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## A PROPER FINAL FLIGHT

### 1-212th Avn. Regt. helps ex-POW achieve rite of passage

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

After a tragic incident more than 20 years ago took the lives of five people and left three battered and broken, one survivor was honored with an opportunity he wasn't afforded at the end of his Aviation career – a final flight.

Daniel Stamaris Jr. is known to many on Fort Rucker as a quality assurance specialist with the Aviation Center Logistics Command, but what many might not know is that he was a former Black Hawk crew chief who was part of a team that was shot down during the Persian Gulf War who were taken as prisoners of war.

On Feb. 27, 1991, Stamaris and his crew, along with four passengers – three pathfinders and one flight surgeon – were on a search-and-rescue mission over Iraq to find a downed F-16 fighter pilot who'd been shot down, he said. During the mission, Stamaris' Black Hawk came under fire and was shot down, killing the entire flight crew and two of the passengers.

“Out of the eight people who were on

“It just makes you feel good that there are people out there who still care and want to give you that recognition.”

— DANIEL STAMARIS JR.,  
ACLC AND DESERT STORM POW

board, only three of us survived,” said Stamaris, who was severely injured, suffering broken bones in his left leg, a shattered femur, broken pelvis and broken ribs.

As fate would have it, Stamaris' helicopter was shot down on the last full day of the war, but Stamaris and those he was taken prisoner with had no idea.

“We didn't know it at the time, so the war was still going on for us,” he said. “During something like that, you pretty much live moment to moment because you're being threatened with bodily harm and death.”

Despite his injuries, Stamaris said he was routinely moved around by the Iraqi soldiers to different areas on the backs of trucks and carried in tarps with no regard to his health. For eight days he was made to suffer with his injuries before being released as a result of the end of the war.

“When I got back to the states, the medical personnel made a comment to me that they couldn't believe I survived – not just the crash, but the time I was being held because of the way they handled me,” he said. “They told me that I had bone fragments between 1-2 millimeters (from) my main femoral artery.”

Since the day his crew was shot down, Stamaris hadn't flown in a Black Hawk helicopter and never took part in a final flight, which many see as a rite of passage for Aviators ending their careers, so Capt. Steve Sanford, F Company, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment company commander, wanted to change that.

Sanford met Stamaris on Howze field during a ceremony on Veterans Day last year where there was a static display of a Black Hawk helicopter.



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

**Daniel Stamaris Jr., quality assurance specialist with the Aviation Center Logistics Command and POW during Desert Storm, exits the UH-60 Black Hawk he took his final flight in May 22 over the skies of Fort Rucker – more than 20 years after being shot down in Iraq.**

“We got to talking and he started to tell me that the last time that he'd sat in that seat was when he and his crew were shot down over Iraq in the Gulf War,” said Sanford. “That got my attention and he started telling me the story. I was really intrigued and couldn't believe he hadn't sat in that seat since that day.

“I got to thinking it would be really cool if I got to get him a flight to finish his Aviation career,” he said. “I tossed the idea around and I stayed in touch with him, and finally asked if he would be interested. He said he would love to do it, so we got the ball rolling.”

After getting the required final approvals, Stamaris was ready to take flight. On May 22, he got the ride of his life for two hours over the skies of Fort Rucker, which he said was an experience he will never forget and will forever be appreciative of.

“For me, the ride was awesome – I loved it,” said Stamaris. “I knew I missed it, but I didn't know how much until I got up there

and flew in one.

“Captain Sanford went out of his way to do this flight for me,” he said. “It wasn't something he had to do, but he just felt like it was a good thing to do and I'm glad that he did. It just makes you feel good that there are people out there who still care and want to give you that recognition.”

Sanford said his reason for wanting to do this for Stamaris comes down to honoring those who came before and made sacrifices for the nation.

“Sometimes people in our Army are so used to deployments that we run the risk of not remembering that a lot of people have done it before us,” he said. “It's important to remember the history and thank the people who have gone through hard times. It was great that we were able to give him this opportunity. As an Army, I'm glad that we were able to take care of him and allow him to finish his Aviation career with a proper final flight.”

## 1st Avn. Bde. welcomes new senior NCO

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The 1st Aviation Brigade welcomed its new senior NCO during a change of responsibility ceremony at Howze Field May 27.

Col. Shawn Prickett, 1st Avn. Bde. commander, presided over the ceremony as Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Sutterfield assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick A. Blair.

The colonel expressed his gratitude for Blair's leadership, as well as his confidence in Sutterfield's appointment.

“Command Sergeant Major Mike and Kelly Sutterfield, welcome to this team and family. I know your time here will be blessed with the rewards that come with having so many Soldiers and officers to make the awesome responsibility seem like a gift,” said the brigade commander. “I'm honored and humbled to have the chance to participate in this recognition of change for the unit. There are going to be times when you ques-



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

**Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Sutterfield, 1st Avn. Bde. command sergeant major, accepts the NCO sabre from Col. Shawn Prickett, 1st Avn. Bde. commander, as he assumes responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick A. Blair during a change of responsibility ceremony at Howze Field May 27.**

tion why you took this job, but I know you both have the leadership skills and commitment to answer the call.”

Sutterfield joined the Army in 1992 as an air traffic control specialist after attending Basic Combat Training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Rucker.

Since then, he's held multiple leadership positions, ranging from air traffic control facility chief, platoon sergeant, Division Airspace Command and Control NCO in charge, and battalion command sergeant major for 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Fireworks from last year's Freedom Fest.

## Safety top concern for Freedom Fest

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

As thousands in the Wiregrass prepare to celebrate the nation's independence this year, new security measures on Fort Rucker will change the way folks access post during one of the most popular events of the year – Freedom Fest.

Freedom Fest is scheduled for July 2 from 4-10 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields. And as military installations across the U.S. increase force protection measures, Fort Rucker is no exception, said Chief Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker chief of police, adding that safety is the main priority.

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## Changes made to escorting procedures

Fort Rucker Public Affairs  
Press Release

Effective immediately, changes have been made to the process of accessing and escorting guests onto the installation.

Those who are allowed to escort guests include active duty military with a military ID, adult active-duty military family members with a military ID and Department of the Army civilians employees with a Department of Defense-issued ID card, also known as a common access card. These are now the only personnel allowed to escort.

There are no changes for those who possess a

CAC, active duty with a military ID, adult active duty military family member ID, or retirees and their family members with a DOD issued ID and other DOD-issued ID to gain access to the installation. The only change is with regard to escorting.

All personnel in a vehicle, who are 18 or older, will need a visitor badge, which requires a background check. Along with the visitor badge, all visitors must present a valid picture identification card, e.g., state-issued driver's license, state-issued ID, etc.

Visitors may go to the visitor control center at the Daleville Gate, Enterprise Gate or Ozark Gate

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Harlem Hellfighter’s valor inspires

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The German soldiers, who overran his position, fled in fear as Pvt. William Henry Johnson wielded his bolo knife, hacking away at them after expending his bullets.

The French and American Soldiers he served with on the battlefields of France during World War I were in awe of him following that epic struggle.

Events leading to battle

Johnson, an African-American, was born in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He moved to New York as a teenager, where he worked in various jobs as a chauffeur, soda mixer, laborer in a coal yard and a porter at Albany’s Union Station.

Two months after Congress declared war on Germany June 5, 1917, Johnson enlisted and was assigned to Company C, 15th New York (Colored) Infantry Regiment – an all-black National Guard unit, which would later become the 369th Infantry Regiment of the 93rd Division, American Expeditionary Forces.

Johnson was rather small when he enlisted – 5 feet 4 inches tall and 130 pounds. The “Literary Digest” reported that his wife, Edna, who called him Bill, once said: “Bill ain’t big nor nothin’ like that, but oh, he can go some!”

Edna’s summary of Bill was prescient of events, which were soon to transpire.

When the 369th deployed to

France the following year, Johnson and his unit were brigaded with a French army colonial unit in front-line combat on the western edge of the Argonne Forest in France’s Champagne region.

The battle

Johnson and a fellow Soldier were pulling sentry duty at night in the vicinity of the Tourbe and Aisne Rivers, northwest of Saint Menehoul, May 15, 1918.

A German raiding party of at least a dozen soldiers attacked their forward position, opening up with intense small-arms fire.

Despite receiving significant wounds, Johnson mounted a brave retaliation resulting in several enemy casualties, according to the White House Medal of Honor announcement for Johnson and Army Sgt. William Shemin, who also fought during World War I, May 14.

Although badly hurt himself, Johnson ignored the pain and bleeding to assist his fellow wounded Soldier, who was in immediate danger of being taken prisoner.

“Johnson exposed himself to grave danger by advancing from his position to engage an enemy soldier in hand-to-hand combat,” according to the announcement.

At the time, Johnson was wielding a bolo knife, which he used to great effect after firing all the rounds from his Lebel rifle. He quickly dispatched the enemy soldier with the knife, thereby saving his fellow Soldier from being taken captive. The other enemy soldiers, who had witnessed



NEW YORK DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS

Sgt. Henry Johnson and the Harlem Hellfighters’ parade is shown as it passes through New York during February 1919.

Johnson’s ferocity in battle, fled back to their lines.

“Displaying great courage, Johnson held back the enemy force until they retreated,” the White House announcement said.

The aftermath

Besides inspiring his fellow American and French Soldiers, Johnson’s deeds of courage and commitment inspired African-Americans back home, especially in New York, said Stephen Harris, author of “Harlem’s Hell Fighters,” a 2003 book about the 369th, which was often referred

to by that moniker.

When Johnson and others from his unit returned to the United States, they rode in a victory parade down New York City’s Fifth Avenue and into Harlem. About a million showed up to welcome the Soldiers back, Harris said.

Although Johnson would never live to see his Medal of Honor, which was presented to him posthumously by President Barack Obama during a White House ceremony June 2, he did receive an equivalent award – the French Croix de Guerre avec Palme, that nation’s highest award for valor. He became one of the first Amer-

icans to receive the award during the war.

When Johnson was discharged from the Army Feb. 24, 1919, he had attained the rank of sergeant. He returned home to Albany, but was unable to be employed at his pre-war porter position due to the severity of his 21 combat injuries.

He died July 5, 1929, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, in Section 25, Grave 64.

In 1996, Johnson was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and in 2002, the Distinguished Service Cross.

## Rotor Wash

“An International Spouses Get Together is 9-11 a.m. Friday at Allen Heights Community Center. What tips can you offer for becoming acclimated when moving to a new community?”



Olivia Adams,  
military spouse

“Try to put yourself out there. Don’t be a homebody.”



Daniel Robinson,  
military family member

“Look for people with similar interests.”



Tricia Davis,  
military spouse

“Learn about community organizations or take part in extracurricular activities.”



Marcus Moore,  
civilian

“Get involved in the community.”



Kristen Stuttle,  
military spouse

“Get to know the people you work around and be social with them.”

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## ACE SUICIDE INTERVENTION

Ask your buddy

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm.
- 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.

Escort your buddy

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



# 34-year veteran Army Aviator retires

**By Kelly P. Pate**  
*U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence  
Public Affairs*

Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, lauded family and service in a retirement ceremony honoring Col. Robert C. Doerer at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 29.

“This is a very special moment for a very special Army family. Their commitment, their sacrifice and their service to our nation is a model for any of our families out there,” Lundy said.

Doerer’s culminating career assignments were at Fort Rucker as the deputy commander and chief of staff for the Aviation Center.

Doerer’s service spanned from the tactical level, serving in combat multiple times, to serving throughout the Army in multiple commands, including at the strategic level, Lundy said.

“I’ve fought with him, I’ve been in theater with him, I’ve had his units attached to me, and I’ve seen the benefit of his leadership and training with those units,” Lundy said.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy, Doerer held leadership positions with 3rd Armored Division, 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Armored Division and V Corps. He deployed as the 3rd Armored Div. Aviation Brigade Headquarters Company commander during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. His deployments also include as the 1-501st Attack Battalion commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and as the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade commander in support of OIF and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Doerer served as an observer-controller at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, as Aviation lieutenant colonels assignment officer and then director, Office of Personnel Management Directorate, Human



PHOTO BY KELLY PATE

**Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy ceremonially hoses down Col. Robert C. Doerer on Howze field after Doerer's final flight in an OH-58C May 29.**

Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia.

His awards and decorations include two Legions of Merit, four Bronze Star medals, eight Meritorious Service Medals, and two Air Medals. Doerer was awarded the Combat Action Badge, Senior Aviator Badge and Parachutist Badge.

Lundy commended Doerer as a compassionate leader who put people first, and made the right decisions for the Soldier and for the Army during his career.

Lundy described Doerer’s wife, Tammy, as an energetic person, always smiling and volunteering.

“There’s nobody out there she wouldn’t do anything for,” Lundy said.

In his remarks, Doerer thanked special guests, family and friends for their attendance.

He read aloud an old letter he wrote home from West Point at the beginning of his Army

career, back when he wasn’t sure if the Army was the right decision for him. Looking back on 34 years of service, he emphasized the importance of people.

During his emotional speech, Doerer explained the meaning of the words duty, honor, country. He said he was grateful for a mentor, retired Lt. Gen. John Cusick, who sat in the audience, for whom Doerer served as aide-de-camp in the mid-1990s.

“The good Lord put me in box seats to watch and learn about strategic leadership, interpersonal skills, sound judgment and, most importantly, taking care of people,” Doerer said.

Doerer said the people at Fort Rucker are a “fantastic team of professionals that performs well above the standard each and every day – a team that has focus, drive and gets the mission done.”

Doerer thanked Lundy on behalf of all Aviators, past and present, for his dedication

and commitment.

Doerer said he was grateful for the support from his parents and family over the years, and for the Family members in the audience. Lastly, he thanked Tammy, his wife of 28 years and their two children Camden and Casey.

Doerer asked that the people remember the Soldiers who are still in harm’s way.

During the ceremony Doerer was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, a certificate of appreciation from the president of the United States, and a ceremonially folded U.S. flag that was flown over the USAACE.

Tammy received the Outstanding Civilian Service award for dedicated service, the Anne Marrow Lindbergh Award and Margaret C. Corbin Award for her service to the Army Aviation community, and a certificate of appreciation from the secretary of the Army.

Doerer’s niece Jordan Ducharme, 13, performed the national anthem, and niece Emma Mendez, 9, sang “God Bless the USA.”

Earlier in the day, the veteran AH-64 Aviator took his final flight at Fort Rucker in an OH-58C.

“Who other to have the last flight with than Jack Holmes?” he said, pointing to his pilot in command.

Holmes is the G3 airspace manager at Fort Rucker.

“It was great going back to flight school, hitting some RTs, doing some hover work,” Doerer said. “I had an awesome time.”

Shortly after landing at Howze field, Doerer was ceremonially hosed down by Lundy, Tammy and other family members with the water hose from the Fire truck.

Doerer reflected on his Army career.

“It’s all about people. People make the Army,” Doerer said. “It’s one big, great Army team that I’ve been proud to serve with and for.”

## Operational Camouflage Pattern Army Combat Uniforms available July 1

**U.S. Army**  
*Press Release*

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Monday the release of the Operational Camouflage Pattern in Soldier uniforms. The Operational Camouflage Pattern will be available for purchase in select military clothing sales stores beginning July 1.

Stores will receive the uniforms over a period of six months from July to November, and new Soldiers will receive Operational Camouflage Pattern Army Combat Uniforms beginning in January. The Operational Camouflage Pattern was selected following

the most comprehensive uniform camouflage testing effort ever undertaken by the Army, reflecting the Army’s paramount commitment to force protection.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey encouraged enlisted Soldiers to purchase new uniforms with their annual clothing allowance. “All enlisted Soldiers receive an annual stipend for the purchase of uniforms and accessories. I myself will wait until I am issued my clothing allowance before purchasing a uniform with the Operational Camouflage Pattern. I encourage all Soldiers and leaders to do the same by budgeting for a new uniform, belt, boots

and T-shirts as you receive your clothing allowance over the next two to three years.”

The cost of the uniform in the Operational Camouflage Pattern will be similar to the cost of the uniform in the Universal Camouflage Pattern. Enlisted Soldiers will continue to receive a clothing allowance to replace their worn uniforms.

Uniforms and equipment in the Operational Camouflage Pattern will be available for Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps during summer 2016.

Soldiers are authorized to mix and match T-shirts, belts, and

boots with either the Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern or the Operational Camouflage Pattern during the transition period – expected to run through Oct. 1, 2019. To further ease the change, Soldiers who already have Flame Resistant ACUs in the Operational Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern will be authorized to wear them during the transition.

“I have asked noncommissioned officers to ensure their Soldiers understand that during this transition period several uniforms and variations will be authorized in our formations,” Dailey said. “Presenting a professional appear-

ance is very important to Soldiers. But, we will not inconvenience or burden our troops. We will still be the most lethal fighting force the world has even known even if our belts don’t match for the next few years.”

In addition to the camouflage change, the Operational Camouflage Pattern ACUs will incorporate minor design changes. These include redesigned shoulder sleeve pockets with a zipper opening, no trouser drawstring, a button on the lower calf pocket, two pen pockets on the sleeve instead of three, and the elimination of the elbow and knee patch hook and loop.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

## Learning to lead

**Boy Scouts from multiple troops out of Columbus, Ga., and Auburn, Ala., attempt to make it through the Leadership Reactionary Course on post Monday as Soldiers from the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College observe. The WOCC invited the Scouts to give the course a try as part of the school's community**

## News Briefs

### Veteran appreciation

Alabama State Games XXXIII opening ceremonies are coming to the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan June 12. The opening ceremonies will honor past and present military members and their families. As per resolutions passed by both houses of the Alabama legislature and signed by the governor, along with the cities of Dothan and Ozark and the counties of Dale and Houston, June 12 has been declared “Thank You for Your Service Day in Alabama.”

The National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds has been declared in the resolutions as the venue for honoring all military and family members, past and present, at 7 p.m. in the amphitheater during the opening ceremonies. There will be limited seating in the amphitheater, so people are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets and an American flag. Gates will open at 3 p.m. and vendors will be on hand.

The 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band will also perform at the event. Admission and parking at the Na-

tional Peanut Festival Fairgrounds will be free to the public. The ceremonies will be broadcast statewide on Alabama Public Television and a fireworks show will follow the proceedings.

For more information, visit [www.alagames.com](http://www.alagames.com) or call 379-6981.

### Changes of command, responsibility

- The 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment will host a change of command and change of responsibility ceremony Friday at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field.
- 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.
- The 1-14th Avn. Regt. will host a change of command ceremony June 18 at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field.
- The 1st Avn. Bde. will host a change of command ceremony June 23 at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field.

- The 1-223rd Avn. Regt. will host a change of command ceremony June 26 at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field.

### AER closing ceremony

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

### 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 supports combat operations, military treatment facilities and Veterans Affairs hospitals.

For more information, visit <http://www.military-blood.dod.mil/benning/>.



# Odierno: End-strength issue still unsettled

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — When the Army’s chief of staff retires this August, he said one thing he will be leaving for his successor is the unfinished business of how big the Army will be and how it will be appropriated.

“I thought by now we would have had that resolved,” said Odierno, adding that uncertainty about the final size of the Army has brought “angst to our Soldiers.”

Odierno spoke May 28 during a media roundtable with the Defense Writers Group in Washington.

The final end strength of the Army – the total number of Soldiers that will be allowed to serve – is still “up in the air,” Odierno said. It is “based on what happens with the Congress and the president as they continue to wrestle what the budget would be.”

He predicts the issue will still be a concern for the new chief of staff for two to three years to come.

The general said that while popular consensus might hold that the Army is now at rest because it is largely out of Iraq and Afghanistan – the opposite is true. The Army has 143,000 Soldiers forward-stationed and deployed throughout the world today, he said.

Odierno told journalists that continued cuts to defense must stop, “with the world the way it is today, this is not the right time. We’ve taken enough out of defense. Let’s stop and move forward.”

Continued cuts will damage the Army’s modernization efforts and readiness into the next decade, the general said.

“If we don’t get the dollars and continue down the road of sequestration, it’s going to affect readiness,” he said. “It’s going to put us in a readiness hole for five years. It’s going to put us in a modernization hole for 10 years. And our ability to continue to meet the current mission is going to be challenged.”

## Iraq

Security issues, such as the city of Ramadi being taken last week by the Islamic State – and Iraqi security forces fleeing instead of fighting – persist in Iraq. Just five years ago, the general had been optimistic about the future of the country.

“The violence in Iraq was at the lowest levels it had ever been. We saw the economics were starting to grow. Oil was being exported at a higher rate. I felt very good. I thought we were on the right track,” Odierno said. “But then again, the political piece of it has not taken. They have not been able to overcome the mistrust they have between sects.”

The general said that mistrust and conflict between Sunni and Shia, for instance, rep-



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. STEVE CORTEZ

**Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno speaks to Soldiers assigned to Task Force 2-10th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, at the Joint Readiness Training Center, La., April 22.**

resents the kind of fractures in Iraqi society that demand a leader strong enough to pull them together to create a stable country.

That continued mistrust, he said, continues to degrade the success that had been achieved in Iraq early on.

“It is incredibly disappointing to me, personally, what I have watched happen,” he said. “I felt in September 2010, when I left, that we were on the right track. And I really believed, at that time, that in five years, that Iraq would be doing very well. But, frankly, they have fallen apart.”

The general said he does not support sending combat formations to provide security to the country – a task he said the Iraqis themselves are best suited for. He did say additional advisers would be OK, if those on the ground who are observing the mission of those advisers were to say that additional advisers are needed.

“Right now they feel we are OK with the numbers we have,” he said. “If they felt we need to increase that, I’d be supportive.”

Odierno also said that he believes that “embedded advisers,” which means U.S. Soldiers embedded with Iraqi combat units, could increase the effectiveness of those units – and make the U.S. effort there more successful.

“That puts us at much more risk,” he said. “We have not made that decision yet, and I don’t think that General Austin [Gen. Lloyd Austin, commander of U.S. Central Command] has asked for that capability.”

## Joint Light Tactical Vehicle

The Army has said it plans to purchase 49,099 joint light tactical vehicles, and Odierno said the Army has “not walked away” from that commitment.

He said the JLTV is a vehicle the Army absolutely needs, that it includes enough space for Soldiers and communications gear, and that it provides adequate protection for occupants.

“I feel really good about what we’ve done with the JLTV,” he said. “I think the way we’ve developed the requirements, the way it is moving forward, is a really important step for us. I think as we move forward it will be a central piece of the Army.”

Odierno also said the Army might be looking for an ultra-light vehicle that will help move airborne Soldiers, who land as part of forcible entry operations. The Army might also be looking for a light reconnaissance vehicle, as well as “mobile-protected fire power” in light, medium and heavy versions. He also mentioned vertical lift, an infantry fighting vehicle, and “a lighter, tank-like vehicle.”

Using the Army Operating Concept as a guide, the general said, the Army has been reviewing 20 warfighting challenges and has identified “where the gaps and seams are” in terms of capability.

The effort is more holistic than it has been in the past, he said. The Army is looking across all branches and centers of ex-

cellence, rather than at functional “stovepipes.”

“I think we are coming up with much better solutions,” Odierno said. “I think what you are going to see here, one of the things I am proud of, is we have established this AOC, we’ve looked at these 20 warfighting challenges, and I think now we can ease the way forward on how we start identifying near-term, mid-term and long-term gaps that we can now invest in.”

In terms of future modernization and acquisition, Odierno criticized the Army’s previous concepts of acquisition, saying that the service had always looked for the best right up front.


“I think one of the problems we’ve had in the past is that we tried to build a perfect vehicle,” he said. “The requirements are so high, and they were difficult to meet, and it ended up being over budget and sometimes we found we couldn’t meet them.”

Now, he said, he believes that program development might “leave room for improvement” in new systems and that the Army tries to “become iterative in development of a program.”

He suggested a new system, where the first iteration of a new system might meet 80 percent of what the Army wants. Later iterations would reach a goal of 90 percent and then 100 percent.

“That 80 percent is much better than what we have today,” he said. “And it’s easier to attain.”

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# Ceremony: Former NCO lauded for leadership

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Regiment at Soto Cano Airbase, Honduras, and the 12th Aviation Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Sutterfield is no stranger to Fort Rucker, as he also served as the 1st Bn., 223rd Avn. Regt. command sergeant major.

“I am humbled, appreciative and exhilarated about the opportunity to work for you, by you, with you and through you for the next couple of years, growing, devel-

oping and enhancing the Aviation Branch and the Soldiers – many like them standing before you this morning,” he said to Soldiers and leadership during the ceremony, adding that he’d do his best to uphold the standards set by his predecessor.

“Command Sergeant Major Blair, you have provided the leadership and mentorship this unit needed with so many Soldiers and family members, and truly impacted things like instructor training and certification, Soldier training and leader develop-

ment, and enforcement of standards – all things you gladly took on every single day – you continued to train the men and women of tomorrow’s Army,” said Prickett. “Words can’t describe how you were completely committed and made us see past ourselves to work toward the future of this great institution all while keeping Soldiers first.”

Blair said he was thankful for the experience as the unit’s senior NCO, adding that Soldiers always come first.

“The formation standing before you here is where it all starts,” he said. “This formation epitomizes the brigade’s motto – Aviation starts here. Whether it’s initial military training or professional military education, the Soldiers of 1st Av. Bde. are professional and relentless in the pursuit of developing Aviation Soldiers who are leaders who exemplify traditional Army values and professional ethics. I’m proud to say that I’ve served as a Golden Hawk Soldier.”

# Procedures: Visitors asked to anticipate delays, be patient

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to receive a background check and visitor badge. People will need government-issued identification, such as a driver’s license, passport, state identification card, etc.

The visitor control center at the Daleville gate is operational seven days a week during normal operating

hours to make it easier to access post on the weekends.

Operational hours for Visitor Control Centers:

- **Daleville Gate** – Mondays-Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and
- **Enterprise and Ozark gates** – Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

While this is a considerable change from current procedures, Fort Rucker Officials hope to make this pro-

cess as streamlined as possible.

However, expect delays during this initial issuance period at the visitor control centers. Post officials understand the potential delays may be an inconvenience; however, these actions are for increased security and protection for those who live, work and use the facilities on Fort Rucker. Officials ask for people’s patience and understanding as all go through this process.

# Freedom Fest: Attendees asked to remain vigilant

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“As it stands right now, people who will be allowed to enter the installation during Freedom Fest are going to be Department of Defense ID card holders and anyone who possesses a pass,” said the police chief. “There will not be any visitor control center operations that day (July 2), and it won’t be like it was in years past where we open up entry procedures for the Wiregrass community to come on.”

Dumais said the increased security is due to the increased security across Army installations, and although Fort Rucker has no direct threat, he said the precautions are necessary.

“Safety comes first, and the force protection level being raised is based on a threat level that’s been determined, which tells us that we need to increase our security posture,” he said. “There is no directed or targeted threat to Fort Rucker, but a general threat-level increase across Army installations, so we’re being prudent and upping our security measures.”

Normal security measures that have

been in place in the past will also remain in place. The event will have police patrols across the installation, as well as increased security throughout the venue to ensure the site is secure for the day of festivities, said Dumais. Emergency Medical Service and the Fort Rucker Fire Department will also be on hand as a response team in the event of an emergency.

Also, there are certain items that are prohibited from being brought onto the installation during Freedom Fest, which include: coolers, backpacks, pets, fireworks of any kind, glass containers, weapons of any kind, bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

Family members with medical needs or small children and babies will be allowed to bring bags for medical items or baby care items, which will be checked and tagged before entering the festival fields.

To help ensure a safe and secure Freedom Fest, Dumais also asked that people remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

“If you see something, say something,” he said. “If something looks

suspicious or doesn’t look quite right, don’t just drive away or walk away without saying something. Give us a call and we’ll send someone out there to see what it is. It’s always better to be safe than sorry.”

Understanding there is a new step in visiting the installation this year, post officials hope that won’t keep folks from coming out.

“We’re looking forward to a great Freedom Fest this year, and hope the Wiregrass will come out to enjoy the band and the fireworks like they do every year,” he said.

“We ask that anyone who will be coming out to celebrate safely,” said Dumais. “We truly want all the people who join us in celebrating our Nation’s Birthday to come and have a good time.”

Freedom Fest will feature the largest fireworks display in the area, a performance by the 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band, and feature dozens of vendors and a whole host of features for families to enjoy.

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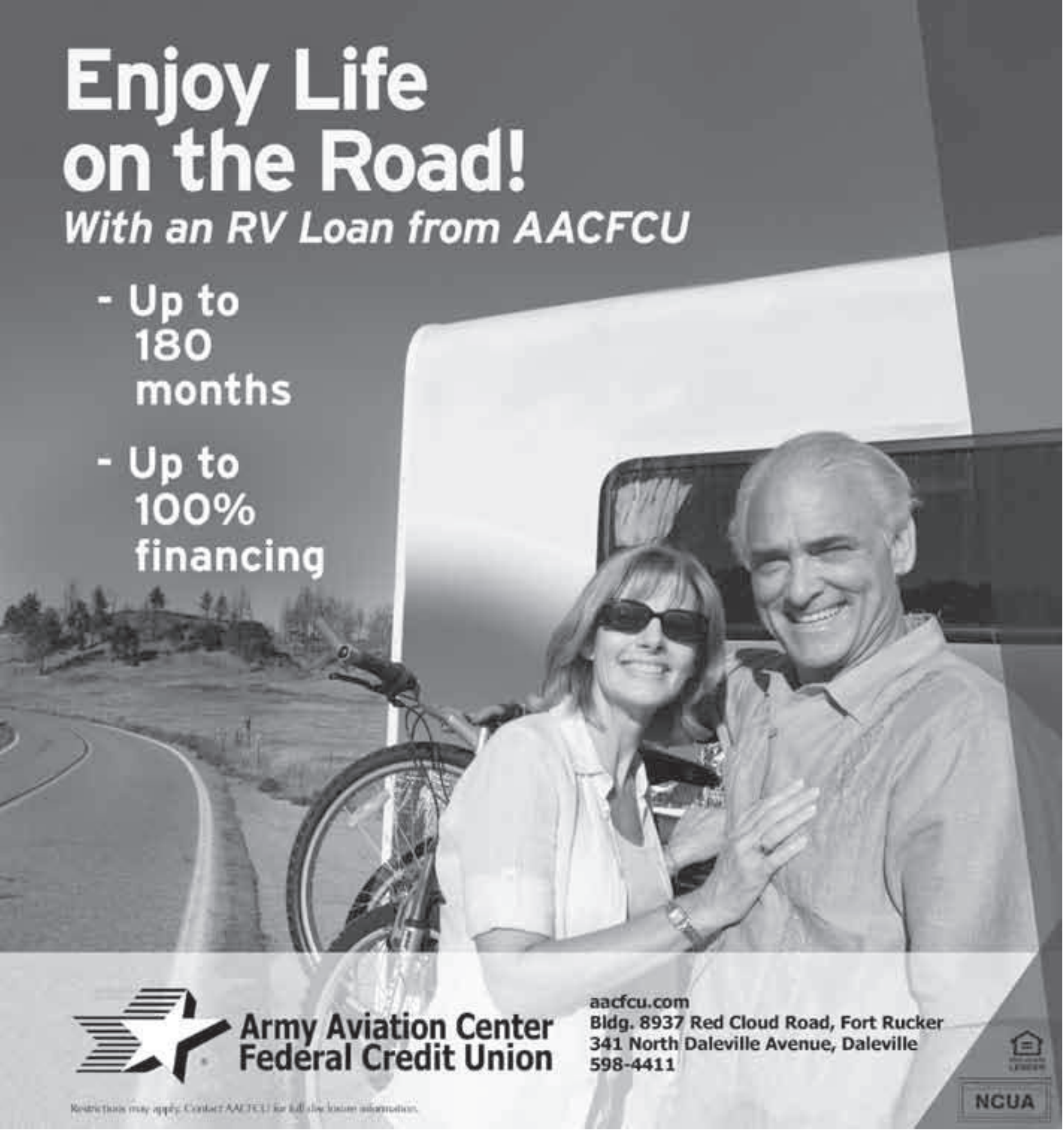
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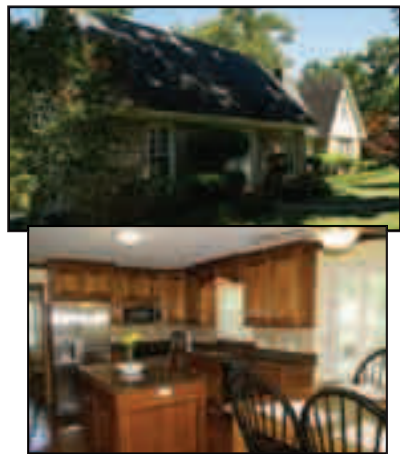
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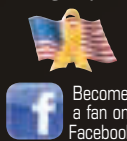
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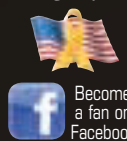
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Task Force Leader, 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Division Soldiers prepare to evacuate a casualty as an UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter assigned to Task Force Eagle Assault, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade lands during a combined arms live-fire training exercise at Tactical Base Gamberi, Afghanistan, May 13.

# Soldiers demonstrate training to Afghan counterparts

By Capt. Charles Emmons  
Resolute Support Headquarters  
Public Affairs

LAGHMAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, engaged a series of planned targets and objectives during a combined arms live fire exercise at Tactical Base Gamberi May 13.

A platoon from B Company was sup-

ported by UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and AH-64 Apache helicopters from Task Force Eagle Assault, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade deployed to the region in April to support the Resolute Support Mission in eastern Afghanistan.

The event was a culmination of four months of training and coordination that began as soon as 3rd BCT arrived in country. The main focus of the exercise was to demonstrate how the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces could utilize their

vast ranges to conduct their own weapons training in coordination with training cycle management the new Regional Military Training Center at Tactical Base Gamberi.

“Today we had a progression training timeline for the Afghans for them to actually see the exercises that we went through to prepare for this event,” said Capt. Kingsley Spiller, the operations officer for 1st Bn., 187th Inf. Rgt., Task Force Leader. “It is possible to go out and train during fighting season.”

A small crowd of Afghan officers from the 201st Afghan National Army Corps joined the leaders of the Train, Advise, Assist, Command-East to observe the exercise from a hilltop. A number of coalition advisers were joined by their ANA counterparts, who received on-site mentorship on fires coordination and the air space management process. Afghan officers also accompanied the leaders who observed and

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PHOTO BY SPC. JONATHAN LEBLANC

Soldiers and a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew assigned to Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, conduct fast-rope training on a Fort Bliss training area May 22.

# Team works together to save lives



PHOTO BY SPC. JACQUELINE DOWLAND

Soldiers with 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment join their Romanian, Canadian and British allies in transporting a casualty from a helicopter to an ambulance during a training exercise at Brasov Garrison, Romania, May 23.

By Spc. Jacqueline Dowland  
13th Public Affairs Detachment

BRASOV, Romania — During times of crisis, a team must be able to work together competently and quickly to stabilize the sick or wounded.

A life may depend on the fast, cohesive care of all allies, even if the members of the team hail from differing countries. Soldiers with 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, accompanied by the Aviation assets of 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, joined counterparts from the British, Canadian and Romanian armies, as well as doctors from each country, to conduct a casualty evacuation exercise as part of Operation Sarmis 15, at Cincu May 23.

The exercise, part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, tested

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# Alaska Aviators train for rapid deployment

By Staff Sgt. Sean Callahan  
U.S. Army Alaska Public Affairs

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska — Rescue and recovery operations in a variety of situations are a vital component of the Army mission.

Being able to function under hostile or austere conditions needs to be experienced on a regular basis to authenticate readiness, said Capt. Michael Jeter, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment assistant operations officer.

In light of recent natural disasters within the Pacific region, Aviators and Soldiers from 1-52nd Avn. Regt. conducted an emergency deployment readiness exercise on the north side of Ladd Army Airfield on Fort Wainwright in early May.

The EDRE was a 72-96-hour training exercise designed to validate the



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Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment prepare a CH-47F Chinook helicopter for disassembly during an exercise May 2 at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

unit’s capabilities and prepare for contingency operations throughout the Pacific area of responsibility, Jeter said.

In the exercise, Soldiers from 1-52nd were tasked with taking apart three CH-47F Chinooks, as well as the packing of all the equipment required

to maintain the helicopters, and sustain their crews for both operational and maintenance requirements.

“This exercise is a validation of our equipment and our crews, it allows for us to breakdown and pack up equipment to load on aircraft and ensure that our procedures are sound,” said Jeter.

“This is a very maintenance-dependent mission. Our guys are assembling the CH-47s with only the tools and equipment they brought with them,” he said. “This will allow our Soldiers to train as if we were actually deploying in support of humanitarian or contingency operations throughout the Pacific.”

In November, the 1-52nd returned from a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

# Soldiers showcase air assault

By Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson  
116th Public Affairs Detachment

The roar of the crowd was drowned out as two UH-60 Black Hawks swept into the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A pair of ropes were flung from the flanks of each helicopter and soon Soldiers were swiftly descending from the hovering helicopters to the ground. The Black Hawks departed the speedway and returned shortly to extract the Soldiers, this time on a single rope trailing the national colors from the bottom of their line.

This display at the Coca-Cola 600 May 24 allowed the Soldiers and Aviators of the 101st Airborne Division to demonstrate the unique capabilities of the world’s premiere air assault division.

“It’s a huge event and a huge opportunity to represent the U.S. Army and the 101st,” said Sgt. 1st Class William McBride, the chief instructor for The Sabalauski Air Assault School. “When somebody thinks of the 101st, they think of air assault. By us performing at the Coca-Cola 600 it’s going to be a huge visual event and demonstration of just some of the capabilities of the 101st.”

The demonstration took months of planning and coordination between the Aviators of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, TSAAS and the speedway to ensure that fans would receive not only a well put together demonstration, but one that would highlight some of the capabilities of the division.

“We got information this was going to go on, so we quickly determined what our courses of action were to determine what we could do,” said CW4 Corey Cowley, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade standardization officer.

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The Sabalauski Air Assault School Soldiers conduct a special patrol insertion/extraction system extraction prior to the Coca-Cola 600.



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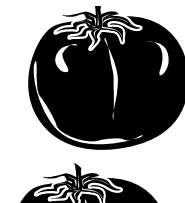
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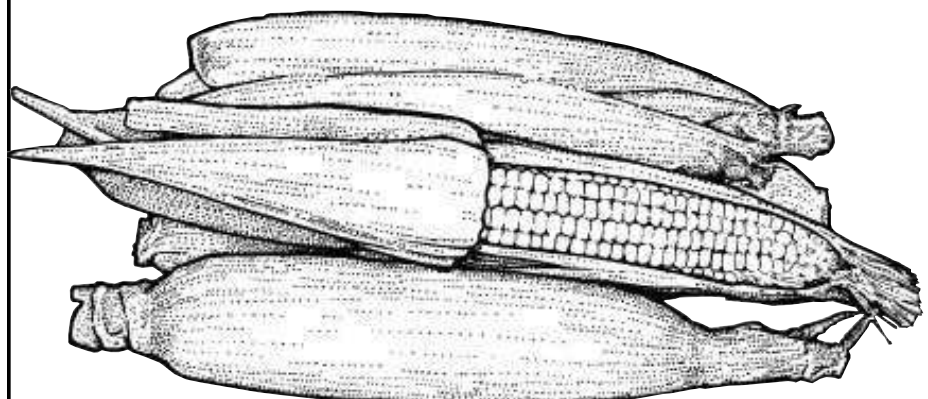
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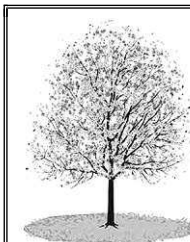
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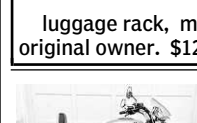
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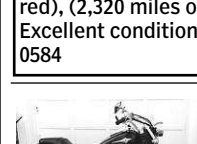
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# Combined: Exercise 1st step in ANA integration

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controlled the training from directly behind the maneuvering Soldiers, walking the range throughout the completion of the scenario.

The exercise also coupled a new platoon leader and an experienced platoon sergeant together to lead a group of Soldiers who executed the training exactly as they had rehearsed many times in garrison and combat environments.

“For my guys, it’s just another training exercise, and

they treated it as such,” said 2nd Lt. Lee Alexander, platoon leader, 2nd Platoon. “They knocked it out, they executed and said, ‘Alright what’s next? Let’s drive on and do the next thing.’”

For Soldiers in the platoon, the live fire exercise was a break from their usual missions providing force protection for the base and local area by conducting partnered patrols with the ANA.

“Finding the time to go to the range and prepping for it was the hardest part,” said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Delosreyes, the platoon sergeant. “Keeping up the tempo, con-

ducting our patrols at night to an air assault here – I think that was the biggest challenge, having the energy to prep for the CALFEX.”

The exercise was the first step in integrating ANA counterparts into the combined arms training. Future planning will allow the Afghan soldiers to plan and conduct progressive training in preparation to conduct a partnered evolution.

“We’re gonna restart the training cycle and start it with the ANA, including every step to get to that point,” said Delosreyes.

## Showcase: Crowd shows appreciation for Soldiers’ skills at demo



Soldiers with The Sabalauski Air Assault School prepare to perform a fast rope insertion into the infield of Charlotte Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C., May 24.

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“We determined that a fast rope or a FRIES (fast rope insertion/extraction system) insertion followed by a special patrol insertion/extraction system extraction would give us the most bang for the buck and would do the best to demonstrate the 101st’s capabilities, and would give a bit of variety versus just landing a helicopter and taking off.”

After determining what the demonstration would consist of, the Aviators, demonstrating Soldiers and ground crew from the air assault school began training for their roles in the mission.

“We made sure that all of our crews, as well as a few additional personnel, were all trained,” said Cowley said. “We did aerial rehearsals in the training areas of Fort Campbell both with and without troops,

and that culminated about two weeks ago in a full dress rehearsal.”

To prepare themselves, the TSAAS Soldiers took time to train on the specialized methods of insertion and extraction at the Air Assault school. They would practice descending ropes from the tower at the air assault school to prepare them for the FRIES insertion and use a live aircraft to practice both the FRIES and SPIES insertion and extraction.

After months of planning, training and preparation it all came down to the demonstration and the crowd’s reaction as the Soldiers and Aviators descended into the speedway.

“Displays like this – that’s awesome,” said Thomas Hackworth, a race attendee. “Y’all do not get thanked enough. Y’all are what enable us to enjoy stuff like this. I’m very proud of our military.”

## Team: Joint training exercise shows aircraft, ground force capabilities

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military personnel on their ability to care for and transport wounded service members despite language barriers and training differences.

“In mass casualties and triage situations, we see slight variations between the different countries, so we’re trying to get everyone on the same page,” said 2nd Lt. Jacob W. Casserino, 2nd Sqdn., 2nd Cav. medical officer, and a native of Purcellville, Virginia. “That way, we can each see how each country works and operates medically.”

The medical situation requiring

immediate treatment originated at Cincu Training Area, where the casualty was air-lifted by UH-60 Black Hawks to Brasov Garrison. At the garrison, the casualty was transported to Brasov Medical Hospital by ambulance, implementing valuable assets on both land and air to expedite the quickest transport and care possible.

“A joint training exercise like this demonstrates how quickly a patient could be evacuated since a patient would take more than an hour by ground to get from Cincu to Brasov Military Hospital,” said CW2 Brandon Harbaugh, a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot assigned to

4-3rd Avn. Regt. and a native of Everett, Washington.

The exercise was a valuable learning experience for both the NATO allies and American Soldiers to learn new skills and information from each other.

“This exercise shows the capabilities of not just aircraft, but all of the ground forces,” said Harbaugh. “(2nd Sqdn., 2nd Cav.) doesn’t usually work with helicopters, they’re used to Strykers and other ground vehicles, so air evacuation is a new learning process for both them and the NATO counterparts.”

The allies also learned that they can rely on all assets involved,

military and civilian, as all united to learn one another’s languages, vehicles, equipment and standard operating procedures. This planning before the exercise ensured that everyone involved in the exercise would be able to competently and expeditiously unite for the shared goal of treating and transporting the casualty.

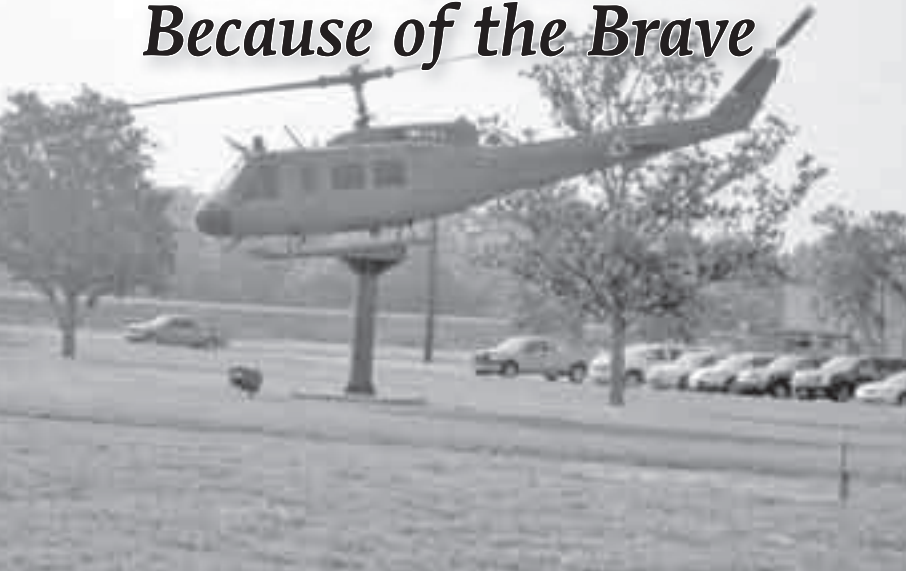
“As we train and work together we become more comfortable and confident in working with each other,” said Harbaugh. “We are building a great relationship with not just the Romanian army but also with all of the Romanian assets including the Romanian airport personnel in order for us all

to contribute to the big picture.”

As the exercise came to a conclusion, the four allies reflected on their ability to work together as they learned from one another, continuing to grow as one united team.

“The training was a success and the coordination was good,” said Maj. Daniel Derioiu, supervisor of medical evacuation, and an emergency room doctor at Brasov Military Hospital, and a native of Camplung. “It was a great training exercise because we now can share protocol and values, and understand each other using the same standard operating procedures.”

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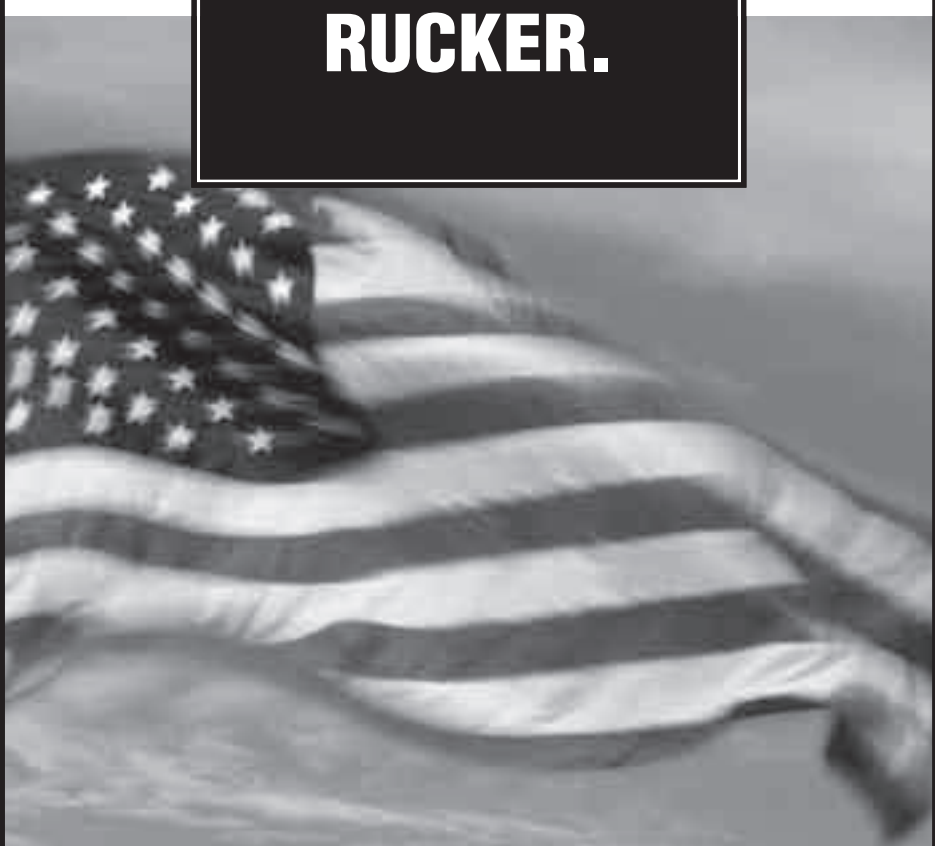
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By **Jeremy Henderson**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Children are invited to travel back to biblical times and immerse themselves in Jesus’ world during Fort Rucker’s Vacation Bible School Monday-June 12.

Nancy Jankoski, Fort Rucker Religious Support Office director of religious education, said several stations scattered throughout the Spiritual Life Center will provide a complete sensory experience for participants.

“Everywhere they go – whether they are in the bakery receiving their daily snack and learning how it was made, the carpentry shop putting together a toy a first century child would have played with, learning to write Hebrew or play an instrument – they are immersing themselves in the culture,” she said.

The school, held daily from 8-11:30 a.m., is a Christian-based program not focused on a single denomination. It instead focuses on the importance of faith, according to Jankoski.

“We are using volunteers from all the different Christian chapel congregations,” she said. “We zero in on all the things churches teach in common and not on denominational differences. We want to show children how faith can enrich their lives.”

Instead of being divided by grade level, children will be placed into groups based on the 12 tribes of Israel, she added.

“They will have a poster with their tribe’s name in both English and Hebrew,” Jankoski said. “So they will learn how to write a little bit of Hebrew.”

Once assigned to a tribe, children will visit various stations within a marketplace designed to resemble biblical times, she said.

“They will come to each one of these

marketplace shops every day for 10 minutes or less,” Jankoski said. “They will have a quick touch it, taste it, feel it experience of what it was like to be a child in Jesus’ time.

“We will have professional baker here preparing treats for the kids using Bible-time recipes,” she said. “They will be able to come every day and get some piece of tea cake or candy. She will also be baking fresh bread everyday so the kids can dip the bread in olive oil or honey and have a lot of fun snacking on Bible-time foods.”

Additional stops include a music shop, barber shop, beauty salon and an area for crafts.

The person who is leading this shop will talk to them about the importance of music, not only in Jesus’ day, but also ask what kind of music they like and how it makes them feel.

“Music is an important part of a person’s



**Eric Jackson puts the finishing touches on his mask during last year’s VBS.**



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

**Gabriel Schoonmaker hammers a nail into a plank of wood during last year’s Vacation Bible School. This year’s VBS is scheduled for Monday-June 12 at the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center.**

life,” she said. “Everyone enjoys some kind of music. A lot of times, when you are happy or sad, music touches your heart. We can relate it to 21st century kids, as well as first century kids.”

Jankoski said children will do a daily craft related to something from biblical times.

“They will make palm branches for the triumphal entry,” she said. “They will make backpacks that they can decorate, keep and use. We try to make it something the kids will enjoy playing with. Making backpacks they can use when they go on vacation or overnight to their grandparents’ house, but it is also connected to biblical times. When the people of bible times moved from place to place, they had to carry their stuff in some kind of bag or sack.”

According to Jankoski, tents set up in one of the main passageways have drawn quite a bit of attention and will serve to demonstrate life as a Roman soldier in biblical times.

“Children are going to get information about why people joined the military in bible times, what kind of benefits soldiers received in those days and life in camp,” she said. “It will detail what it was like in the garrison, and the rotation of duties like cleaning out the latrines and standing guard duty.

“When you are out in the field, you have to create a tent,” she added. “We will talk to them about the materials that were used and we will let them crawl into the tent. They will learn why it is important to be in the center of the tent because of body heat and, when it rains, you’re not the one getting wet.”

Children will also have the chance to play hopscotch.

“We think of it as a kids’ game,” Jankoski said. “But hopscotch was actually invented in the first century by the Roman army as a physical training drill for soldiers. It will be noisy, but it will be a good kind of noise. Kids learn better when they are able to move around and do things.”

Jankoski hopes another new addition to the program will allow children to further immerse themselves in “Hometown Nazareth.”

“Just outside the breezeway door we will have a live petting zoo where kids can come and learn about animals native to the area,” she said. “They will learn how some animals, like mules, were used for bearing burdens and other animals, like chickens, were used for food.”

Registration is open to all children kindergarten through sixth grade, but priority will be given to children of military members, government civilians and contractors.

“It is open to anyone who wishes to come,” Jankoski said. “We won’t turn anyone away, as long as we have space.

“We have some parents who have one child eligible for VBS, but one child who is a little younger,” she added. “We will allow those parents to attend the program with their preschool kids. We will give them a copy of the schedule. They can take their preschooler to as much or as little of the program as they choose and they can take their child home after he or she has absorbed as much as they can absorb.”

For more information or to register, call 255-3946 or 255-2989.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

**The Lucky Dog Sporting Group performed at the Center Library as part of last year’s summer reading program kickoff event. This year’s program kicks off Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with a party in the post theater.**

## Summer reading promotes creativity, learning

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

Summer vacation often leads to a loss of lessons learned during the previous school year, but Center Library staff hopes to help students retain information while developing a love for learning.

The Center Library’s summer reading program, which is themed “Read to the Rhythm” this year, kicks off Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with a party at the post theater.

“We are doing a musical,” Jodi Wilcox, library technician and children’s coordinator, said. “The behind the musical centers on a child who gets out of school and only wants to stay inside and play video games. We hope to encourage them to get outside, and to read to remain mentally and physically active.”

According to Wilcox, the musical shows the magical world of literature and serves to illustrate the fun activities waiting right outside a child’s front door.

“It’s special to me when I see kids come into the library and beg their parents to get books,” she said. “Books can take you many places. It enriches your mind and in-

troduces new vocabulary.

“Books introduce kids to different backgrounds,” she added. “If they’ve lived in the city their entire life, then they can read about how it feels to live in the country.”

After the kick-off event, children will be invited to “buzz to the rhythm” June 16 from 2-3 p.m.

“I have a gentleman coming from the Alabama Cooperative Extension office to teach the kids about bees,” Wilcox said. “Bees actually have a particular dance. They are important to the environment and the food chain. The bees pollinate anything with a bloom. If the bees disappear, our food will disappear.”

“All Things Musical” treats children to live guitar playing and a sing-along June 23 from 2-3 p.m.

And creativity takes on a whole new meaning July 14 during the graphic novel and book trailer workshop from 2-3 p.m.

“It is more of a creative workshop,” Wilcox said. “Kids must have an email account and their personal electronic devices. They can bring their tablet, or possibly work off their iPhone or iPad. They just need something they can use to con-

nect to and work off our wireless network. They will create their own graphic novels, which are highly popular with kids these days. I want to get their creative minds working.”

Children, kindergarten through eighth grade, may register for the summer reading program through June 27. Children ages 6 and under may be read to by an adult. The program is free and open to anyone with a Center Library account.

“I encourage parents to bring their children because the program is fun,” Wilcox said. “It encourages learning throughout the summer. Kids who do not read are less likely to retain what they learned from the previous school year. Reading helps children retain information and it makes an easier transition to the next grade level when they return to school.

“The library is definitely more than books,” she added. “It is a learning environment and free resource that parents and kids will be hard pressed to find elsewhere. Any technician here at the library is willing to help anyone who wishes to do research or learn a new craft.”

For more information, call 255-3885.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**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 weekly.

For more information, call 255-1429.

**Facility: Army Education Center**

**Position:** Administrative and Multi-Learning Facility

**Duties:** Greets clients and respond to email, facsimile, and phone inquiries. Determines the reason for customer’s visit, or contacts and refers the customer to the appropriate personnel. Assists with administrative aspects of group in- and out-processing of Soldiers and family members. Provides general assistance to Soldiers applying for tuition assistance using automated Web-based application. Provides access to classroom and MLF. Provides administrative assistance for key inventory and maintenance. Assists clients with scheduling and use of all MLF facilities, training aides, and multi-media equipment to ensure secure and proper use by customers. Provides basic care and maintenance of automation and technology equipment. Provides general oversight of administrative and learning center common areas. Needed Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

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



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**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. The deadline to sign up at MWR Central in Bldg. 5700 is today.

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

**Financial readiness training**

Army Community Service will host its financial readiness training Friday 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.

**Summer reading registration**

The Center Library Summer Reading Program kicks off Tuesday 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 account.

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

**Resilience Training**

Army Community Service will host resilience training Wednesday 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 Friday.

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 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



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

## Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night today 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.

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.

**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.

**Dueling Pianos**

The Landing will host Dueling Pianos from 8 p.m. to midnight June 19 in its ballroom. Billed as a high-energy, all-request, sing-along, clap-along, rock n’ roll comedy piano show, the entertainers welcome audience

participation. The event is open to the public, ages 16 and older. Advance tickets are \$12 through June 18 and \$16 at the door the day of the show. VIP tables that seat 10 people near the stage cost \$150.

For more information, call 598-2426 or 255-9810.

**SPLASH! open weekends**

SPLASH! Pool and Spray Park is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. starting Friday – open six days a week, closed on Tuesdays. Daily and season passes can be purchased at SPLASH!, MWR Central and the Fort Rucker physical fitness centers. SPLASH! is open to the public. For more information, call 255-9162.

**West Beach Hours**

West Beach will be open Fridays-Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. now through Aug. 4. The beach will be open weekends and holidays only Aug. 8 to Sept. 7. Daily admission fees are \$1.50 for ages 3–9, \$2.25 for ages 10–17, and \$3 for ages 18 and older. Children ages 2 and younger are admitted for free.

For more information, call 255-9162.

**Flynn Pool opens**

Flynn Pool will be open Monday through Aug. 2. Hours will be 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays–Fridays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The pool is open for military training, fitness and programming only. The indoor pool at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will be closed Monday through Aug. 2.

For more information, call 255-9162.

**Relocation readiness workshop**

Army Community Service will host its relocation readiness workshop June 26 in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371D, from 9–10 a.m. Soldiers and spouses will receive information from the military pay office on benefits, entitlements, advance pay, government travel card and more. They will also receive information on Army

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Space is limited, so people should register early by contacting the relocation readiness pro-

gram at 255-3161 or 255-3735.

**Mom & Me: Dad too!**

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

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

## FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 4-7

**Thursday, June 4**

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**Friday, June 5**

The Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)  
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**Saturday, June 6**

The Age of Adaline (PG-13)  
.....4 p.m.

**Sunday, June 7**

Little Boy (PG-13)  
.....2 p.m.



# Recipients dedicate Vietnam War stamps at wall

By J.D. Leipold  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Eleven of the 50 living recipients of the Medal of Honor from the Vietnam War paid their respects Memorial Day to the service men and women whose names are etched into 247 feet of polished black granite, known the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall.

Of the 2.7 million service members who served during one of the longest wars in the country’s history, only 258 were awarded the nation’s highest award for bravery and selfless courage. More than half that number died in their efforts to save their brothers-in-arms.

It was a calamity, which cost the lives of 58,307 men and women, and left many families and veterans who had been in the jungles and skies of Vietnam wondering why such a price.

Four years after the official end of the war in 1975, Jan Scruggs, himself a wounded and decorated Soldier, decided to make certain no one would forget those who served and those who paid the definitive price.

Garnering support from fellow Vietnam War veterans, Scruggs founded and became president of the non-profit Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., or VVMF. In 1979, he conceived the idea to build what is officially the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to serve as a healing vehicle for the national psyche.

After nearly three years and raising close to \$9 million, the memorial was constructed from donations and dedicated Nov. 13, 1982, during a week-long national salute to Vietnam veterans.

Scruggs told the audience gathered at the memorial May 25 that the VVMF was entering a new phase in its mission to remember those who sacrificed by building an education center near the wall. It will display the photos and tell the stories of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the war, as well as celebrate the values embodied by service members from all the nation’s wars.

Following the invocation by Medal of Honor recipient Gary Beikirch and the presentation of colors, founder and President of the Vietnam Women’s Memorial Foundation Diane Carlson Evans, who served in the Army Nurse Corps in Vietnam, praised the 11,000 military women who served during the war. Evans was the driving force for the seven-foot-tall sculpture depicting three women supporting a wounded Soldier. The Vietnam Women’s Memorial was dedicated on Veteran’s Day, 1993.

Keynote speaker and Medal of Honor recipient Jack Jacobs said he still thinks about the same things every day – “my fellow Soldiers, who died, and all the Americans in previous wars who gave their lives to be free.”

“This medal is about men and women, who value something so strongly, they’d be willing to die for it, and they’d be willing to defend our country for it, and so they put on the uniform” said Beikirch, who was serving as a Special Forces medic when he was cited for his Medal of Honor actions



PHOTOS BY J.D. LEIPOLD

The Navy Color Guard posts at the annual Memorial Day Observance at the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall, which featured the first day of issue stamp dedication ceremony for the Medal of Honor: Vietnam War Limited Edition Forever stamps May 25.

in 1970.

“I just did what I had to do until I collapsed, and then I was MedEvac’d out, but most of the recipients, if you were to ask them what they did, would say, I just did what I was trained to do, I did what the guy next to me would have done and in many cases the guy next to me did do,” he said.

Following the ceremony, a newly commissioned second lieutenant asked Beikirch for his thoughts on leadership. Beikirch then relayed the story about how he was asked to speak on the subject at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York and he thought, are you sure you have the right guy? I was lucky to make E-5 and I made it a couple of times, so what could I talk about leadership?

“Then I thought, who better to ask about leadership than someone who has to follow? And I followed some great leaders that I would die for and I followed some others that I wouldn’t follow to the store.

“One of the first things that I learned about leadership and one of the things I always share is that if you want to be a leader, you’ll never truly lead until you learn to serve and you’ll never truly serve until you learn that there’s something more important than yourself,” he said.

In 2013, the U.S. Postal Service issued its first folio of Medal of Honor stamps for recipients from World War II. In 2014, it followed up with a folio recognizing recipients from the Korean War. This year, USPS and the 11 Vietnam Medal of Honor recipients dedicated its latest folio at the wall: Medal of Honor: Vietnam War Forever.

Other than the inscription, the three stamps are identical to those issued from World War II and the Korean War – the



Vietnam Medal of Honor Patrick H. Brady, far right, crosses his heart as “Taps” is played during the annual Memorial Day Observance at the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall.

Army version, Air Force version and the Navy version, which also serves for the Marine Corps and Coast Guard. While the medals are variations of a five-point star, the light blue ribbon with stars is uniform across the services.

“The postal families of more than 600,000 employees salute the 2.7 million Americans who served in Vietnam,” said Postal Service Chief Operating Officer David Williams. “We stand in awe of the 258 Medal of Honor recipients, who distinguished themselves through unfathomable

circumstances – especially the six of 10 who received our nation’s highest recognition of valor posthumously.”

“This is a wonderful thing. (I’m) very appreciative of the Postal Service for doing this,” said retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, a Dust-Off MedEvac pilot who served 2,000 combat missions and evacuated more than 5,000 wounded during his two tours in South Vietnam. “We wear this medal to represent all those who were with us and who did things far greater than we did, but no one saw it.”

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# Alabama Road Trip: Huntsville — to the moon, back by dinner

By Alabama Department of Travel  
Press Release

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center (One Tranquility Base, 800-63-SPACE) in Huntsville is the largest and most comprehensive space flight museum in the world.

Located just off I-565, the center is easy to spot from miles away by the 38-story replica of the Saturn V rocket standing in front of it. The space center’s side parking lot is located alongside the futuristic dormitories used for Space Camp and an 89-ton mock-up of the Pathfinder space shuttle.

Walking up the sidewalk to the center, you will see the grave of Miss Baker, a spider monkey launched into space and successfully recovered, and an SR-71 Blackbird spy plane on display. The SR-71 Blackbird planes were used by the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1998 as a strategic reconnaissance aircraft. They cruised at Mach 3 (three times the speed of sound) and set a jet speed record by traveling from New York to London in one hour and 54 minutes.

Once inside the space center, you can purchase a ticket and visit a gift shop full of NASA and science souvenirs, including flights suits, space craft models, and Apollo and shuttle program collectibles. There is also a six-story Space-dome IMAX Theater featuring a large domed screen for full-length movies and space-related IMAX presentations. Tickets for movies are additional or may be purchased as part of a combination admission ticket.

## Explore exhibits, collections

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center, created by the state of Alabama in 1970, has an extensive collection of original space exploration hardware, including Mercury and Gemini capsule trainers, the Apollo 16 capsule and one of the few V-2 rockets in the nation. You can also see the actual desk where Dr. Wernher von Braun worked as director of the Marshall Space Flight Center and his 1969 calendar where written by his hand in pencil on July 20 are the words: “lunar surface achieved.”



COURTESY PHOTO

## The U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville.

In addition to simulators and other attractions, the center offers hands-on exhibits: Discovery Theater Shows are offered three times daily and allow visitors to see how science has continually propelled NASA’s space exploration. The shows include audience interaction and live demonstrations.

Kids Cosmos Energy Depletion Zone offers children under the age of 8 (accompanied by an adult) the opportunity to enjoy interactive fun in the Space Station.

Rocket Park, located behind the rocket center, is home to an amazing collection of U.S. Army missiles and NASA rockets, plus the accurately depicted re-creation of Tranquility Base, where Apollo 11 landed on the moon.

## Discover wonders of the Davidson Center

A short walk through Rocket Park will lead you to the Davidson Center for Space Exploration, which was specially designed to house the original engineering model, the first Saturn V rocket. It was never launched into space. The rocket is suspended 10 feet above the floor, allowing visitors to walk underneath it. The Saturn V is a National Register of Historic Landmark and was named one of the Seven Wonders of America by “Good Morning America.”

Once in the main area of the Davidson Center, you will

be overwhelmed by the awesome size of the Saturn V rocket as you walk directly underneath this engineering marvel. The Saturn V on display is one of only three remaining in the world. The rest of the 68,000 square-foot Davidson Center is filled with artifacts from the Apollo era, including an actual moon rock from the Apollo 12 mission, a lunar excursion module, lunar rover vehicle, a mobile quarantine facility, the Apollo 16 capsule and actual spacesuits worn by the astronauts. You can walk across the same metal access arm walkway that the astronauts used to enter their space capsules.

## Other space fun in Huntsville

Kids will love Sci-Quest (102-D Wynn Dr., Huntsville, 256-837-0606) located across I-565 from the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Sci-Quest is a hands-on science center with more than 100 permanent, interactive exhibits in seven different subject areas.

Unlike a typical museum, Sci-Quest’s exhibits are designed to engage, educate and entertain in a fascinating way. For example, the PlayMotion exhibit, lets people interact with projectors to play games meant to stimulate the imagination.

From catching falling planets to building trees and playing beach volleyball, the possibilities are seemingly endless and all educational. There’s even a section dedicated to younger children learning about science through age-appropriate activities such as a giant keyboard pad that introduces them to musical tones. Other exhibit areas include Grossology (elements of the human body), Earth sciences and electricity.

Drive to the top of Huntsville’s Monte Sano to see the Von Braun Astronomical Society’s Planetarium and Observatory (5105 Nolen Ave., (256) 539-0316) located inside Monte Sano State Park, just past the park office. Dr. Wernher von Braun and his colleagues used the observatory’s telescope to search for possible landing sites for the Apollo program. The planetarium offers programs to the public every Saturday night starting at 7:30.

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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.andalusiale-gionpost80.org](http://www.andalusiale-gionpost80.org).

## DALEVILLE

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

## DOTHAN

**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.

For more information, call (334)794-3871.

**ONGOING** — Ballroom dancing lessons are offered Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center. Lessons will teach the Fox Trot, East Coast Swing, Rumba and Waltz. The cost will be \$2 per person

per night. For more information, call 791-9407.

## ENTERPRISE

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post, membership meetings are at the post headquarters on County Road 537 every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call 406-3077, 393-6499 or 347-7076, or visit the VFW Post 6683 on Facebook.

**ONGOING** — Mondays through Thursdays each month, Aqua Zumba and EPRD water aerobics will be held by instructor Natalie Showers from 7-8 p.m. Price is \$5 per class and registration is not required. For more information, call 348-2684.

## GENEVA

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

## MIDLAND CITY

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

## NEW BROCKTON

**ONGOING** — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 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 9** — The Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce invites active duty and retired service members living in Ozark to join its military affairs committee. The next meeting is at 8:30 p.m. at the chamber and people do not need to be a member to attend. For more information, call 774-9321.

**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 adult-teen 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.

## WIREFRASS 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

## 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/where-fish-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 outdoors.”

## 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.

## 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](http://www.montgomeryzoo.com).

## Friday Fest

Friday Fest in downtown Panama City, Florida, is Bay County’s largest street festival with more than 200 show cars, 50 vendors and live bands – filling up six blocks of Harrison Avenue the first Friday of each month from 6-10 p.m. Local shops and restaurants stay open late.

## Fun in Montgomery

Every second Saturday now through August, visitors are

invited to join the people of Montgomery at Riverfront Park for a family-friendly event from 5-9 p.m. The fun includes live entertainment, games for all ages (bocce ball and more), food vendors and more.

For more information, call 334-625-2100 or visit [www.funinmontgomery.com](http://www.funinmontgomery.com).

## Montgomery Biscuits

The Montgomery Biscuits, the Double-A affiliate of Major League Baseball’s Tampa Bay Rays, plays in the Southern League. The Biscuits’ season is in full swing with regular games at Montgomery’s Riverwalk Stadium.

For information on the team, including the schedule, ticket prices, directions to the stadium and the latest news, visit [www.biscuitsbaseball.com](http://www.biscuitsbaseball.com).

## Hank Williams Festival

The annual Hank Williams Festival is scheduled for June 5-6 at Hank Williams Music Park in Georgiana. The tribute includes country music, arts and crafts and food. Tickets can be bought at the gate for \$15 for Friday and \$25 for Saturday, or a two-day ticket for \$30 in advance. Children under 12 are admitted for free when accompanied by an adult. To reach the festival from I-65, take Exit 114 and go one mile east.

For more information and to order advance tickets, visit <http://www.hankwilliamsfestival.com>.



## Program offers free museum visits

**By Shannon Collins**

Department of Defense News

WASHINGTON — Service members and their families can visit more than 2,000 museums across 50 states, Puerto Rico and American Samoa at no charge from now through Labor Day as part of the Blue Star Museums program.

The program, in its sixth year, is the result of collaboration between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense.

This year's Blue Star Museums program kicked off May 20 at the "The Phillips Collection," a private museum in Washington. Ellyn Dunford, wife of Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Joseph Dunford, said visiting museums can have long-range effects.

“Museums celebrate tolerance and freedom, teach respect for cultural differences, facilitate a sense of individual and collective identity and power through knowledge, and nurture an understanding of our connections to the world and each other,” she said. “Military families spread messages throughout the world as they change duty stations and they eventually leave the military and go back to our communities and bring with them that wealth of knowledge and experience.”

In 2010, Dunford hosted the first Blue Star Museum event in San Diego.

## Sharing a hobby

For 12-year-old Ava Smith, a painter, it was a special treat to attend the 2015 kickoff of the Blue Star Museums program in the nation's capital. Ava's mother is Lt. Col. Paula Smith, health director for the Army's Soldier for Life program.

During a tour of “The Phillips Collection” museum, Ava was asked by the museum’s curator to dissect Vincent van Gogh’s “The Road Menders” painting. She said her interaction with the museum staff gave her a different perspective of the painting.

"This just shows me how grown up she's getting," she said, her face lighting up. "This is just the tip of the iceberg as far as enjoying museums together. With the military, we have to carve out that time with our families. I can't think of a better venue in which to spend time with my family. I'm so happy to be here with her."

Ava said that, above all, the most important part of having participated in the museum event was that she was able to do it with her parents.

"It's an honor to be able to go to a museum and have the privilege to go," Ava said. "It's nice to be here with my mom and to share my painting with her and my dad. It's nice to spend time with my parents, especially in museums. I get a lot out of it and I learn a lot."

Ava said that she and her family had already visited a Blue Star Museum in Massachusetts, called the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

"We enjoyed it – it was fun," she said.

Paula said they are going to Boston in a few weeks, and they are already signed up to visit Blue Star Museums there.

“There are a lot of activities to do this summer and some of them, you don’t get a chance to really connect with your kids,” Paula said. “When we go to a museum, everybody is going there with the family, looking at the paintings and talking about the different pieces and what it means. We’re conversing, we’re discussing, we’re appreciating each other’s views.

"It's a great way of introducing cultural diversity and understanding – things that the kids don't necessarily get in school or to the depth that they would in a museum," she added.

## Something for everyone

Jane Chu, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, said Blue Star Museums has something for everyone.

“Parents of young children tell us that they go to museums to learn new things and have family time together,” she said. “Blue Star Museums helps them do both, by helping military families learn about the cultural resources in their communities and offering a fun, high-quality experience that’s budget friendly, as well as family friendly. We’re proud to help connect museums to military communities nationwide.”

For Blue Star Families Chief Executive Officer Kathy Roth-Douquet, wife of retired Marine Col. Greg Douquet, the Blue Star Museums program holds a special place in



PHOTO BY SHANNON COLLINS

Lt. Col. Paula Smith, health director for Soldier for Life, under the chief of staff of the Army, and her daughter, Ava, listen as The Phillips Collection curator describes Vincent van Gogh's "The Road Menders" during a Blue Star Museum event May 20.

her heart.

"In 2010, when this program began, we had gotten a one week's notice that my husband was going to go to Afghanistan for a year, so he packed his bag, shaved his head and went off," she said. "It was a tough year for all of us. Museum-going enhances resilience. It's a nice, free activity in a beautiful setting that uplifts you, and you're also being told you're important."

“When you go to into the museum, the folks behind the counter say, ‘We’re so glad you’re here. Welcome, this is yours for the summer. It’s free because we appreciate what you do.’ I can’t underscore how much I love this program and how much my family has used it,” she said. “That first year, my kids and I traveled around the country, visiting family and everywhere we went, we stopped at Blue Star Museums. My kids remember it as a high point of that summer and every summer since. I know personally what a difference it makes to folks.”

Douquet said she and her children, Sophie, 17, and Charley, 13, have been to 27 Blue Star Museums and plan to visit more with her husband.

## Resiliency

For Patricia Ochan, taking a tour of The Phillips Collection is a welcome break from medical appointments. She is the wife of Marine Sgt. Jimmy Ochan, who is with the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force Unit out of Indian Head, Maryland.

"This program is a great way for families to come out and spend time together," she said. "We spend a lot of time in the hospital for my husband's appointments, so for

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# Religious Services

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

#### Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109

8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

#### Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940

9 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday

11 a.m. Liturgical Protestant Service

12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday - Friday)

4 p.m. Catholic Confessions Saturday

5 p.m. Catholic Mass Saturday

#### Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036

8 a.m. Latter-Day Saints Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Wings Cross-roads

(Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)

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# Foul Play beats Brew Jays, 21-8

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The 2015 Fort Rucker Intramural Softball season is in full swing as teams are fighting head to head for a chance to play for the post championship.

The C Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment's Foul Play dominated the D Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., Brew Jays during a game at the Fort Rucker softball fields Tuesday, winning 21-8, where home runs were the name of the game.

The game was largely one sided, with Foul Play dominating the majority of the game, but players and spectators were kept on their toes as the Brew Jays pushed for a comeback late in the game, but the 1-13th's affinity for homeruns stopped their opponents in their tracks.

Christopher Weber, Foul Play's coach, said a lot of their team's success is because of the increased amount of practice the team has had together.

"I feel pretty good about tonight's game, and we have practice now every week, so it's been good," he said. "We hit the first inning good, and the second and third inning we kinda slowed down, but we picked it back up in the fourth inning. We've got a good group of guys, and we all seem to get along and we can read each other pretty well now."

The game started off as Foul Play took to the plate and the onslaught began with a base hit followed by an RBI and a two-run home run by Nicholas Hirth, player for Foul Play.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Kyle Applegate, Brew Jays coach and first baseman, completes a play at first to get Christopher Weber, Foul Play coach, out during a game at the Fort Rucker softball fields Tuesday.

The 1-13th was able to keep the ball on the ground and out of the hands of their opponents to get players on base, even managing to load the bases at one point with no outs. They continued to bring in runs throughout the inning before the Brew Jays defense tightened up to stop Foul Play from further scoring, but the Brew Jays found themselves down 9-0.

The 1-145th team had their work cut out for them early on, but didn't fare as well as their opponents as they were un-

able to keep the ball on the ground with two pop flies straight into the hands of the outfielders followed by a play at first, which sent them back into the field still down 9-0.

This gave Foul Play the chance to extend their lead further, but the Brew Jays' defense remained tight and the 1-13th ended their time at the plate after just four batters.

As the 1-145th took to the plate for a second time, they did a better job keep-

ing the ball on the ground to get players on base, but were unable to get past their opponent's defense and were again sent packing, still unable to get on the scoreboard.

Neither team seemed able to make any progress as both teams kept a tight defense, but it was Foul Play who broke the stagnation in the fourth inning with a base hit and RBI, followed by a two-run, in-the-park homerun by Brandon Woodson to extend the team's lead before a line drive straight into the hands of the opposing short stop ended their time at bat, leading 12-0.

At this point, the Brew Jays needed at least three runs to stay in the game, otherwise their opponents would be crowned as victors if they led by 10 runs by the end of the fifth, so they did what was needed, and put runners on base and brought in two RBIs in the bottom of the fourth.

They managed to keep Foul Play at bay during their time at bat, quickly racking up three outs, and bringing in an additional two runs in the bottom of the fifth to stay in the game. The Brew Jays never gave up and continued to hold off the opposing team to inch up on the scoreboard and avoid the early loss.

Foul Play's offense finally rallied in the sixth inning with Woodson managing another in-the-park homerun to extend the team's lead. The 1-13th once again found their stride and managed to get player after player on base, resulting in multiple RBIs and a three-run homerun by Hirth to build a commanding 21-6 lead before the end of the inning.

## SUN SAFETY

*Tips help protect skin*

By Jenny Stripling  
*Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs*

While it can be nice to feel the warmth of the summer sun on your skin, it's important to be vigilant in protecting your skin.

The skin is the body's largest organ. It protects against heat, sunlight, injury and infection. Yet, some of us don't consider the necessity of protecting our skin.

Monday-Sunday is National Sun Safety Week – an observance designed to raise awareness about smart sun safety.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with more than 3.5 million cases diagnosed annually. Ninety percent of all skin cancer diagnoses are associated with sun exposure.

If you think your risk for developing skin cancer is low, the fact that one in five Americans is diagnosed in their lifetime may prompt you to better care for your own skin and that of your family members.

You and your family can still enjoy the great outdoors this summer while protecting yourselves from excess risks associated with sun exposure if you simply take a few precautions.

These precautions are extremely important at the beach and swimming pools since water and sand are known to reflect up to 80 percent of the sun's rays, which increases your overall sun exposure.

- Wear clothing that covers skin – to include wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses that advertise ultra-violet radiation protection.
- Wear protective clothing that contains a UV Protection Factor of 30 or greater – a UPF 30 garment allows 1/30th of the sun's UV radiation to penetrate the cloth.
- Spend periodic time under a UPF umbrella.
- Take advantage of shaded areas when possible, particularly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is the most intense. On overcast days, 70-80 percent of UV rays penetrate through the clouds.

Use plenty of sunscreen. Here are some tips for using sunscreen.

- Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen (UVA/UVB).
- Choose a water-resistant sunscreen.
- Select a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor 30 or higher. (SPF 30 provides protection from 97 percent of UVB rays.)
- Apply it to the entire body – before you put on a bathing suit to ensure full coverage – 30 minutes before sun exposure.
- Re-apply every two hours or immediately after swimming, toweling off or excessive sweating.
- Sunscreen is recommended for use on infants who are six months or older.

In addition to sun exposure protection, the American Cancer Society and the Skin Cancer Foundation recommend avoiding UV tanning booths, examining your skin once per month and seeing a physician once per year for a professional skin evaluation.

During the monthly self-examination, you should look for: spots or sores that itch, hurt, scab or bleed; an open sore that does not heal within two weeks; and a skin growth, mole, brown spot or beauty mark that changes in color or texture, increases in size or thickness, is asymmetrical or irregular in border, is larger than 6 millimeters – size of a pencil eraser -- or appears after age 21.

Reducing your risk of skin cancer can easily become a part of your daily routine by checking your skin often and also visiting your clinician at the first signs of anything out of the ordinary.

Be sure to visit LAHC's Facebook page this summer for more summer safety and health tips, [www.facebook.com/LysterArmyHealthClinic](http://www.facebook.com/LysterArmyHealthClinic).

## Lyster promotes men's health in June

By Jenny Stripling  
*Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs*

"I never get sick."  
"Finding a doctor is a hassle."  
"Only women need routine health care."

Men, when it comes to health check-ups, do any of these excuses sound familiar?

Lyster Army Health Clinic recognizes that encouraging men and boys to have an annual health and wellness exam are vital for future good health.

The purpose of Men's Health Month in June is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems. During this time, health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals have an especially opportune time to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury.

Julee Wood, population health nurse at Lyster, said the clinic proudly serves more than 9,000 male patients, but 350 of those males are overdue for a colorectal exam.

"At age 50, patients have a choice of the following colorectal screenings: colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy or fecal occult blood tests," said Wood.

Lyster patients can call 255-7913 or 255-7715 to request a referral or FOBT cards. Lyster patients



COURTESY GRAPHIC

that are due or overdue for colorectal screening will also receive a courtesy reminder during their birth month.

Spending about an hour out of every year meeting with your doctor is a worthwhile investment of time when you consider that it may help avoid years of treatment from a condition that could have been picked up at an early stage.

## Appointment no-shows cost dollars, time

By Jenny Stripling  
*Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs*

Lyster Army Health Clinic is working proactively to make sure patients who cannot make their appointment call to cancel so they are not considered no-shows.

A no-show is defined as an individual who misses or is late to an appointment without cancelling or rescheduling. At Lyster, if you are more than 15 minutes late, you will be considered a no-show.

According to Amanda Braasch, chief of managed care at LAHC, Soldiers and family members who miss appointments cost the Army time, resources and money.

"Each no-show appointment represents a lost opportunity to provide healthcare services to our population," said Braasch. "It also hampers our ability to meet Access to Care standards and beneficiary expectations."

Lyster began an active duty no-show reduction initiative and successfully reduced the no-show rate from 6 percent in October 2014 to 4 percent in March of this year.

Braasch said reducing no-show rates allows the providers to better plan their schedules to meet the needs of their enrolled patients and provide more comprehensive care during appropriately planned appointments.

"The Army Medical Command standard of no-show rates is to maintain 5 percent or below," said Braasch. "The family member no-show rate at LAHC remains above 6 percent, which made

our overall no-show rate for March around 5 percent."

Patient cancellations can also have a negative impact on Access to Care, depending on how far in advance the appointment is cancelled. Some cancelled appointments can be rebooked if there is enough time between when the patient cancels and the actual appointment time. The likelihood of an appointment that is cancelled 15 minutes before the patient arrives being rebooked is very low. While the appointment will not be counted as a no-show, the negative impact of the un-booked appointment still remains.

The average monthly appointment patient-cancellation rate is 14 percent. While this is better than a no-show appointment, the potential for a negative impact increases if the appointment is cancelled the same day.

"Our goal is to have unneeded appointments cancelled 24 hours in advance, but at least two hours prior to the scheduled appointment times," said Braasch. "This allows us to effectively plan and offer the appointment to another patient."

Patients who made their appointment on TRI-CARE online can cancel their appointment online, and those who called to schedule an appointment can cancel by calling 255-7000 and choosing Option 2.

Our patients are an important member of our team at LAHC. The next time you are unable to make it to an appointment, please be sure to call or go online to cancel, because "an appointment missed by you, is an appointment missed by two."



# DOWN TIME



# TRIVIA

1. GEOGRAPHY: What two nations does the 38th parallel divide?
2. BUSINESS: What beer company is headquartered in Golden, Colorado?
3. HISTORY: The Jacobins were a radical group of which movement?
4. MOVIES: When was "The Muppet Movie" released?
5. MUSIC: What rock group had a hit with the single "Message in a Bottle"?
6. SPORTS: When was the last year the Dodgers played in Brooklyn?
7. COMICS: In the "Archie" comics, which of Archie's girlfriends had blond hair?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which presidents' faces are on Mount Rushmore?
9. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what was the name of the hunter who was killed by his own hounds?
10. ASTRONOMY: How often does Mercury orbit the Sun?

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## Super Crossword

FALL  
NICKNAME

- | ACROSS |                               |       |   |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------|---|
| 1      | Alto                          | 54    | Volcano outflow                           |
|        | Rhapsody" composer            | 55    | Waikiki whereabouts                       |
| 7      | Amount of medication          | 58    | Coll. e-mail ending                       |
| 11     | Very close pals, briefly      | 61    | Coyote kin                                |
| 15     | Lay away                      | 62    | Stopped sleeping                          |
| 19     | Handbook                      | 64    | Actress Dana                              |
| 20     | Among other things, in Latin  | 66    | Truckload                                 |
| 22     | A, in Austria                 | 67    | Fiddle, part 4                            |
| 23     | Start of a riddle             | 70    | Kid's "It" game                           |
| 25     | With the stroke of —          | 71    | Four-time Indy 500 winner                 |
| 26     | Busily engaged                | 73    | Supreme Court justice                     |
| 27     | Actress O'Grady               | 74    | Sotomayor                                 |
| 28     | Actor Baio                    | 75    | Get-out-of-jail fee                       |
| 29     | Riddle, part 2                | 76    | Metal-bearing rock                        |
| 37     | Brain part                    | 77    | Tarnish                                   |
| 38     | Vends again                   | 77    | — vu                                      |
| 39     | New York port on Lake Ontario | 78    | Mortar and —                              |
| 40     | Some weather lines            | 80    | Riddle, part 5                            |
| 44     | Untold millennia              | 88    | Mo. no. 10                                |
| 45     | Gallery works                 | 90    | I-10, e.g.                                |
| 46     | Frat.'s counterpart           | 91    | — mater (brain cover)                     |
| 47     | Riddle, part 3                | 92    | Smears with holy oil                      |
| 53     | Epitomize                     | 93    | Engender                                  |
|        |                               | 95    | In dire —                                 |
|        |                               | 99    | Songstress                                |
|        |                               |       | Eartha                                    |
| 100    | End of the riddle             | 105   | Wise words                                |
|        |                               | 106   | Mr. Spock's pointy pair                   |
|        |                               | 107   | Flood figure                              |
|        |                               | 108   | Feeling, informally                       |
|        |                               | 109   | Riddle's answer                           |
|        |                               | 117   | — do in a pinch                           |
|        |                               | 118   | Desirous of equaling someone else         |
|        |                               | 119   | Advanced to the starting point, as a tape |
|        |                               | 120   | Floor votes                               |
|        |                               | 121   | "Fat chance"                              |
|        |                               | 122   | Deleted, with "out"                       |
|        |                               | 123   | Salsa brand                               |
|        |                               | DOWN  |   |
|        |                               | 1     | German car                                |
|        |                               | 2     | Yell of cheer                             |
|        |                               | 3     | California's Santa —                      |
|        |                               | 4     | Castaway's shelter                        |
|        |                               | 5     | Irked with                                |
|        |                               | 6     | Sluggish mammal                           |
|        |                               | 7     | One trying to lose weight                 |
|        |                               | 8     | Yoke of music                             |
|        |                               | 9     | Big inits. in fuel additives              |
|        |                               | 10    | Elver, e.g.                               |
|        |                               | 11    | Lauren of "Key Largo"                     |
|        |                               | 12    | Natural talents                           |
|        |                               | 13    | Daughter, in Dijon                        |
|        |                               | 14    | Paradise of "On the Road"                 |
|        |                               | 15    | Manatee or dugong                         |
|        |                               | 16    | Praise with a cap motion                  |
|        |                               | 17    | "Just the last item is left"              |
|        |                               | 18    | Tried to get                              |
|        |                               | 21    | Kingly                                    |
|        |                               | 24    | Snapshot, for short                       |
|        |                               | 28    | Blues singer — Monica Parker              |
|        |                               | 29    | Stepped off                               |
|        |                               | 30    | Little snack                              |
|        |                               | 31    | Wind instrument                           |
|        |                               | 32    | Prove false                               |
|        |                               | 33    | Indigent                                  |
|        |                               | 34    | General — chicken                         |
|        |                               | 35    | Monopoly card statistic                   |
|        |                               | 36    | Spear                                     |
|        |                               | 41    | Nonetheless                               |
|        |                               | 42    | Detach, as a book page                    |
|        |                               | 43    | Clown prop                                |
|        |                               | 45    | Flat — board                              |
|        |                               | 48    | Radiates                                  |
|        |                               | 49    | Hawaii "hi"                               |
|        |                               | 50    | Tolerate                                  |
|        |                               | 51    | 50-50 gamble                              |
|        |                               | 52    | Cheat                                     |
|        |                               | 56    | Use one's 106-Across                      |
|        |                               | 57    | Impulse                                   |
|        |                               | 58    | Guesses at JFK                            |
|        |                               | 59    | Judo hall                                 |
|        |                               | 60    | Too large to be strained, maybe           |
|        |                               | 62    | Former UN leader Kofi                     |
|        |                               | 63    | Doughboys' conflict: Abbr.                |
|        |                               | 64    | Bleach                                    |
|        |                               | 65    | Shout at                                  |
|        |                               | 68    | Magic hex                                 |
|        |                               | 69    | Actress Smith of Tyler Perry films        |
|        |                               | 72    | Buttlight holler                          |
|        |                               | 77    | Passing grade, barely                     |
|        |                               | 78    | Greek philosopher                         |
|        |                               | 79    | Slezak or cousin Eleniak                  |
|        |                               | 81    | Shaw playing a clarinet                   |
|        |                               | 82    | Powerful car engine                       |
|        |                               | 83    | On — (of equal value)                     |
|        |                               | 84    | Nero's 53                                 |
|        |                               | 85    | Faithful wife of Geraint                  |
|        |                               | 86    | Suffix with bachelor                      |
|        |                               | 87    | Booming jets of old                       |
|        |                               | 88    | Nero's wife                               |
|        |                               | 89    | Crassness                                 |
|        |                               | 94    | Winged ones in heaven                     |
|        |                               | 95    | Absorb                                    |
|        |                               | 96    | Part on a drama series, say               |
|        |                               | 97    | Dreadlocks: wearer, often                 |
|        |                               | 98    | Basked                                    |
|        |                               | 101   | "I love you," in Spain                    |
|        |                               | 102   | Sushi sauce                               |
|        |                               | 103   | Vanzetti's partner in anarchy             |
|        |                               | 104   | D-day time specification                  |
|        |                               | 109</ |   |



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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# KID'S CORNER





# ON TARGET

## Soldier shoots overall high score at skeet championships

By Shannon Collins  
*Department of Defense News*

CHARLES CITY, Va. — An Army specialist shot the highest overall individual score to win the High Over All award during the 55th Annual Armed Services Skeet Championships May 11-15.

Spc. Dustan Taylor earned top individual honors while the Navy took the team award after each five-member team competed in 12-gauge, 20-gauge, 28-gauge and 410-bore shotgun events, as well as doubles.

Taylor, a U.S. Army Marksman Unit shooter and instructor from Fort Benning, Georgia, has been shooting for nine years. He said he enjoys shooting with the service members and veterans at the annual event hosted by the Armed Forces Skeet Association.

“It’s amazing hearing their stories, just the way the Army used to be and the way it is now, or the Marines or Navy or Air Force, whichever the case may be,” said Taylor, who will be trying out for the Olympics in October. “My coach, the one who helped me to become a AAA shooter (highest class for skeet), he had 20 years in the Air Force, and he really helped me out along the way.”

Throughout the week, each team shot at clay targets, weighing about two or three ounces and measuring about 5 1/4 inches in diameter. Exiting from a high house and low house, the clay pigeons flew between 42 and 46 miles per hour.

The teams shot at 100 targets per shooter, or 500 per team, for a



Spc. Dustin Taylor, a member of the Army Skeet Team, shoots during the 2015 Armed Forces Skeet Championship May 11-15 in Charles City, Va.

total of 2,500 clay pigeons for the competition, said retired Marine Col. Chris Naler, president of the Armed Forces Skeet Association.

The team that shoots the highest number of targets cumulatively wins annual ownership of the large traveling trophy that has each service branch’s emblem on it. Each year, the winning team puts its plate on the trophy with its team and their score. Individuals also win medallions and other prizes.

While it is nice to have bragging rights, said Naler, who shot for the Marine skeet team from 2006 to 2014, he explained that many service members come more for the camaraderie.

“We enjoy ribbing each other with regard to our respective services, but, in the end, we’re representing all those who have served

honorably,” Naler said. “It’s just a fabulous experience seeing generations of military. We have Korean War veterans, Vietnam Era vets, several veterans from the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. There’s one squad here of retired shooters who’ve been shooting together at this event for 31 years – that shows you the kind of bond that comes when you serve in uniform.”

Skeet shooting can improve marksmanship experience because the shooter is aiming at moving targets, Naler said. The competitors said the sport could have real-world applications.

“Competitions like this are important because marksmanship has gradually declined from World War II to where it’s not really measured in the number of rounds we fire to take out an

insurgent or individual. It’s measured in the tonnage of ammunition that we have to use,” Taylor said. “More emphasis on marksmanship would really bring up the effectiveness of a small team as opposed to having to use a bigger force or suppressive fire.”

For Marine Sgt. Paxton Elliott, a signals intelligence communicator from Camp Pendleton, California, skeet shooting helps him focus.

“We’re taught that every Marine is a rifleman, but shooting skeet is different,” he said. “We learn the fundamentals in boot camp and every year thereafter, but it’s quite different when you apply those to a moving target with a shotgun versus a stationary target with a rifle. But it just takes time. Each time you step up on the station, you have to be in the

moment and focus. It’s been six months, and I’m getting to where I’m pretty confident. I’m going to take that skill back to the rifle and pistol range in the Marine Corps, and it will help considerably.”

Navy Lt. Conor Stephens, an intelligence officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada, has been shooting for nine years and skeet shooting for six years. He shot his first 100 out of 100 this week. This is his fourth Armed Services Skeet Championship. He said skeet shooting helps him handle stressful situations in his military role.

“I’ve improved shooting under pressure, and I’ve dealt better with stressful situations because of my skeet shooting,” he said. “It has kept me calm and focused. It’s very beneficial.”

Army Capt. Katie Fichtner, an artillery officer from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, encourages service members and veterans to give skeet shooting a try. She has been shooting for about seven years, and this was her first Armed Services Skeet Championship.

“When I first started, I was very intimidated, and my brother basically dragged me out onto the skeet field,” she said. “Since then, it’s been a wonderful experience.”

“You can start anywhere, at any age. I’ve met some gentlemen out here who just started shooting three years ago, and they are about 65 years old. You can start at any age and at any ability. There are so many local gun clubs. Most installations have (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) programs. I encourage anyone to just go out, find a local gun club and get started.”

## Army shot putter strives for gold repeat at games

By Shannon Collins  
*Department of Defense News*

FORT MEADE, Md. — A retired Soldier continued her gold-medal winning streak when she earned first place in both standing shot put and discus at the Army Trials for the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games, which are scheduled for June 19-28.

Medically retired as an Army sergeant, Monica Southall served 12 years in the Army National Guard as an automated logistics specialist. She earned her first gold medal at the Warrior Games in seated shot put in 2010. In 2012, she won gold in standing shot put and her team won gold in sitting volleyball.

In 2013, Southall won gold in standing shot put and discus and her team took silver in sitting volleyball. In 2014, she took gold in standing shot put and discus and her team took the bronze medal in sitting volleyball.

At the Army Trials on Fort Bliss, Texas, March 29-April 2, her sitting volleyball team also finished third.

Growing up in Suffolk, Virginia, Southall has always been an athlete.

“I was a big athlete in high school,” she said. “I did basketball, volleyball, and track and field. In college, I did basketball, volleyball, track and field, and softball. And then, I played three years of recreational sports at Walter Reed Army Medi-



Retired Army Sgt. Monica Southall throws shot put during the Army Trials on Fort Bliss, Texas, April 1.

cal Center such as basketball, volleyball and softball.”

During a deployment to Afghanistan from 2008 to 2009, Southall was conducting inventory on top of a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle near Forward Operating Base Shank when ordnance from an airstrike landed too close.

She injured her knees, shoulders and spinal cord, and has post-traumatic stress. She has undergone 14 surgeries with two more pending. She said adaptive sports and events, like the DOD Warrior Games, help her with her recovery process.

“I found out about the Warrior Games in

2010 at the last minute,” she said. “Somebody came to me and said, ‘I heard you were an athlete at one time? I think this might interest you.’ I was only sitting in my room – I didn’t want to be bothered. I could barely walk because of my injuries and having problems with noise. I was very anxious when I first came home from Afghanistan.

“Warrior Games helped me be that athlete and to be competitive all over again. It helps me find that new normal,” Southall added.

She said she deals with physical pain on a daily basis, but she does not let it get her down.

“Sometimes it’s really hard to even get out of bed – that first step – but you have to keep going and you have to keep living,” she said.

Mentally, she said training for the games keeps her active and focused.

“When you know you’re going to try to compete again, it makes you want to get out of bed,” Southall said. “It makes you want to train and go practice, because you want to be at your highest level. I’m getting out and doing more, all because I want to perform at my highest level when it comes to Warrior Games. It keeps me focused, wanting to do more, and it keeps me motivated.”

She said adaptive sports keep her from becoming a couch potato and give her a reason to work out.

“I’m at home and not working right now, so adaptive sports have been a big part of my life for the last couple of years,” she said with a smile. “They’ve really helped me to become like myself. I’m not completely there, but I’m almost the way I was prior to becoming injured.”

She encourages others who may be considering adaptive sports to give it a shot.

“I encourage anyone that I see that if you haven’t tried it, give it a try,” she said. “See what it can do for you. This is something you can do. It may be fun – it may be your new normal. Maybe you never thought about archery, but now you see it at the Warrior Games and you’re considering it. You have to keep living – you have to keep going. If this is your outlet, give it a try. Maybe it will help you the same way it’s helped me.”

She also encourages people to try out for the regional Army trials next year and for other events, such as the Veterans Affairs’ Valor Games.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re a novice, if you’re a semi-pro or a professional. Don’t be intimidated, because, at the end of the day, this is about having fun and this is about reaching whatever goals you are trying to accomplish,” Southall said. “Whatever goal you have set, if it was just to come out here, and say shot put, if you threw it two feet and last year only threw it one foot, you have accomplished your goal, and you should be proud of it.”

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# Vice chief: Army medical researchers work to save lives

By Lisa Ferdinando  
Army News Service

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Army medical researchers have made remarkable strides in protecting Soldiers and populations around the globe, said the Army’s vice chief of staff, citing a promising vaccine under development for Ebola.

“The rapid development of a promising vaccine illuminates the incredible ability and capacity of this team,” Gen. Daniel B. Allyn told researchers after touring the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research May 20.

A clinical trial at WRAIR of VSV-EBOV, a promising Ebola vaccine, preceded large-scale vaccine trials in Africa now. New vaccines like this one may help stave off future Ebola epidemics, Army researchers said.

The work of Army Medical Command, WRAIR and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease helped get the Ebola outbreak in West Africa under control, saving hundreds of thousands of lives, Allyn said.

The Ebola outbreak in west Africa was projected to reach 1 million cases, Allyn said.

“This team helped stop it at 11,000 – that’s 989,000 lives saved,” he said. “What the Medical Command, specifically this team of professionals, achieved is absolutely remarkable.”

Ebola diagnostics and research in Liberia by MEDCOM led to rapid identification of infected individuals and helped get a handle



PHOTO BY LISA FERDINANDO

**Col. Steven E. Braverman, commander of Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, speaks with Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel B. Allyn and Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho May 20.**

on the epidemic, according to MEDCOM officials. This Army Ebola response made managing a deadly infection successful.

Allyn and the Army surgeon general, Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, spoke with researchers about biosecurity, vaccine development and manufacturing capability, and research on HIV, behavioral health, traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and Ebola support.

“Army medical research plays a foundational role in the success of our all-volunteer force,” Allyn said. “The success of our Army relies on trust – trust between

Soldiers and the military institution, and trust between the military and the American public.”

Allyn said the trust relies on a promise the Army will never send Soldiers on a mission unprepared. “And that we will do everything in our power to avoid a fair fight with our adversaries – be it an enemy with tanks and mortars, a deadly disease like Ebola, or an invisible injury like post-traumatic stress.”

The research and medical advances, Horoho said, allow the Army and the armed forces to have a posture that allows for de-

ployments around the globe.

“You all bring that dedication each and every day,” she said.

Researchers focus on futuristic capabilities, Horoho said, and answer the tough questions and have the persistence of not to give up because many trials fail.

“It’s the persistence and expertise that we show every day that allows us to get to success,” she said, noting those traits were displayed during the Ebola response and elsewhere around the world, allowing service members to deploy with confidence.

The role of researchers is more important than ever, Allyn said.

“Today we have just over 140,000 Soldiers forward-stationed and deployed globally across nearly 150 countries, so we will remain diligent as we posture our force to remain ready and protected from the diseases that exist around the globe,” he said.

In addition, Allyn said, researchers have done groundbreaking work for treating traumatic brain injury and PTSD.

“Our understanding of how to treat these invisible injuries is directly attributable to the research done here,” Allyn said.

Col. Steven E. Braverman, commander of WRAIR – the largest and most diverse biomedical research laboratory in the Department of Defense – said the work of researchers makes a difference around the world.

“I think we’re all proud to say that we had a hand in Liberia being announced last week as being Ebola free,” Braverman said.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Reopening tournament

In celebration of the re-opening of the Blue Course, Silver Wings Golf Course will host a four-person scramble tournament Saturday 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 today. 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.

### 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 Sunday, or \$50 after and up to race day. Relay teams – maximum of three people – is \$70 by Sunday, or \$80 after and up to race day. All pre-registered participants will receive T-shirts. Those who register after Sunday will receive T-shirts as sup-

plies last. The event is open to the public.

To register or get more information, call 255-2296.

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-of-way to bicyclists and may be stopped momentarily to allow for safe passage of bicycles. For more information on road closures, call 255-2296.

### Enterprise baseball

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

### Youth sports coach recruitment

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 June 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 255-2254.

### Senior Golf Tournament

Silver Wings Golf Course will host a senior tournament every third Thursday of the month with a 9 a.m. shotgun start now through December. The format will alternate between scramble and better ball formats with two-person teams. The cost is \$35 for members, or \$45 for non-members, and the cost includes cart fee, green fee, one bucket of range balls, lunch and prizes.

For more information, call 598-2449.

### Lunch and a lesson

Silver Wings Golf Course will host a one-hour clinic on the range with lunch every Wednesday in June from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$15, which includes an item from a limited lunch menu, a drink, range balls and a lesson.

The clinics are limited to a maximum of eight participants. Registration, payment, and lunch selection will be due the day before the event.

To sign up, call 598-2449.

### SNAG Golf

Silver Wings Golf Course will offer SNAG Golfing the fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 2 p.m. now through August. SNAG is an alternate form of golf and a way to introduce new players to the game. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors. The cost includes play, a hot dog, chips and small fountain drink.

For more information, call 598-2449.

### Family Fun Day at Silver Wings

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Family Fun Day every Sunday starting at 1 p.m. now through December. This family experience is intended to introduce people to the game in a fun environment and help develop life-long golfers. The cost is \$20 for one adult and one junior, which includes cart rental, any applicable green fees, and one bucket of balls for nine holes.

For more information, call 598-2449.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS



### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## Trivia

### Answers

1. North and South Korea
2. Coors
3. French Revolution
4. 1979
5. The Police
6. 1957
7. Betty
8. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt
9. Actaeon
10. About 88 Earth days

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