they were brothers. But under this flag, in common cause, they were bonded together to secure our liberty, to keep us safe."

Like Martin and Morris, Cpl. John Dawson shared the same passion and convictions about serving his country, Obama said.

"In April, an attacker wearing an Afghan uniform fired at a group of American Soldiers," the president said. "And Dawson became the first American service member to give his life to this new mission to train Afghan forces. The words on John's dog tag were those of scripture: 'Greater love has no other than this, than to lay down your life for your friends.""

147 years of tribute

Americans have set aside this day for 147 years to pay solemn tribute to brave patriots who gave their "last full measure of devotion" for the nation, Obama said. "While the nature of war has changed over that time, the values that drive our brave men and women in uniform remain constant: honor, courage,

The nation's patriots have ranged from



President Barack Obama lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to observe Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Monday.

those who sparked the American Revolution, those who saved a union, those who defeated tyranny in Europe and the Pacific, he noted. Americans also braved the mountains of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam and the deserts of the Middle East, and became the men and women of the "9/11 Generation."

"This year, we mark a historic anniversary: 70 years since our victory in World War II," Obama said. "More than 16 million Americans left everything they knew to fight for our freedom. More than 400,000 gave their lives."

The president asked World War II heroes, their families and friends of the fallen to stand "so our country can thank you once more," he said.

Taken for granted

Most Americans don't fully understand the sacrifice that 1 percent of the population makes by serving in the all-volunteer armed forces - one that "preserves the freedoms we too often take for granted," the president said. "Few know what it's like to take a bullet for a buddy, or to live with the fact that he or she took one for you. But our Gold Star Families, our military families, our veterans they know this intimately.

"Whenever I meet with our Gold Star families, I hear their pride through their tears

as they flip through old photos and run their fingers over shiny medals," Obama continued. "I see that their hearts are still broken, and yet still full of love. They do not ask for awards or honors. They do not ask for special treatment. They are unfailingly humble. In the face of unspeakable loss, they represent the best of who we are."

They belong to the nation

The sons and daughters and brothers and sisters who lay down their lives for American freedom belong to all U.S. citizens, the

"We benefit from their light, their positive influence on the world," he said. "And it's our duty – our eternal obligation – to be there for them, too, to make sure our troops always have what they need to carry out the mission, to make sure we care for all those who have served, to make sure we honor all those whom we've lost, to make sure we keep faith with our military families, to make sure we never stop searching for those who are missing or trying to bring home our prisoners of war. And we are grateful for the families of our (prisoners of war and those missing in action)."

Reflection of America

The hallowed ground of Arlington Na-

tional Cemetery is more than the final resting place of heroes, Obama said, adding that it also is a reflection of America.

"It's a reflection of our history – the wars we've waged for democracy, the peace we've laid to preserve it," Obama said. "It's a reflection of our diversity - men and women of all backgrounds, all races and creeds and circumstances and faiths, willing to defend and die for the ideals that bind us as

"It's a reflection of our character," he continued, "seen not only in those who are buried here, but also in the caretakers who watch over them and preserve this sacred place and in the sentinels of the 3rd Infantry Regiment who dutifully, unfailingly, watch over those patriots known only to God, but never forgotten."

The cost

The nation endures because of the Americans who rest beneath Arlington's beautiful hills and in sacred ground across the country and around the world, the president

"Each simple stone marker, arranged in perfect military precision, signifies the cost of our blessings," Obama said. "It is a debt we can never fully repay, but it is a debt we will never stop trying to fully repay."

The president urged Americans to be a nation worthy of their sacrifice - "living our own lives the way the fallen lived theirs (as) a testament that 'Greater love has no other than this, than to lay down your life for your friends.""

Though this year marked the first Memorial Day since the end of the war in Afghanistan, the president said, "we are acutely aware, as we speak, our men and women in uniform still stand watch and still serve, and still sacrifice around the world."

Several years ago, the nation had more than 100,000 troops in Afghanistan, and today fewer than 10,000 troops remain to train and assist Afghan forces, he said.

"We'll continue to bring them home and reduce our forces further, down to an embassy presence by the end of next year," Obama said. "But Afghanistan remains a very dangerous place. As so many families know, our troops continue to risk their lives for us."

Soldiers participate during Flags In at Arlington Cemetery

By J.D. Leipold

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — After a long, unseasonably cold and wet day of conducting burial services, about 1,000 Old Guard Soldiers made their way across the oggy hills and flats that make up Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, to place miniature flags in front of each grave marker, May 21.

Since 1948, the Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Regiment have conducted the tradition of Flags In a few days before Memorial Day to honor and remember those who served in the armed forces and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Flags In mission was expected to take about four hours, from 4-8 p.m., or as one Soldier said, for "as long as it takes" to place the 228,000 red, white and blue miniatures around the 624acre cemetery.

Soldiers gathered behind cargo trucks and were passed handfuls of flags, filling their rucksacks with about 100 or so. Each Solider started at one end of a line of headstones and was responsible

for visual perfection to the end of what looked like an infinite line. The only way to guarantee the one-foot placement of the flag and a uniform line was to literally use that measurement – one foot, whether a Soldier wears a size 7 or 8 or 14 - it is still one foot.

"If we didn't do it that way, it wouldn't look very uniform and that's not military - that's not dress-right-dress," said Capt. Andrew Mason, who is one of those big guys wearing size 14 boots.

Each Soldier would stand in front of the white or gray or black marker, read the inscription, pause, then center themselves and place one boot toe against the stone. Looking down at their heel, they pushed the little flagstaff with its golden-arrow finial into the sodden ground, stepped

back and moved on to the next. Occasionally, a Soldier stepped back, snapped to attention and threw a crisp, stiff-armed, threesecond salute. This took place at simple white marble markers that read Medal of Honor under the

If they could, said one Soldier, everyone interred at Arlington would receive the honor of a salute – service members, spouses, children and infants.

While this was the first Flags In mission for many of these Soldiers, it was the third for Spc. Nicholas Connell who has been part of the presidential escort for the three years he has been in the

"For me, my dad is buried here in section 60 – he was killed in Sadr City, Iraq, in 2007 - and that's what hits home the most," Connell said, adding that he was 16 at the time. "This duty, you can't ask for anything more than to be one of the Soldiers who placed a flag for him over the

"This is what I wanted to do. I know when I was a kid and came here and saw those Soldiers standing behind my father at his funeral, it was special and I like to think I'm doing the same for other families by honoring their fallen," he said.

Pfc. Mark Revoir has been with the Old Guard for two years - this his first duty station - and he already believes the assignment will be his favorite post as he readies for his family's move to Joint Base Lewis-McChord,



Old Guard Soldiers place a flag in front of Audie Murphy's gravestone and then salute the Soldier, who held every medal for courage and bravery the Army has.

"My father was in the Army, my grandfather was a Ranger everybody on my father's side of the family is either serving or has served in one of the branches of the military," Revoir said. "This has been my chance to give back to those who have served - it's more than fireworks and barbecues, it's about honoring those before us."

With seven years in the Army and a deployment to Afghanistan,

Staff Sgt. John Rogers has only been with the Old Guard for three months, but he already recognizes names on gravestones. Stay in the military long enough, he said, and you are bound to know some who are buried here.

"Memorial Day is about remembering," Rogers said. "Remembering those who paid the ultimate price - it's just important that we all remember that because every freedom we have in our country has come at a price."

News Briefs

Commissary deli-bakery operations

FORT LEE, Va. — A new contractor will start taking over deli-bakery operations next month at 44 mid-west U.S. commissaries, including Fort Rucker's, impacted since the end of February when contractor-provided services ceased due to former contractor performance

"I'm pleased to announce that Military Deli and Bakery Services, Inc., has been awarded the contract and this will allow us to transition these stores back to contractor-operated deli-bakeries," said Joseph Jeu, Defense Commissary Agency director and chief execu-

Since the end of February, the commissary agency has been providing limited deli-bakery services at all the commissaries except Fort Sill, Oklahoma. This was done primarily by hiring many of the former contractor's employees on temporary appointments as govern-

ment employees to provide the services. Starting Monday, MDBS will begin taking over the deli-bakery operations in a phased roll out that includes restoration of fresh sushi bars at stores that offer this service. The deli-bakery roll out is expected to be complete by the end of the month, while the sushi bar rollout is expected to be complete by mid-July.

Changes of command, responsibility

- B Company, 1-145th Avn. Regt. will host a change of command ceremony Friday at 10 a.m. at Pratt Hall, Bldg. 4901. Capt. Eric Lizama will assume command from Maj. Morgan Laird.
- The 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment will host a change of command and change of responsibility ceremony June 5 at 8:30 a.m. at Howze
- The 110th Aviation Brigade will host a change of command ceremony July 1 at 9 a.m. on Howze Field. Col. Kelly E. Hines will assume command of the brigade from Col. Jayson A. Altieri.

AER closing ceremony

The Fort Rucker Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign closing ceremony is scheduled for June 8 from 2-3 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. For more information, call 255-2341.

Vacation Bible School

The Fort Rucker Religious Support Office will host

Vacation Bible School for children in kindergarten accompanied by a parent or guardian - through sixth grade June 8-12 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel Complex, Bldg. 8939 and 8940. The theme is "Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid." The event features Bible lessons, crafts, music, recreation, snacks, and more. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the program.

To register, volunteer or get more information, visit Nancy Jankoski at the Religious Education Center in Bldg. 8939, or call 255-3946 or 255-2989; or visit Chaplain (Maj.) James Breckenridge, in the Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940, or call 255-3050 or 255-3140.

Blood drive

The Sullivan Memorial Blood Center from Fort Benning, Georgia, will host a blood drive at Fort Rucker June 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center. Blood donated through the Armed Forces Blood Program go to support combat operations, military treatment facilities and Veterans Affairs hospitals.

For more information, visit http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/benning/.

Star: Families benefit from peer-to-peer healing

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"During these events, we just give them the opportunity to interact with each other. Senior leadership supports that by coming to get to know the families and understanding that process. This year, we had a strong response to the invitation."

Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, attended and spoke with the families and shared in their stories. For many family members, that support was very wel-

"It helps that other people understand and feel what it is that you're feeling," said Heather Goldsmith, military spouse and Gold Star Family member. "It helps you to be able to heal the most that you can through that peer-to-peer support."

Goldsmith, whose brother was killed in combat nearly four years ago, said that being alone through the loss of a loved one doesn't help the healing process, and that to have other people who can relate to the situation can provide lots of com-

"You need to have other people to be there and say that they understand what you're going through and be there for you," she said, adding that the support provided goes both ways.

Patricia Twyman, Gold Star Family member, used that two-way support system to get through the loss of her husaccident in 2006, even though she only recently got involved with SOS.

Although Twyman didn't initially receive counseling through the outreach, after eight years she was still able to get the support she needed.

"I really have enjoyed it. I think it's been a great experience working with them because it really helps with the healing," she said. "Through the peerto-peer healing, I feel like it's been the most healing that I've had throughout this whole time. I think a lot of time, depending on different people's situations or stories, you feel like you're alone, so meeting other family members who have been through a similar situation or who

band, who was killed in a motorcycle have lost someone can really relate to each other."

> The support Twyman received from SOS also prompted her to start volunteering her time with the outreach service to help others who are in need of support.

> "One day, I went in to get my daughter a card, and that's when I started talking with Rick and he's just been amazing,' she said. "I went in and spoke with him and it just felt so warm and inviting. He has a really good heart.

> "Just sitting there talking to him felt so inviting and made me want to volunteer, so that if there was another family member who needed someone to talk to, I wanted to be there for them," Twyman

Responders: Event promotes education, awareness for youth

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since we come to them," she said. "Also, it's in their territory, so it's much more comfortable for them. If we come to them, then it's a little more inviting for the children."

That invitation was more than welcome to Melissa Villagomez and Gesseca Noeldner, military spouses who recently moved to Fort Rucker from Germany.

"We're excited about (this outreach) and that's why we're here," said Villagomez, who brought her children, Oliver and Elinana. "The children love firefighters and police officers, and I think they should learn about (them). I think it's a great opportunity for the children."

One of the key factors that the Fort Rucker DPS hopes to convey is that children shouldn't be afraid of first responders since they're there to help, said Contreras. The outreach is important to educate children in that regard, but Villagomez said her children have never had a problem with them.

"My children have never been afraid of them because I go up to (the first responders) with my children, and talk with them and ask if they can see the truck, so they've never been afraid," she said. "I think it's good that they get exposed to them and even get the chance to ask them

Noeldner also said that it's important that her children

understand that these are the people that they need to go to if they need help.

"I try to teach my children that if they get lost, they have to ask a police officer or a firefighter for help. They're really excited this time because they've never seen an American firefighter before," she said. "Because we're from Germany, everything looks totally different – even the police cars are different (they're blue in Germany).

"They get excited because they get to see it all, and everything is totally different, so they have to get used to it," Noeldner said. "If they get lost over here, then everything would be new to them and they need to know who they should be able to ask for help."







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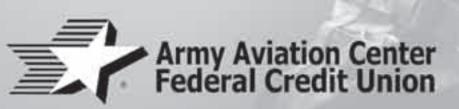
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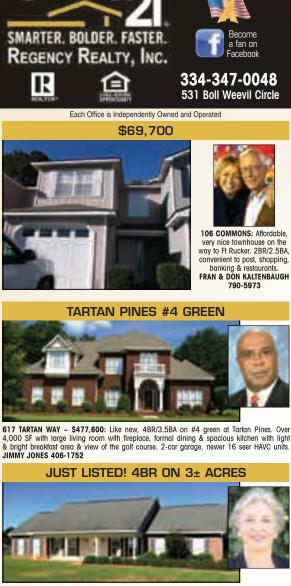




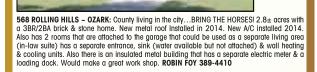
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Soldiers master UAS control



Soldiers assigned to 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, prep an RQ-7B Version 2 Shadow unmanned aircraft system for a test flight at McGregor Range, N.M., April 15.

By Sgt. Alexander Neely 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

FORT BLISS, Texas — Unmanned aircraft is one of the fastest growing sectors in civilian and military Aviation.

From close air support to surveillance to climate data gathering, unmanned aircraft systems are now a staple within Army Aviation units. This growing demand is rapidly requiring units to train more personnel to operate drones, said Lt. Col. R.J. Garcia, 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment "Heavy Cav." commander.

Training is paramount in the case of Heavy Cav. because it is the Army's first heavy-attack reconnaissance squadron, which pairs AH-64 Apache helicopters with the RQ-7B Shadow drones, he added.

In January, the unit received a number of the Version 2 Shadows and has been training with them at McGregor Range, New Mexico.

"The fielding of our Shadows has gone extremely well," Garcia said. "The Soldiers are motivated and the leadership has been aggressive in ensuring we build a strong foundation in the basics."

The six-month training program is a tieredskill approach, allowing newly trained Soldiers to teach untrained Soldiers, according to the commander.

"For the first few months, we focused the different readiness-level progressions for the new models," said Spc. Michael Grant, standardization operator, Heavy Cav. "There are three readiness-level progressions and, after proving certain proficiencies, the Soldiers move from one up to three."

The new user-friendly computer programming of the Version 2 model, Grant said, has allowed the unit to increase its abilities in

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RETIRING A LEGEND

3rd CAB salutes OH-58 Kiowa during final flight

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

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. — The pilots of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade bid an emotional farewell to the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior scout helicopter during the final flight at Hunter Army Airfield May 13.

Lt. Col. Geoffrey Whittenberg, commander of the unit, explained why the 3rd CAB leadership decided to salute the community of Savannah, Hinesville and the Soldiers at Fort Stewart by taking this historic flight.

"We were recently ordered to divest this aircraft and will be sending them down to the bone yard in Arizona to complete this process. Before they go, we wanted to recognize the aircraft departing by doing an over flight of the Savannah area, Tybee Island and then Fort Stewart," Whittenberg said.

The 22 aircraft flew in three chevron shaped formations over the downtown area providing the public with a chance to see the Kiowa aircraft one last time. A reminder to all the future of Army Aviation is changing significantly. Bittersweet change for long time pilots like the squadron commander.

Whittenberg has been flying the Kiowa for over 17 years. He said he chose the aircraft specifically for the mission it supported.

"It was the primary scout aircraft for the cavalry," Whittenberg said. "We go out there and hunt down the enemy and find where he is at. I just like that mission. I like being the eyes and ears of the commander forward and this airframe has provided me the opportunity to do that."

Before returning to HAAF, the pilots and aircraft flew over Warrior's Walk in a "missing man" formation in respect and reverence to those Soldiers and pilots who made the ultimate sacrifice. They also paid respect to one of their own, CW3 James Groves III who lost his life March 16, 2013, in a helicopter crash during Operation Enduring Freedom.

CW4 James Carrico, senior instructor pilot, 3rd Sqdn, 17th Cav. Regt., was one of the 44 pilots in the cockpit for the last flight. He spoke about the many times he provided the air support that helped protect the Soldiers on the ground during wartime.

"I felt obligated to give the young men and women as much protection as I could possibly provide," Carrico said. "If it meant I was returning to the base on fumes or firing my last round, that's what I was going to give them. There isn't an Aviator out here that wouldn't give everything to provide that level of support to our Soldiers on the ground."

Capt. Stephanie Hartley, commander, Troop A, 3rd Sqdn., 17th Cav. Regt., was given a choice to pilot any of the airframes she wanted. She said being a Kiowa pilot for the last seven years has taught her why the Kiowa truly embodied the cavalry spirit of being "out front." She said the aircraft would be missed.

"That was a hell of a way to go out," Hartley said. "It's awesome to feel that support from the community and the folks down on Fort Stewart. It was pretty amazing. It's the end of an era."



Pilots of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade fly OH-58D Kiowa Warrior scout helicopters in Savannah, Georgia, in preparation for the final flight of the legendary aircraft that took place at Hunter Army Airfield May 13.



Soldiers evacuate a simulated casualty during a combined arms live-fire training exercise in Laghman province, Afghanistan, May 13. The Soldiers are assigned to the 101st Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team. Train, Advise, Assist Command East conducted the exercise to demonstrate opportunities for the Afghan soldiers to plan, manage and conduct combined arms training on their ranges.

G JOURNEY I

Soldiers make return flight after training

By Sgt. Brandon Banzhaf 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — A UH-60 Black Hawk shudders against strong winds and some of its passengers get

But the two crewmen sitting behind the pilots remain unnerved.

Perhaps they have nerves of steel, or are accustomed to the turbulence, or perhaps they are just intensely focused on their mission - going

Aviators with the 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade "Warriors," 1st Cavalry Division flew various types of aircraft back to Fort Hood, Texas, after completing their National Training Center rotation May 11.

"Coming home is always the better trip," said CW3 Joseph Moseley. "Generally, there is a tailwind with the winds coming from the west. So, instead of flying against the winds to get (to the NTC), we were flying with it on the way back. It's like we were being pushed back home."

The pilots flew about 1,100 miles, passing through Arizona and New Mexico, to make an overnight stop at Fort Bliss, Texas. After some rest, they took off toward Fort Hood, where their Families were waiting.

What might appear to be a long, monotonous journey was actually quite pleasant for these Warriors. The opportunity to fly and travel boosts crew morale and camarade-

"That's one of the cool things about Aviation," said Spc. Bryan Pentz, a Littleton, Ohio, native and UH-60 Black Hawk crewmember with 3-227th. "We are more closeknit than other units. Once, we stopped for the night, and we went out as a group and ate some steaks."



PHOTO BY SGT. BRANDON BANZHAF

A UH-60 Black Hawk crew member with the 3rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division instructs a passenger that it's safe to exit the aircraft after landing May 11 at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Spc. Bryan Pentz, a Littleton, Ohio, native and UH-60 Black Hawk crew member with the 3rd AHB, 227th Avn. Rgt., 1st ACB, 1st Cav. Div., performs checks on an aircraft after landing at Fort Bliss.

As the formation of Black Hawks landed at each pit stop, two crewmembers, each on separate but parallel aircraft, face each other and

start to play a game. Rock, paper, scissors, shoot.

After a couple of rounds, smiles broke out from underneath the mir-

ror-like visors on their helmets. Once they stopped rolling, everyone gathered their belongings and performed after-flight inspections

and procedures. When they were all happy with their bird's condition, they headed into a building similar to a clubhouse at a golf course.

Greeted with smiles, the crews kicked their feet up and stretched as their aircraft was refueled. "The reception is awesome," said

Pentz. "Once they know that we are coming, they deliver a lot of food and drinks. Some have a room where we can rest and watch a movie."

When the birds were ready to go, the crews got back to work. They doubled checked the aircraft and then took off – toward their homes and families.

"Morale is pretty good," said Moseley. "Everybody is happy that they are heading home. There is a tightness that is created every time you are in the suck together."

The crews don't always work in the same team. They are paired up based on the amount of experience each Soldier possesses. Getting the right mixture of new and seasoned

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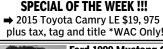
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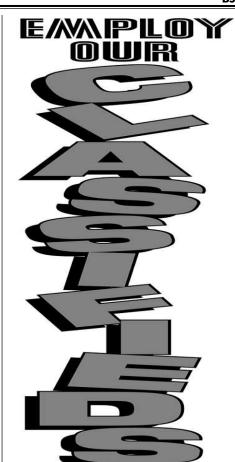
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UAS: Training to validate strength, enhance combat presence

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range, altitude and payload packages.

"Day-to-day, we try to get as many flights out as possible," Grant said. "The high-tempo mission training has allowed us to get a real idea of how it will be during our upcoming deployment."

Heavy Cav. is scheduled to replace its sister Apache unit – 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment – in Kuwait this summer to perform a security mission in the

Arabian Gulf region.

The Heavy Cav. is now performing manned- and unmanned-team training exercises, dubbed Operation Heavy Shadow – pairing its Apaches for the first time with the Shadows, said Staff Sgt. Timothy Fry, mission operator for the training exercise.

"The exercise requires a team effort to accomplish a mission or destroy a target," Fry said. "The Shadows are the eyes that will tell the Apache where and when the enemy is present."

This dual-asset training will validate the strength of Heavy Cav and enhance the combat presence of the CAB, Garcia

"Most importantly, we are very excited about sharing our lessons learned, so that the Aviation Branch, as a whole, can collectively improve this capability," he

Heavy Cav. was recognized with its new status March 16 when the 1st Bn.,

501st Avn. Regt. reflagged as 3rd Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt. This was the first time the Army paired drones with Apaches within the same unit. The restructuring was part of an Army-wide plan intended to enhance reconnaissance abilities as the Army transitions from the OH-58 Kiowa scout helicopter, Garcia said.

Nine more Aviation units across the Army are scheduled to make the same transition over the next 4 ½ years, the commander said.

Journey: Proper planning allows Black Hawks to avoid large storm

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Soldiers is key to keeping the flights smooth and mistake free. Pentz said.

"They will mix those who have a lot of flight hours with those who have more or less," he added. "But they don't put two new guys on the same crew. Everyone is friendly, so it doesn't matter who we work with."

Once the formation reached Fort Bliss, the crews powered down not only their aircraft, but also themselves. Pilots are required to get a certain amount of sleep before and in between flights.

Some immediately went to sleep when they got to their hotel room, and others took another opportunity to eat before turning in for the evening. Either way, morning came early for all of them. Everyone was back up

and at the flight line by 7 a.m.

While on the last half of the trip home, the previously sunny weather took an unpleasant turn. The group of helicopters had to make an unexpected stop to find an alternate route.

"If there is a chance we can get home safely, we will take it," said Pentz.

After carefully planning multiple routes around the storm, the six Black Hawks took off, trying to make it through a small window of decent weather before an impending, larger storm could force them to extend their trip a few days.

With only a few moments of mild turbulence, the group of birds made it to the last stretch. After finally landing on their own flight line, the Soldiers were relieved to be back at home.

"I'm going to relax, hang out with my friends and get some good food," said Pfc. William Parker, a Scottsboro, Alabama, native and crew member with less than 50 hours of flight time.

Some will celebrate with friends, while others will spend time with their families. One thing is for sure after the month-long NTC training exercise – there's no place like home.

"I love and miss them," said Moseley. "I can't wait to get home and spend time with my kids."









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Xin (Coco) Ke, Troy University Confucius Institute, performs a traditional Chinese dance, the Homecoming Dance, during the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Luau at Yano Hall May 21.



Deborah and Michaiah Smoots, military family members, perform a Hawaiian island song during the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Luau.

HONORING HERITAGE

Event celebrates diversity within Army ranks

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

People on Fort Rucker experienced a taste of Asia to help celebrate diversity.

The Fort Rucker Equal Opportunity Office hosted the Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Luau at Yano Hall May 21 to embrace the differences found within the ranks of today's Army.

"Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are part of our community and it's important that we honor their heritage," said Sgt. 1st Class David Hedgepeth, 110th Aviation Brigade Equal Opportunity officer. "We hope to be able to educate the community on the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans and (highlight) those within that community who have made an impact on our culture throughout history."

During the ceremony, people were treated to multiple performances, including a presentation of Korean art, a performance of native Hawaiian island songs, a traditional Chinese homecoming dance, a Tai Chi demonstration and samplings of foods ation born in the United States, son of an here on Fort Rucker at Yano Hall, which was

from various Asian cultures.

The heritage month is recognized nationwide to pay homage to all of the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans who have made a difference in the U.S., as recognized in a proclamation by the president of the United

"As we commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we pay tribute to all those in the AAPI community who have striven for a brighter future for the next generation," the proclamation reads. "Together, let us recommit to embracing the diversity that enriches our nation and to ensuring all our people have an equal chance to succeed in the country we

That chance to succeed was afforded to the parents of Lt. Col. Romeo Macalintal Jr., 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment commander, who spoke during the ceremony and told the story of his parents who came from the Philippines to make a life for their family in the U.S.

"I'm a Filipino-American, first-gener-

honorable man who was literally a chicken farmer in the Philippines who started his career in the United States answering phones at a shipping company," said Macalintal. "I'm very proud to say that he retired from that business as the vice president of the company, and while my mom had just as modest of beginnings, she worked as a medical technician in the same hospital for almost 40 years. Both are very proud Filipino-Americans who have lived the American

"My parents' selfless service and sacrifice for their family is what I always recognized as very commonplace in my culture," he said. "That approach is what drives my selfless service to not only my family, but also to my nation."

The Asian Pacific Island region represents the largest landmass in the world with the most diverse cultures and identities, said the lieutenant colonel, which "enriches this great nation with people from very different beginnings."

Part of that enrichment can be found right

named after Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yano, a Japanese-American Soldier from Hawaii.

The facility was named after Yano after his sacrifice while serving as a helicopter air crewman in Vietnam under the 11th Air Cavalry Regiment, said Macalintal. He was serving as a crewman in an aircraft when a grenade exploded inside the aircraft, but despite having the use of only one arm and being partially blinded by the explosion, he completely disregarded his own welfare and began hurling blazing ammunition from the helicopter.

"In doing so, he suffered additional wounds upon himself, yet he persisted until the danger had passed," said the 1-13th commander. "His courage and profound concern for his comrades averted loss of life and additional injury to the rest of his crew, and his actions were recognized with the highest honor - the Congressional Medal of Honor. This Japanese-American warrior, a normal man who did an extraordinarily brave thing, lived the Soldiers creed before it was ever officially put on paper."

Expert provides counseling on starting, running small business

By Jeremy Henderson Army Flier Staff Writer

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

"Everyone going into business for themselves believes that their ideas - as creative and niche-oriented as they may be - will make money for them 'hand over fist.'" Mike Kozlowski, ACS employment readi-

ness manager, said. But very few individuals actually plan for their ideas' success in terms of total business planning - short, medium and long-term.

"Receiving the counsel offered by Judy Callin from Troy University's Small Business Development Program covers the ground that most fear to tread when evaluating the viability of their business ideas," he added. "She highlights the total business planning

process, from idea conception to business organization to marketing to some essential tax and legal considerations – all within an hour or so. She is also willing to meet with individuals at other times and locations of their choosing."

The sessions will take place by appointment June 4 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Interested individuals will be allowed at least an hour, depending upon the complexity of their proposal.

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

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

"We don't know everything we should – or ought - to know about business startups," Ko-

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

"Be open to Mrs. Callin's advice, which is based on the latest small business research." he added. "Interested individuals should also bring any documents which pertain to their business ideas and current practices, such as business plans, tax filings and the like. This

will afford Mrs. Callin the opportunity to peer into the level of detail you've already given your startup idea and ask relevant questions – the answers of which may position your ideas for increased market share."

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

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

The deadline for scheduling a sessions is

two days prior to the date of the session. For more information or to register, call 255-2594, visit http://www.ftruckermwr. com/register-for-employment-readinessprogram-events/ or stop by the ACS office at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350.



Project: Fort Rucker Vacation Bible School, June 8-12 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel and Spiritual Life Center.

Positions: Tribe leader, Bible story teller, role player, craft leader and assistant, music leader and assistant, and playground assistant.

• The event involves Bible activities, crafts, music, games and more for children in grades kindergarten through sixth. Child care is provided for preschool children of VBS staff only. Parents or adult caregivers of preschool children may attend VBS with the child under their care - no minor caregivers are allowed. Youth and adult volunteers are needed. The biggest need is for tribe leaders to escort children to activities.

For more information, call 255-3946.

Project: Alabama State Games XXXIII, June 12-14 (Hosted by Wiregrass area communities).

Positions: Dothan Venues – sound and lighting setup, June 10, 3–6 p.m.; opening ceremonies setup, June 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; T-shirt distribution, June 12, 2–7 p.m.; and parade of athletes, June 12, 4–7 p.m. Troy Venues -Track and field, June 13; 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. (rotating shifts). For more information, call 678-458-9660.

FACILITY: ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Position: Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator Administrative Assistant Duties: Performs data entry. Assists in planning recognition events. Maintains filing system. Assists volunteers with Volunteer Management Information System. Provides information. Needed for seven-10 hours

For more information, call 255-1429.

FACILITY: ARMY EDUCATION CENTER

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For more information, call 285-5237, Ext. 5.

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

Lifeguard Courses

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host lifeguarding courses Monday through June 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each class, once completed, includes American Red Cross certifications in Lifeguarding, Waterfront Lifeguarding, Waterpark Lifeguarding, First Aid, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automatic External Defibrillator administration. Each certification is valid for two years from the course completion date. Courses are available to ages 15 and up. The cost is \$125 for Department of Defense ID card holders and \$150 to the public. A prerequisite test must be passed on the first day to enter the course. Prerequisite requirements include: non-stop swim of 550 meters, twominute tread using only legs, dive ring retrieval, and a timed 20-meter retrieval swim. People interested should register at the front desk of the Fort Rucker PFC. The cut-off for registration is three days prior to course start date. The courses may be canceled if minimum enrollment is not met. For more information, call 255-2296.

Father's Day craft activity

Center Library will host a Father's Day craft activity Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11. Light refreshments will be served. The event is open to authorized patrons, but is limited to the first 65 children to register.

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

Pensacola Fathers Day trip

MWR Central will host a Fathers Day trip to Pensacola, Florida, for some baseball June 21 with the Blue Wahoos – the Double A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. A party deck pass has been reserved for the trip, which includes premier seating down the first base line, an hour and a half of the all-America buffet with unlimited non-alcoholic drinks and a hat. All this can be purchased with transportation from Fort Rucker. Tickets with transportation cost \$50 for adults and \$40 for children. People can also meet the trip at the park for the same amenities. Deck passes only are \$35 for adults and \$30 for children - parking costs are not included. People can sign up at MWR Central in Bldg. 5700 by June 4.

For more information, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

Small business counseling

Army Community Service will offer small business counseling with free one-on-one sessions available June 4. Sessions will be held in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Areas of counseling may include, but aren't limited to: advertising, organizational structures, financial planning, inventory controls, management, marketing, personnel planning, pre-business planning, and sales techniques. The counseling is sponsored by the ACS Employment Readiness Program and the Troy University Small Business Development Center. It is open to active-duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, and retirees, Department of Defense civilian employees and their eligible family members.

Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night June 4 from 4-6 p.m. 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 598-8025.





Army Strong Triathlon

Garrett and Kristen Wilson cross the finish line to cheers from the crowd during a previous Army Strong Triathlon at Lake Tholocco. Fort Rucker will host its annual Army Strong Triathlon June 13 from 7 a.m. to noon at Lake Tholocco's West Beach. Participants will swim a quarter mile, bike 10.6 miles and run 3.1 miles. Cash awards will be given to the top overall finishers and the top relay team. Pre-registration cost for individuals is \$40 up to June 7, or \$50 after and up to race day. Relay teams - maximum of three people - is \$70 by June 7, or \$80 after and up to race day. All pre-registered participants will receive T-shirts. Those who register after June 7will receive T-shirts as supplies last. The event is open to the public. To register or get more information, call 255-2296.

Financial readiness training

Army Community Service will host its financial readiness training June 5 from 7:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. Personal financial readiness training provides a practical approach to help Soldiers manage their money more effectively. This training is required for all first-term junior enlisted Soldiers (E-1 through E-4). Spouses are also welcome to attend.

For more information, call 255-9631 or 255-2594.

Georgia Renaissance Festival

Outdoor recreation will offer a weekend getaway to the 30th annual Georgia Renaissance Festival in Fairburn June 5–7. People will be able to spend June 6 enjoying shows by the sirens, great food vendors and more at the festival. There will be jousting tournaments put on by Equus Maximus at its only U.S. appearance. At the end of a long day at the festival, people will be able to enjoy the indoor pool the hotel offers.

The cost is \$137 per person, based on two people in a room, or \$212 for a single room. Additional people cost \$62 if over 12, \$52 for ages 6–12, and \$45 for children 5 and under. The price includes two nights stay at Country Inn and Suites Fairburn, hot deluxe breakfast both mornings, and one-day entrance to the festival. The bus will depart from the West Beach parking lot around 5 p.m. June 5 and return after 2 p.m. June 7. This event is open to the public, but limited to 28 patrons.

For more information or the register, call 255-4305 or 255-2997.

Summer reading registration

The Center Library Summer Reading Program kicks off June 9 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the post theater with familiar characters singing, dancing and reading to the rhythm to celebrate the program's Read to the Rhythm theme. People can register children in grades kindergarten through ninth for the program. The program is open to authorized patrons, but parents and children must have a library ac-

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

Resilience Training

Army Community Service will host resilience training June 10 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Commons to help people learn the skills that will help them and their family become resilient. Participants will receive training in two to three skills, such as real-time resilience, identifying character strengths in self and others, and challenges and leadership. People need to register by June 5.

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

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 June 11. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about at 10:45 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.

Infant massage class

Army Community Service's New Parent Support Program will offer a free infant massage class June 11 from 1-3 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. Organizers said infant massage has been shown to provide many benefits to the baby, the parents and to the rest of the family. Expectant parents and caregivers also welcome to attend. The class is open to the first 20 participants to register by June 9. Attendees should bring the following to class: thick blanket or large pillow and lightweight blanket. The class is recommended for children ages birth to 2 years.

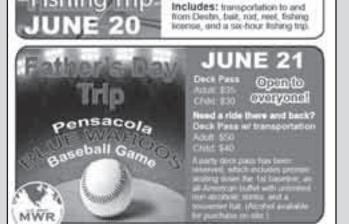
For more information, call 255-9647.

Army birthday cake

The Landing Zone will host an Army birthday cake cutting June 12 at noon. For more information, call 598-8025.

DFMWR Spotlight





For more information call Outdoor Recreation at (334) 255-4305 or MWR Central at (334) 255-2897, www.ftruckermwr.com

Summer reading programs

Center Library will host its summer reading programs June 16 for Buzz to the Rhythm Bee Program from 2–3 p.m. Each program is open to authorized patrons and space is limited to the first 65 children to register. All programs are held in the activities room.

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

Newcomers welcome

Army Community Service will

host a newcomers welcome June 19 from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Landing. Active-duty military, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and family members are encouraged to attend. A free light breakfast and coffee will be served. For free childcare, people can register their children at the Fort Rucker Child Development Center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomer welcome.

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

RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR MAY 28-31

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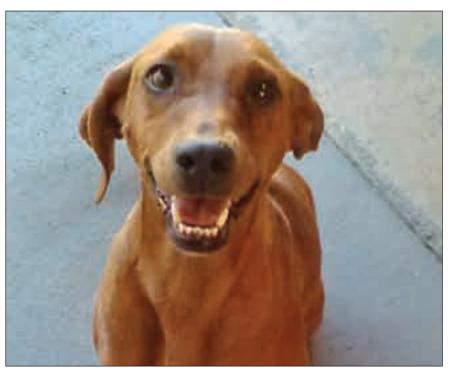
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Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Hazel, an approximately 3-4-year-old female Red Hound mix available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. She is very smart and attentive. She is learning basic commands with ease without a treat incentive. Adoption fees vary per species and needs of animal, but include all up-to-date shots, the first round of age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip and spaying or neutering. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All adoptable animals are vet checked and tested for felv/fiv (for cats) or heartworm for dogs (over six months) and on flea prevention. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the stray facility. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's Facebook page at http:// www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/ for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.



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Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036

8 a.m. Latter-Day Saints Worship

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)

12 p.m. Eckankar Worship Service (4th Sunday)

Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School 10:45 a.m. CCD (except during summer months).

BIBLE STUDIES Tuesdays

9 a.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center 6 p.m. Protestant Women of the

Chapel, Wings Chapel 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center

Wednesdays

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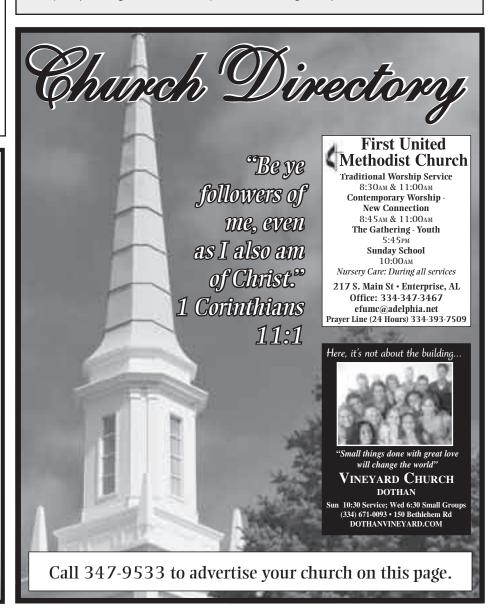
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Alabama Tourism Department Press Release

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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 TV's 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.

DOTHAN

ONGOING THROUGH JUNE 27 —

The Wiregrass Museum of Art offers a display of the Gee's Bend Quilters Collective with more than 15 quilts from Alabama quilters on display in the main gallery of the museum. Admission is free for museum members and \$5 for the general public. The museum will also host a free Quilting Bee May 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (334)794-3871.

ONGOING — The American Legion

Post 12 holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the VFW on Taylor Road. For more information, call 400-

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

ONGOING — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 9 Enterprise-Coffee County located at 201 W. Watts St., meets the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. We help veterans with claims Monday - Thursday 9-11 a.m. and other times by appointment. For more information, call 308-2480.

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

MAY 28 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center located one block behind the New Brockton Police Station. Food and drinks will be served, followed by regular chapter business. Officials extend an invitation to veterans throughout the Wiregrass to join as new members of both DAV and DAV Auxiliary. For more information, call 718-5707.

ONGOING — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, 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.

OZARK

JUNE 6-JULY 25 — The Ann Rudd Art Center and the Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities will sponsor a celebration of painter Jack Deloney's work in a solo show that opens with a reception June 6 from 6-8 p.m. and runs through July 25. The Ann Rudd Art Center is located downtown on the Square, 144 East Broad Street. The art center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. There is no admission charge to see the show.

JUNE 13 — Milky Moo's at 158 E Broad St. will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. People who donate a pint of blood will receive a pint of ice cream.

ONGOING — The Ann Rudd Art Center offers free art lessons for children ages 5 and older. The young student class is Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and the adultteen class is from 12:30-3 p.m. Slots are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 774-7922.

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.

TROY

ONGOING — The Pioneer Museum of Alabama invites people to learn to cook like a pioneer. The museum's Hearthside Meals offers the opportunity to learn to cook in a Dutch oven and on a wood stove, and then participants get to enjoy the meal. Cost is \$15 per person, and includes the cooking class and the three-course meal. Pre-registration is required and is limited to 15 people. For more information or to book a spot, call 334-566-3597.

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

WIREGRASS AREA

JUNE 14 — The New Hope Freewill Baptist Church in Abbeville will celebrate its annual youth day at 2:30 p.m. The event features Artez Jones, Sardis Baptist Church in Ozark, as guest speaker with the theme "The Youth Are Our Future!" All churches are invited to share in this event and refreshments will be served.

Beyond Briefs

Military appreciation at zoo

The Montgomery Zoo will hold its annual military appreciation day featuring free admission for all military people and their immediate family June 18 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Food, drinks and refreshments will also be provided. People will need to provide valid military identification for entry.

For more information, visit: www.montgomeryzoo.com.

Free Fishing Day

Alabamians will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters June 6. Free Fishing Day is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 6-14. Approved by the Alabama Legislature, Free Fishing Day allows residents and non-residents to fish without a fishing license for a day in both salt and fresh waters.

The fishing license exemption on Free Fishing Day does not affect some lakes that may still require fees and permits. Fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Anglers can visit http://outdooralabama.com/wherefish-alabama to find a fishing spot for Free Fishing Day.

"Free Fishing Day is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Stan Cook, Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries chief of the Fisheries Section. "It's also a great opportunity for kids to get out and learn how fun and exciting fishing is, plus the day gives families a chance to do something together out-

National Trails Day

The Frank Jackson Trail Masters will host National Trails Day at Frank Jackson State Park in Opp June 6. The park opens at 7 a.m. and closes at dark. Trail master members will be available at the pavilion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with water for hikers and visitors, along with general information about the park and the various trails that are available for walking. In addition to the more than 2 miles of hiking trails, the park also provides other activities, such as swimming, boating, fishing, picnic areas, a playground and camping facilities.

Dinosaurs Alive!

Downtown Gadsden becomes pre-historic when 13 lifelike animatronic dinosaurs inhabit the Hardin Center for Cultural Arts now through Aug. 3 as part of Dinosaurs Alive! Creatures will be featured in period sets and include: Apatosaurus, Apatosaurus baby, Dilophosaurus, Triceratops, Triceratops baby, Parasaurolophus, Parasaurolophus baby, Parasaurolophus nest with hatchlings, Stegosaurus, Detrodon, a baby T-rex robot (joy-stick activated), Velociraptor and Protoseratops scenario, T-rex, static T-rex head, and static T-rex

The center is located at the corner of 5th and Broad Streets. Cost is \$8 per person and \$4 for center members. For more information, visit http://www.culturalarts.org.

Ark of India exhibit

Ark of India: An Alabama Artist Explores Southern Asia is an exhibit about discovery at the History Museum of Mobile. It is an account of late 19th and early 20th century India as seen by Alabama artist Roderick D. MacKenzie, using his paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs and writings. MacKenzie spent more than a decade in India, a place he described as exotic, dangerous, and colorful. He rode with princes on tiger hunts, climbed mountains along India's Northern border, and swam in the sacred Ganges River.

The exhibit runs now through September. Admission costs \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

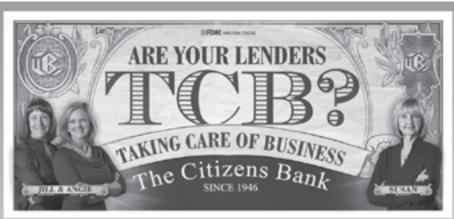
The History Museum of Mobile is located in historic downtown Mobile at 111 South Royals Street. Traveling on I-10 East or I-10 West, exit Water Street/Downtown, Exit 26B. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Government Street. Turn left at the next traffic light onto S. Royal Street. The History Museum of Mobile is on the left.

For more information, visit: http://historymuseumofmobile.com/ark_india_exh.php.



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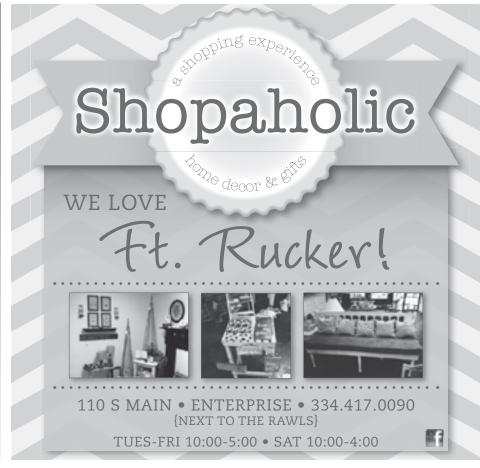
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Health and fitness events in and around Fort Rucker

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MAY 28, 2015

SWGC Blue Course reopens

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

After more than a year, dozens of explosions and thousands of pounds of munitions removed, Silver Wings Golf Course's Blue Course is ready to reopen.

SWGC is once again a 27-hole championship facility with the reopening of the Blue Course, which will officially open during the Blue Course Grand Reopening Tournament

The tournament will be a team format with a four-person scramble. Winners will be determined by the lowest 18-hole scores, said Chet Hallman, SWGC business manager.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m., and although the tournament is nearly full, a standby list is available for those still interested, he added. For more information, call 598-2449.

Prizes will be awarded for first through sixth place, which include new drivers, clubs, shirts and various merchandise from the shop.

"We're excited that we're finally getting to reopen the course and our members are really excited. They should be very pleased with the results," he said.

The reason behind the renovations of the Blue Course was due to munitions removal, of which a total of 1,545 items were recovered – nearly 62,000 pounds of munitions debris and 35,000 pounds of scrap metal, Hallman said.

The area was used as an antitank range and rocket-propelled grenade range during the World War II era, he added, so a lot of old munitions were buried in the ground throughout the course and in the surrounding area.

The entire process took about a year and a half, coming to an end in November. In order to recover as much of the leftover munitions as possible, most of the sites were individual sites, so much of the recovery process was done through digging by hand.

"They used ground radar to identify the targets and dig them out by hand," said the business manager. "There were several areas that were too large with so much debris in the area that bulldozers were used to scrape away layers of Earth so they could dig - it was a very tedious process."

After the recovery, the munitions would be lined up, buried under sand bags and then detonated with explosives to destroy them.

Since then, Hallman said the course has been renovated and improved.

"We have done some extensive improvements to the course," he said. "The greens on Holes 1-6 have been stripped of their existing sod, the ranges were re-contoured and new turf was put down.

"We've renovated all the bunkers, new tee complexes were added on Holes 6-9, and we did some drainage work," he continued. "The layout of the course is the same. The best way to describe it is that the course got a facelift. Most of the holes out here are close to 50 years old, so we gave them a fresh look."

Along with the opening of the course, new membership rates will go into effect Monday, said Hallman.

Annual membership rates are: \$528 for E-1 to E6 and juniors ages 12-17; \$858 for E-7 and up and Department of Defense civilians; and \$924 for members of the public. Family rates are also available.

For more information, call 598-2449.





U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center and U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases researchers, with help from Thermo Fisher Scientific, are using a Q Exactive Plus Mass Spectrometry System and a Dynex nanoflow liquid chromatography pump and auto sampler to help analyze biomarkers for a possible Ebola vaccine.

Researchers work to end Ebola

By U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical **Biological Center**

Communications Office

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases are partnering to help expedite progress in the global fight against Ebola.

ECBC is working with USAMRI-ID on two critical studies – a vaccine study and a biomarker study - that will advance the global fight against

Ebola is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with the Ebola virus. The largest Ebola outbreak in history, which began in December 2013, is still ongoing. This disease has a high death rate – to date, there have been 22,000 cases and 9,000 deaths attributed to the most recent outbreak - with no known cure or effective vaccine. ECBC and USAMRIID are trying to change that.

USAMRIID, the Department of Defense's lead laboratory for medical biological defense research, called upon the ECBC-US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense Mass Spectrometry Core Facility to assist with two of its ongoing Ebola research programs – characterizing a potential vaccine and identifying biomarkers of infection.

For the vaccine work, ECBC is analyzing several different vaccine preparations provided by USAMRI-ID to quantify VP40 and glycoprotein concentrations expressed in viruslike particles generated from Ebola (strains Zaire and Sudan). The aim is to monitor quality control of the vaccine production process and to determine if a correlation can be made between protective immunity and the amount of Ebola-specific structural proteins, GP and VP40, that are present. This type of research is foundational in creating a long-term solution to a devastating disease.

"Our role was to blindly and independently quantitate the amount of protein present in each vaccine combination. With this information, we hope to better understand the varying degrees of protection observed during the vaccine study," said Trevor Glaros, an ECBC mass spectrometry core facility manager leading the ECBC/ USAMRIID Ebola collaboration.

In addition to vaccine research, ECBC is also supporting USAMRIID to discover Ebola-specific biomarkers in serum. The scientists will analyze Ebola-infected serum to discover a protein-based panel of biomarkers.

"The hope is that this panel of biomarkers will constitute a unique fingerprint for Ebola infection, which can be used to diagnose patients be-

fore symptoms develop," stated Lisa Cazares, the USAMRIID researcher leading the project. A tool like this would give first responders the ability to administer the appropriate care and the unprecedented ability to track the disease outbreak in real time. Biological analysis of this scope required additional instrumentation, which ECBC was able to secure from its partner, Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Thermo Fisher Scientific loaned ECBC a complete Q Exactive Plus mass spectrometry system with a Dynex nanoflow liquid chromatography pump and autosampler. This new equipment relieves the burden on existing instrumentation and, given its technological advancements, allows for a more rapid and thorough analysis. ECBC's contribution to USAMRIID's Ebola research demonstrates how various organizations team up to provide solutions for the world's most difficult and dangerous challenges.

"It is important for us to support our DOD partners with this kind of critical research," said Jennifer Sekowski, of ECBC. "Our goal in creating the Mass Spectrometry Core Facility in 2013 was to set up a collaborative resource for all of the DOD. We have the equipment, the expertise, and the necessary safety protocols in place, so we are thrilled to be able to share it with our partners."

SOLDIER CHAMPS

Army wins Armed Forces Soccer Championship

By Shannon Collins

Department of Defense News

WASHINGTON — All-Army beat Air Force 1-0 to capture the Armed Forces Soccer Championship after a week of competition at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, May 20.

A goal by Pvt. Alan Ibarra Lepe, of Fort Irwin, California, put Army on the scoreboard 28 minutes into the first half of the final match. Good defensive play for the rest of the game helped Army clinch the title.

In the consolation match, also that afternoon, Navy beat Marine Corps, 2-1.

It was actually an uphill tournament for the All-Army players, who lost their first-round match in overtime to the Marines, 9-5, May 14. That game was tied 5-5 at the end of regular play, thanks in part to three goals scored by Army's Sgt. Christopher Krueger of SHAPE headquarters in Belgium. However, the Marines went on to score four unanswered goals in overtime.

In the second round, Army beat Air Force 1-0, with a goal from Capt. Andrew Hyres of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

In the third round, Army beat Navy 1-0, with a goal by Spc. Aaron Casper of Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Overall, Army finished the tournament 3-1 in match games. The Air Force and Navy both ended up with a 2-2 record. The Marine Corps finished 1-3, with its only win coming early against the Army.

Along with crowning a service champion, this week's soccer at Miramar also provided a venue for officials to evaluate individual performances and select members of the U.S. Armed Forces Men's Soccer Team, said Steve Dinote of Armed Forces Sports.

Service members selected for the U.S. team will compete against other nations at the 6th Military World Games of the Conseil International du Sports Militaire in Mungyeong, South Korea, Sept. 30-Oct. 11.



Pvt. Alan Ibarra Lepe, of Fort Irwin, Calif., kicks the ball downfield before scoring the winning goal as the All-Amy team beat the Air Force, 1-0, to claim the Armed Forces Soccer Championship at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., May 20.

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by Dave T. Phipps



Rodriguez

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3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What animal's diet consists mainly of eucalyptus leaves?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capi-

tal of the Czech Republic? 5. MYTHOLOGY: What was the

name of Orpheus' beloved wife, doomed to die from a viper bite? 6. GAMES: In poker, what is a full

house? MEDICINE: What causes rickets

in children?

8. LAW: What is the legal definition of "chattel"?

9. ETIQUETTE: Who is traditionally supposed to host the bachelor's party for a groom?

10. MUSIC: Who composed the opera "The Magic Flute"?

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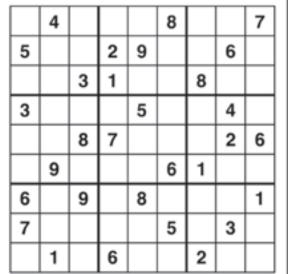
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Disc Golf Tournament

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center is hosting the third annual Disc Golf Tournament Saturday at 10 a.m. at the disc golf course. The tournament will be 18 holes with players paired randomly, followed by another 18 holes by age, group and score. Trophies will be awarded in various categories. The cost

For more information or to sign up, call 255-2296 or 255-2997.

Army Strong Triathlon

Fort Rucker will host its annual Army Strong Triathlon June 13 from 7 a.m. to noon at Lake Tholocco's West Beach. Participants will swim a quarter mile, bike 10.6 miles and run 3.1 miles. Cash awards will be given to the top overall finishers and the top relay team. Pre-registration cost for individuals is \$40 up to June 7, or \$50 after and up to race day. Relay teams - maximum of three people – is \$70 by June 7, or \$80 after and up to race day. All pre-registered participants will receive T-shirts. Those who register after

To register or get more information, call 255-

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as supplies last. The event is open to the public.

Road closure during triathlon — Road closures for this event include: Johnston Road from Christian Road to Engineer Beach will be closed to vehicle traffic June 13 from 6:40-10 a.m. There will be vehicles to escort traffic to outdoor recreation and the West Beach area. Christian Road from Johnston Road to the Faulkner Gate will be open. Drivers will be required to yield right-ofway to bicyclists and may be stopped momentarily to allow for safe passage of bicycles. For more information on road closures, call 255-2296.

Reopening tournament

In celebration of the re-opening of the Blue Course, Silver Wings Golf Course will host a four-person scramble tournament June 6 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$25 for Silver Wings members and \$45 for non-members. Entries must be received by noon June 4. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. The tournament is open to the first 28 paid teams.

For more information or to register, call 598-2449.

Enterprise baseball

Enterprise's semi-pro baseball team needs players. For more information, call Joe Jackson at 464-1729.

Adult swim lessons

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will offer adult swim lessons Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout June. Beginner level lessons will held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30

termediate level lessons will Ladies Guest Day at Silver be held from 12:45-1:30 p.m. and 6:15-7 p.m. People can register at the Fort Rucker PFC front desk or MWR Central three days prior to the start of the session. Cost is \$40 and there is a minimum requirement of three participants to conduct the

For more information, call 255-9162 or 255-2296.

Youth sports coach recruit-

The Fort Rucker Youth Sports and Fitness Program needs coaches for all its activities. The program offers a wide range of sports to the youth of the community, including basketball, football, tennis and soccer. The program will set up recruiting tables Jun 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the commissary and post exchange. For those who decide to volunteer, training will be held June 27 at 9 a.m. at the youth center gym, Bldg. 2800.

For more information, call

Ladies are welcome to bring a guest to Silver Wings Golf Course every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. now through September. The cost for guests is \$25 and includes cart, green fee, one bucket of range balls and lunch. Members who bring a guest will receive 20-percent off lunch at Divots.

For more information, call 598-2449

Member Guest Day at Silver Wings

Silver Wings Golf Course Members can invite up to three guests for a round of golf at a discounted rate from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month now through December. The cost is \$25 per guest, which includes cart rental, green fee, one bucket of range balls and lunch. Members that bring a guest will receive 50-percent off lunch at

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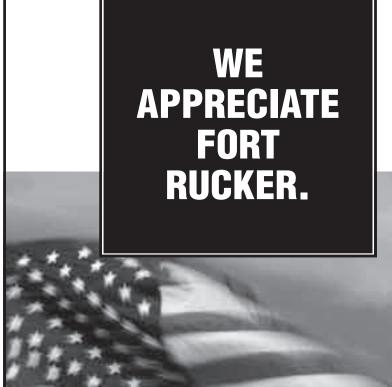




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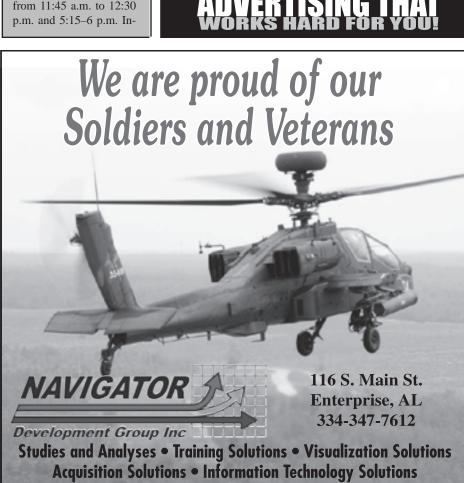
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