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## BIGGER, STATE-OF-THE-ART, 'AMAZING'

### New commissary opens to rave reviews

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker's new gem is now open to the public as the installation cut the ribbon to a facility that promises to serve 10s of thousands of patrons a month for years to come.

With its pristine floors and state-of-the-art amenities, the new commissary opened its doors during the grand opening of the facility July 15 as thousands came out to get a peek and shop at one of Fort Rucker's biggest projects of the last two years.

"This really rocks to be able to provide you this great facility," said Russell B. Hall, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence deputy to the commanding general. "It took a lot of people together with many, many years of work to bring a facility like this to our Fort Rucker community today."

"Today is the effort of two years of planning, construction and building to bring this new facility to our Soldiers and retirees of the Fort Rucker area," added Bobby Ward, Fort Rucker Commissary store director. "Our old store was 45 years old, so we're bringing an awesome facility that's very energy efficient, and we have everything to offer here, just like you would find in any other grocery store."

The new facility boasts a more modern look, an extra 18,000 square feet of sales floor space, state-of-the-art, energy-efficient amenities and a larger selection of products (more than 12,000 more) to

enhance people's shopping experience, said Joseph H. Jeu, Defense Commissary Agency director and CEO.

"I got a good look inside and I can tell you that you have a lot to look forward to," said Jeu during the grand opening. "When you go inside, you'll experience a store designed to make your shopping enjoyable. The store is over 50 percent larger than the old store with wider aisles, and it has all the amenities you'd expect, as well as full service deli and bakery departments."

In addition to the deli and bakery, the new commissary also features an extensive selection of produce, meat, frozen and chilled grocery departments, as well as a sushi-to-go area and a rotisserie chicken area.

"This commissary reflects our country's commitment to taking care of those who serve to take care of our country and those who preserve our freedom," said Hall. "This is about our money being put back into the community to provide a great quality of life for all of us that cherish our nation."

The funding for the new commissary came completely from the 5 percent surcharge that is added to all transactions made at commissaries across Army installations, added Jeu.

"Sometimes I'm asked where those surcharge dollars go," said the DeCA director. "It goes right back into the commissaries. It builds new stores and renovates old ones - you can see that here today.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Shoppers check out the offerings at the Fort Rucker Commissary during the grand opening of the new, state-of-the-art facility July 15.

This store would not be possible without the collaboration of a lot of people here on Fort Rucker and elsewhere."

The grand opening featured sales promotions, prizes and food samplings from a number of vendors, and many patrons couldn't be happier with the updated facility.

"I can't believe how amazing this new commissary looks," said Shanda Jenson, retired military. "They really went all out with not just the look, but what they have to offer the shoppers here. I always shop at the commissary to save money, and now I've got this new great facility to get

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Joseph H. Jeu, Defense Commissary Agency director and CEO, Bobby Ward, Fort Rucker commissary store director, and Russell B. Hall, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence deputy to the commanding general, cut the ribbon to open the new, state-of-the-art commissary during its grand opening July 15.

## FORT RUCKER AREA JOB FAIR

### Thousands take advantage of employment opportunities

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Thousands made their way out to the Enterprise High School Gymnasium dressed in their best interview attire with resumes in hand to hopefully impress an employer and possibly land their dream job.

The Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Center and Army Community Service, in a partnership with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, hosted the 12th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair July 15 as a way to provide a central location that job seekers can go to find employment opportunities.

The fair was an opportunity for Soldiers, civilians, retirees and family members to get their name out to employers - not only in the local areas, but companies with jobs from all over, according to Alfred Alexander, Soldier for Life transition services specialist.

Alexander said the fair was a good opportunity for people to "familiarize themselves with the companies present and to determine which companies are looking for your education level, skills and experience," as well as providing Soldiers, retirees and



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

CW4 Carlos Patterson, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, and his wife, Marlene, speak with USIC representatives about employment opportunities during the 12th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair at the Enterprise High School Gymnasium July 15.

family members a good place to start when looking for work outside the military.

Various employers from a variety of industries were set up to provide people with opportunities in areas like food service, sales, technology and finance, and ranged in the variety of companies, from Waffle House to H&R Block, to Honda and Boeing.

Joseph Gregory, retired military,

said he decided to attend the fair because the venue provides good "face time" with employers, which he feels is invaluable in the hiring process.

"Anyone can send in applications or resumes, but people are so much more than just words on a piece of paper," he said. "There's so much more to getting hired these days

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Lt. Col. Chun Y. Chan assumed command of the U.S. Army Dental Clinic Command from Lt. Col. Robert J. Selders Jr. as he accepted the unit colors from Col. William J. Greenwood, U.S. Army Dental Activity commander, during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Tuesday.

## Dental command welcomes new commander

By Nathan Pfau  
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The U.S. Army Dental Clinic Command welcomed a new commander during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Chun Y. Chan assumed command of the dental clinic from Lt. Col. Robert J. Selders Jr. as he accepted the unit colors from Col. William J. Greenwood, U.S. Army Dental Activity commander, who was also on hand to preside over the ceremony and provide his vote of confidence in the new commander.

"I have full trust in Lieutenant Colonel Chan," said Greenwood during the ceremony. "He's competent, he's reliable and he's honest."

"My wife, Bertha, and I and our two daughters are very excited to be here at Fort Rucker," said Chan. "I'm very appreciative of the opportunity given to me to serve as the commander."

Chan comes to Fort Rucker with a wealth of experience, beginning his military career while attending the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey on a U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship Program.

From there, he graduated from the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course, officer advanced course, combat casualty care course, Command and General Staff College's intermediate-level education course, and AMEDD's Graduate Dental Educa-

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## ULTIMATE VISIT

Josh Koscheck, mixed martial artist and Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter, learns about Air Traffic Services from Sgt. 1st Class Christy Worthy, tower NCO in charge for 15 Quebec Force, at simulators in the Merryman Building during his visit Tuesday. Koscheck checked out various training operations around post and met with numerous Soldiers during his trip to the post Tuesday and Wednesday.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

# PERSPECTIVE

## Army lines of effort to define proper online conduct

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — “How do we ensure Army values-based conduct to prevent and respond to harm inflicted through the use of electronic communication?”

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno asked for an answer to that question earlier this year — in the wake of revelations at the February 2015 SHARP Summit in Washington, D.C.

At the SHARP summit, Soldiers spoke about online sexual harassment via social media. They had also discussed retribution, delivered online, against Soldiers who had spoken up about both sexual harassment and sexual assault.

In March, following the SHARP summit, Odierno directed the creation of a “tiger team” at headquarters Army level to address the issue, and to answer his question about how to prevent and respond to such behavior online.

“I expect Soldiers to uphold our Army values, on and off duty, and treat each other with dignity and respect,” the general wrote earlier this month on his own social media page. “This applies to our day-to-day interactions at the office, in the field, on deployment, and at home, both in person and across social media.”

Odierno explained on his Facebook page that he is concerned with online bullying, cyber-stalking and online retaliation for reporting misdeeds.

“This behavior is unprofession-

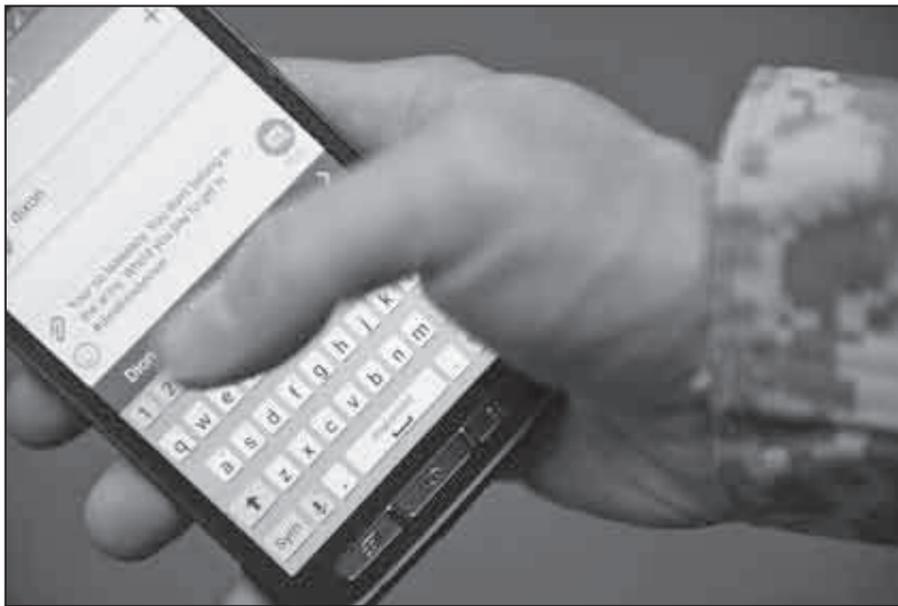


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al and should not be acceptable to any of us,” he wrote. “Join with me to turn the tide — let’s work together to protect each other and tackle these issues to retain a culture of professionalism, both off and online.”

As it turns out, the answer to Odierno’s question didn’t take as much work as it might have. The team uncovered a weapon to combat the problem that is already in the Army’s inventory: Army Regulation 600-20.

Within the existing Army regulation, said tiger team member Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, who also serves as director of the Army’s Equal Opportunity policy office, is Section 4-19. The section is

entitled “Treatment of Persons.”

The policy states that the Army is a values-based organization, where everyone is expected to do what is right by treating all persons as they should be treated — with dignity and respect. Hazing, bullying, and other behaviors that undermine dignity and respect are fundamentally in opposition to Army values and are prohibited. The section defines both hazing and bullying. Mistreatment of others, it reads, does not have to be limited to in-person behavior. It can happen online, as well.

When commanders find their Soldiers are engaging in behavior that is contrary to the Army values of treating others with dignity

and respect, and that behavior is happening online, commanders have a tool available to them already to remedy the situation.

“Being that this is a punitive policy, by working with their supporting legal adviser, commanders will be able to determine the most appropriate way to take action,” Emerson said.

Army Regulation 600-20 specifically addresses the use of “electronic media,” not “electronic communications.” AR 600-20 currently addresses “other misconduct,” and may more specifically describe other misconduct in the future.

“Retaliation” and “reprisal” against Soldiers who have report-

ed the offenses and misconducts of others is already addressed in other Army directives and policy. These issues will be readdressed in an update to AR 600-20, likely by the end of the year, Emerson said.

The tiger team Emerson serves on has outlined three lines of effort to achieve their goal of curbing non-professional behavior by Soldiers online. Those lines of effort were released to the Army June 16 as part of an implementation plan called “Professionalization of Online Conduct.”

The first is to update existing policy and regulations to reflect more accurately the social media landscape. They also will develop a report for senior Army leadership on online-related incidents. The report will collate incident information from Army staff offices.

The team also has a line of effort related to training, to “provide commanders and leaders the information and tools they need to educate others and respond appropriately to complaints; and train current and future Soldiers, Army civilians and contractors on how to protect themselves, identify and prevent inappropriate behavior and report online-related incidents.”

Finally, the Army public affairs community is tasked with ensuring the Army community is aware of what online misconduct looks like, the training resources that are available and the policy

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## Rotor Wash

“The quarterly Army volunteer recognition ceremony is today at 10:30 a.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. What makes volunteers beneficial to Fort Rucker and the Wiregrass?”



**Daniel Robinson,**  
civilian

“If it weren’t for volunteers, a lot of programs wouldn’t be available for people on and off post.”



**Nina Marie,**  
civilian

“Just look at the spouses’ clubs and things like that. Without the volunteers, these support programs wouldn’t exist.”



**Shari Smith,**  
Army spouse

“The Army is an all-volunteer force, so without volunteers, the Army wouldn’t even exist.”



**Megan Carney,**  
Army spouse

“Volunteers can help drive a community to make it better.”



**Michele Pfannenstiel,**  
Army spouse

“Volunteering can help drive a person grow as a human being. I think it creates humility and is a good life lesson.”

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# Post housing opens to retirees, DOD civilians

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker has been Army Aviation's home for decades, and the community stands ready for a new era as military retirees and Department of Defense civilians are welcomed to find new homes inside the gates.

Fort Rucker and Corvias Military Living recently announced that military retirees and federal civilians are now eligible to live on post, according to Brandon Masters, Corvias Military Living regional public affairs manager, who added that housing availability is limited at first, with the potential for expansion in the future.

"We are opening up homes in the Allen Heights community to military retirees and DOD civilians," he said. "Other areas may be added in the future."

"This community offers two-, three- and four-bedroom homes with various floor plans," he added. "These homes include ample amounts of storage, a covered patio with ceiling fan, fenced yards and modern appliances."

Masters said the facilities offer many benefits for residents who live on post.

"People living on post also experience an exceptional quality of



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life," he said. "Living in a Corvias home means that most utilities are included in the rent. Additionally, they will enjoy 24-hour maintenance and are able to utilize the community centers with pools for family events and activities. There is also a community garden and bark park."

"All of these veterans and military personnel are already connected to the military family and are part of the fabric of the community on Fort Rucker," he added. "Many have lived on post before and we look forward to welcoming them back. This is an exciting opportunity for more people to take advantage of the quality housing, property management services and excellent customer service that Corvias provides."

In addition to the application form, potential residents must provide the following documentation:

- A valid driver's license, passport, or government issued identification for each resident over the age of 19 prior to signing a lease;
- Proof of federal employment for the leaseholder(s) or form DD-214 for proof of retirement/medical retirement from any branch of service; and
- Proof of a valid, verifiable Social Security number from each occupant over the age of 19.

Masters said a DOD civilian's or military retiree's choice to live on post represents an investment in the community's future.

"In keeping with the 50-year commitment to providing high quality homes and services, the partnership's financial model has an obligation to minimize vacancies to ensure sufficient savings are available for reinvestment in future home construction, mod-

ernization, upgrades and repairs on the installation," he said. "This ensures the housing on Fort Rucker remains a great attribute for the installation, which can benefit the mission should there be future (force structure changes)."

"The rental income from BAH (Basic Allowance for Housing) dollars is used to pay property management and operational expenses," he added. "All excess earnings are placed in a reserve account that is controlled by the military to be used for the long-term sustainment of the housing and ancillary facilities over the next 50 years. Corvias will not make extra profits as a result of this change."

According to Masters, Corvias operates under a fee-based model, which means it earns market-rate development, construction and property management fees that were agreed upon with its partner

at the onset. These fees remain in place for the entire life of their 50-year partnership with the Army to ensure that the partnership's interests are fully aligned.

"We also established performance metrics with the Army at the beginning of our partnership and these metrics remain the same for each of the 50 years," he said. "We do not earn our fees if we don't meet our performance metrics goals."

Applications may be completed in person by visiting the Corvias Military Living Leasing Center located in Bldg. 5700, online at [www.Rucker.CorviasMilitaryLiving.com](http://www.Rucker.CorviasMilitaryLiving.com), via email at [FortRucker.RelocationOffice@corvias.com](mailto:FortRucker.RelocationOffice@corvias.com) or by mail.

Several home types will be available to the newly added categories, including two-, three- and four-bedroom floor plans. Rents will be established at competitive market rates and include utilities, lawn care, 24-hour maintenance, and access to Corvias' Community Centers and pools, as well as some other post amenities.

Additionally, the children of federal civilians that live on post will be able to attend the installation's Department of Defense Schools.

For more information, call 503-3644.

## Army seeks Soldiers' opinions on uniform changes

By Lora Strum  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers should check their emails in the coming weeks for the chance to provide input on possible revisions to aspects of the Army uniform and wear policy.

Senior Army leaders, including Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel A. Dailey and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno, have authorized an online survey across all major commands to receive feedback on several uniform topics.

"The Soldiers are the ones who actually wear these uniforms. The senior leaders like to be informed by as many Soldiers in the field as possible (on uniform changes)," said Sgt. Maj. James H. Thomson of the Institute for Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development.

Survey questions include opinions on gender-specific headgear for drill sergeants. Since 1972, fe-



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The "Eisenhower jacket" has been proposed as a more appropriate indoor alternative to the black windbreaker jacket.

male drill sergeant campaign hats have featured a raised brim and, as of 1983, a deeper green color. The survey, designed to crosscut a large section of Soldiers, will ask if there should be a single campaign hat for both male and female drill sergeants.

Consideration of a gender neutral aesthetic is not limited to drill

sergeant attire. The service cap is also being considered for conversion to a gender-neutral version. Today, the male service cap features a wide bill, while its female counterpart has a raised brim on either side. The survey asks Soldiers whether or not they see merit in continuing the distinction.

The survey additionally seeks

input on prescribing the service cap as required headgear for senior NCOs and above, in lieu of the black beret, when wearing the Army Service Uniform.

Dailey has suggested an optional "Eisenhower jacket" to be added as a more appropriate indoor alternative to the black windbreaker jacket. Named for President Dwight D. Eisenhower and designed in the late-1930s, the jacket is waist-cropped, includes additional pockets and does not require many adornments. The last modification of the shortened, British-inspired jacket was seen in 1965. The survey asks Soldiers' opinion of a version of it for all ranks.

Outside of formal dress, the survey also asks for Soldiers' thoughts on black socks with the physical training uniform. The suggestion came up at several town hall meetings Dailey conducted and is now being sent out across various commands for evaluation.

"We're hearing from the force and we want to hear a little bit more," Thomson said.

The cost environment for the latest potential uniform changes is unknown, but the fiscal impact on both the individual Soldier and the Army will be considered before any decisions are made. The results of the survey will provide Army senior leaders valuable information on what uniform changes should be considered.

As a joint effort of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and the Army Research Institute, the uniform survey will be conducted in the coming weeks with results expected in early August.

"The one thing about Soldiers is that they all have their opinions and like to share them when it comes to the uniforms," Thomson said.

Soldiers who are invited to participate in the survey will get an email invitation with instructions on how to log in to the online questionnaire.

## News Briefs

### Retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its next quarterly retirement ceremony July 31 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are welcome to attend and thank the post's latest retirees for their service.

### IG move

The inspector general's office will move to Bldg. 536 Monday-July 31. During this period, assistance will be by appointment only. For an appointment, call 255-2118. Regular office hours, to include walk-ins, will resume Aug. 3 at 8:30 a.m.

### School registration

Fort Rucker Primary School registration for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade has begun. Families new to the area that have not yet registered should do so now. Registration hours are Mondays-Fridays from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Parents can pick up a packet, fill it out at home and then return it to the school. People who re-registered with the school in April do not need to do so again.

For more information, call 255-2823.

### JAG Corps birthday

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will celebrate the JAG Corps' 240th birthday Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, first-floor foyer. All are welcome to attend for free cake and drinks.

### AAFES savings

In honor of its 120th anniversary, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is pumping up gas savings by doubling the discount for MILITARY STAR® cardholders Friday-Sunday. Drivers fueling up at Fort Rucker gas stations with a MILITARY STAR® card during that timeframe will receive 10 cents off per gallon instead of the everyday 5-cents-per-gallon discount.

"The extra savings are a part of the exchange's celebration of its 120 years of service to Soldiers and their families," said Beate Bateman, Fort Rucker Exchange Express manager. "The extra discount at the pump is just one of the many special promotions we will have to coincide with the anniversary."

Every day, shoppers can reap the benefits of paying with their MILITARY STAR® card. Besides the typical discount of 5 cents per gallon on all gas purchases, cardholders enjoy a 10 percent discount on all exchange food court purchases year-round.

For information about the features and benefits of the MILITARY STAR® card, shoppers can visit [www.my-ecp.com](http://www.my-ecp.com).

### AAFES' 120th birthday

In 1895, the War Department issued General Order 46 directing commanders to establish an exchange at every post. Since then, exchanges have faithfully served alongside service members wherever they are called to serve. Saturday, the Fort Rucker Exchange, exchanges all over the world and [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com) will mark the exchange system's 120th anniversary. From Friday-July 30 shoppers are invited to celebrate with savings on a variety of products.

"To say that this benefit has been around for 120 years is a testament to the loyalty of generations of military shoppers," said Dave Smith, Fort Rucker Exchange Main Store manager. "July 25 is our annual opportunity to celebrate, and thank them for their service and for making the exchange their first choice."

Military shoppers can help the Fort Rucker Exchange celebrate 120 years of family serving family by attending one of the numerous events at the various AAFES facilities on post.

### Healthy cooking demo

Lyster Army Health Clinic will host a healthy cooking demonstration Friday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Lyster Lifespace Center. All, including children, are invited to attend the cooking demonstration. All attendees will have a chance to sample the dishes and take home a recipe card.

### School physical appointments

Lyster Army Health Clinic will offer after-hours school physical appointments during the dates and times below to help ensure the highest continuity of care possible while providing timely access for patients requiring a school physical. The slots will fill quickly, so people are advised to book appointments as soon as possible.

The dates include: Aug. 13, 4-6 p.m.; Aug. 28, 4-6 p.m.; and Sept. 11, 4-6 p.m.

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

### Opportunity Knocks

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop has an opening for a cashier/assistant bookkeeper and a floor clerk. Hours are Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There may other days and hours as determined by the manager. The cashier is responsible for ringing customer transactions, customer service and money management, although there may be additional duties assigned. The floor clerk is responsible for organization and merchandising, putting newly priced donated and consigned items on the floor, assisting customers in the fitting room, assisting customers as needed and other duties as assigned.

Retail experience is a plus. The pay is \$8 an hour.

Employment applications can be downloaded from the thrift shop's website at <http://www.fortruckerthriftshop.org/employment.html> and submitted during business hours. The thrift shop staff asks people not to call in reference to the jobs.

### Lyster activity classes

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers free yoga classes Mondays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Lyster Activity Center, Rm. J-100, of the clinic. People are encouraged to bring their own mat, but the staff has extra if people forget. Also, free Zumba classes take place Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the Lyster Activity Center, Rm. J-100.

### Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop needs people's unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call 255-9595.

# Soldiers matriculate at newly-opened 'ArmyU'

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is consolidating Soldier education under "one roof" as part of the "Army University" concept, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said.

The Army University, officially abbreviated "ArmyU" for short, is administered by the Combined Arms Center on Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

While not a brick and mortar university, ArmyU will maximize the educational experience, which Soldiers are already getting in the Army through the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. The plan for ArmyU is to organize the Army's professional military education programs into a university system to increase academic rigor, create greater opportunities for accreditation and enhance the quality of the force, according to CAC leaders.

ArmyU will integrate the education already provided in the Army for enlisted Soldiers, officers, warrant officers and Army civilians of all components.

Included in ArmyU are all the Army centers of excellence: Aviation, cyber, fires, intelligence, maneuver, maneuver support, mission command and sustainment.

ArmyU also includes the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Defense Language Institute, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Army Management Staff College, Warrant Officer Career College, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army Press.

"We will work with them, and we are looking at how we can make the instructors better, and



PHOTO BY SGT. KIMBERLY K. MENZIES

The Army is consolidating Soldier education as part of the "Army University" concept, officially abbreviated "ArmyU" for short. The school is administered by the Combined Arms Center on Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

make the curriculum as relevant and as current as possible, plus meeting the need of the operating force," said Col. Michael J. Harlan, with the CAC.

While not part of ArmyU, the new university will coordinate with the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, the U.S. Army War College, Cadet Command, initial military training, U.S. Army Reserve Schools, Army National Guard Schools, Army Medical Department Center and School, Judge Advocate General Legal Center and School, and the Special Warfare Center and School.

## Universal transcript

Dailey said ArmyU will be nationally accredited, and will eventually provide a "universal transcript" to make it easier for civilian colleges and universities to understand the education and training Soldiers have received in the Army, and help them build a degree program.

Right now what the Army and other military services offer is a Joint Services Transcript, which provides to civilian universities a description of military schooling and work history in civilian language. Dailey said the JST

will not be eliminated, but will be augmented with a transcript from Army University.

"Our goal is to have the Army transcript have the same value as any other university in America," Dailey said. "It's long overdue. The Soldiers are excited about this, too."

Harlan said a universal transcript, along with ArmyU accreditation, will mean that many, though not all of the types of training Soldiers receive in the Army will be able to convert into civilian education credits.

One of the goals of ArmyU is to ensure that the training provided across the Army meets the rigor required in the civilian academic world. This will make it easier for ArmyU to provide accredited courses, which in turn means it can provide universal transcripts of Soldier education that document coursework credits that civilian universities will be more willing to accept. When that happens, the education Soldiers complete in the Army will save them both time and money when they transition out of service.

"When they walk in to that school, they have this universal transcript from the ArmyU

that shows legitimate accredited credits, and they can take those and apply them towards a degree program of their choosing," Harlan said. "It'll save them money ideally if that Soldier, now a civilian, doesn't have to pay a second time for training they already possess. The other thing is it may get them a degree faster because they don't have to take as many classes, because they have already gotten that training and experience and the civilian university will acknowledge it."

Harlan also described what he called a "degree engine," which would be part of ArmyU. The degree engine would use the universal transcript and compare it to the requirement for getting a particular degree at a particular university, and could help Soldiers determine what other courses they would need to take to achieve that degree.

"It's a tool to help that Soldier understand how close they are to getting a degree they want from an institution they want," Harlan said.

## Credentials for a career

Another goal of ArmyU is to find ways for Soldiers to earn private-sector equivalent credentialing for the work they do in the Army, so they don't need to be re-credentialed when they go look for private-sector work.

Soldiers, who may serve in the Army now as drivers, electricians, metal workers, plumbers or even medical workers, will first need to be credentialed first before they can move their skills to a paying job in the private sector. The goal of ArmyU is to provide credentialing for every military occupational specialty.

Helping those Soldiers get credentialed in their skill set is

important to both the Soldier and the Army because it proves "an individual is an expert in their particular area," Harlan said.

Dailey said the Army has already been partnering with industry at places like Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Hood, Texas; and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to help transitioning Soldiers get the right training and credentialing to move into work in the private sector.

As an example, he said, "they bring in their equipment and materials and they are certifying them on a technical trades, including HVAC, pipefitting and welding."

Dailey said that credentialing transitioning Soldiers to work in the private sector on the same jobs they held in the Army is difficult, because credentialing requirements vary from state to state. Sometimes, he said, requirements vary within regions within the same state.

He said the Army is working with state governments to help make things easier for Soldiers. ArmyU will be a part of that.

In a tri-signed letter by Army Secretary John M. McHugh, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and Dailey, Army leadership said the creation of ArmyU is the next "logical step" in the continued professionalization of the Army.

"Understanding the historical importance of this effort, we are committed to transforming one of the largest academic systems in the United States into a premier university system that harnesses the tremendous energy, experience, and intellectual capacity in our Army to produce the professionals that the nation will need for a complex and uncertain world tomorrow," Army leaders said.

# Conduct: Army not looking to 'police' Internet

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changes that are going to be made.

According to the current AR 600-20, "bullying" includes, but is not limited to, "making threats, spreading rumors, social isolation, and attacking someone physically, verbally or through the use of electronic media."

Similarly, hazing "need not be committed in the physical presence of the victim; it may be accomplished through written or phone messages, text messages, email, social media, or any other virtual or electronic medium."

Online conduct should reflect the tenets of the Army profession. There is no difference in standards between in-person behavior and online conduct, the regulation says.

During a "town hall" meeting with Soldiers June 4, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey wanted to know why Soldiers are willing to engage in such behavior online, and to use online forums to express opinions and say things that they would never be willing to say in public.

"Why is it that Soldiers get so brave behind the keyboard?" he asked. "If you go on social media today, it feels like people have this Spartan shield when they get behind their computer. They say things that they will not say, as Soldiers, in public."

He told Soldiers that saying something about a Soldier online, or saying something to a Soldier online, is the same as walking up to another Soldier and saying it to them in person.

Emerson said one reason Soldiers are willing to write things online that they wouldn't say in person, is because they believe, incorrectly, that they have an "online persona" that is distinct from their real-world persona, and is therefore not subject to military discipline.

"As members of the Army profession, Soldiers and civilians, we have one persona," she said. "We are professionals. And so our online conduct, whether we are at work, at home, in a café, in a library — should be consistent with the Army ethic and Army standards of conduct."

Mistreatment of persons, both in person and online, is destructive to the unit cohesion that is required for the Army to conduct its mission. In short, it destroys the Army whether it happens in the unit, out in public or online, Emerson said.

"People join an organization because organizations have specific values and cultures they want to be a part of," Emerson said. "The Army has expectations of good behavior — right behavior. Not just

because it's nice or we want people to be happy. It's because it's a mission imperative. When we go places to do things, fighting forest fires in Montana, or going to a foreign country as an extension of national power — we have to do that as a team.

"To be successful, that requires unit cohesion, with a positive command climate. We serve in battle and fight in the foxhole, not just for apple pie and the red, white and blue, but for the person next to us in the foxhole. When the bullets are flying, that is who we are taking care of. And we expect the same thing from him or her. We can only do that if we are mutually supporting and close-knit."

## Leadership fix

Army Regulation 600-20 doesn't just address what constitutes bullying or hazing or harassment — and it doesn't simply tell Soldiers what they should not be doing. It also spells out what Soldiers should be doing: it obligates Soldiers to report activities that are out of line with Army values.

"Individuals are responsible for ... advising the command of any incidents of hazing or bullying ... conducting themselves in accordance with this paragraph and treating all persons as they should be treated — with dignity and respect," the regulation reads. "Service members should report hazing or bullying to their commander, law enforcement or the inspector general."

"Leadership fixes things," said Dailey during an enlisted solarium in May.

"When I was a squad leader, I had nine Soldiers," he said. "I promise you that if I looked those Soldiers in the face and said don't do this — they wouldn't. And I didn't need to say anything else. And if they did and they knew that they'd get caught and if they knew they were not representing that squad to the best of their ability — I'm telling you they knew what the consequences would be. And they knew that they didn't want to embarrass me or let the Army down."

The quickest fix for the kinds of activities Soldiers are involved in today online, Dailey said, is leadership influence — especially first-line leaders. He said he is surprised that first-line leaders today don't have that level of control over their units — at least not in regard to online behavior.

"I can't grasp the concept that our young squad leaders don't have that level of influence over their Soldiers," he said. "I think they do, I just think they are not telling them. I think if every squad leader in the Army sat their Soldiers down around the

oak tree, and said this is what you should or should not be doing, it would get taken care of. I think we are not doing it."

## No Internet police

Emerson said the Army is not looking to "police" the Internet. Instead, she said, the Army is making a statement to let Soldiers know that online is the same as offline back in the unit. Online is, like offline, a domain where professional Soldier behavior is expected of everyone.

"The online environment will continue to grow and morph over time," Emerson said. "We will have to continually seize the initiative and take, retake ground or at least define what 'right' looks like for us. We're making a statement here. We are defining what right looks like. We're defining online conduct, and that it should be in concert with our Army ethic, our Army profession. Leaders, at all levels, set the example for others to follow."

Emerson said the Army's intent is quite the opposite of asking Soldiers to stop using social media. The Army values social

media, she said, and wants Soldiers to go online and tell their stories about serving their nation.

"All of us have an Army task, an implied task, to tell the Army story," she said. "We are probably the Army's best recruiters. What can we do to tell the Army story online? We can write about how we help others and how we provide service to the nation on a day-to-day basis. There are a lot of positive things we can put on social media."

"Telling mom and dad and grandma and grandpa, sharing the photos, all of that is very important. That happens countless times in social media and in other ways. We learn things from blogs. So in no way, shape or form, are we trying to limit the sharing of the Army story. It is not our intention to get people off the Internet," Emerson said. "We need that interaction. We need to continue to modernize and adapt to the environment we are in. So we intend to stay in the media, the social media and utilize those things in an appropriate manner."

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# Commissary: New facility 'a long time coming'

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"It's been a long time coming," added Command Sgt.

Maj. William D. Lohmeyer, Fort Rucker command sergeant major. "When I first got here 13 months ago, this was the major project that we were talking about. So, coming here and seeing it through the various stages and tracking the process, it's great to see it finally come to (fruit). I think this is going to keep more Fort Rucker dollars on Fort Rucker."

# Employment: Event provides face-to-face advantage

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than a flashy resume. Regardless of your work experience, it's hard to showcase your work ethic and personality to an employer through that piece of paper. That's why I feel the face-to-face interaction is important. The employer can really gauge why type of employee you might be, and that's what I want to be able to show them."

Darrell Marsden, veteran, recently transitioned out of the military and said that competing in the job market can be tough, so events like the job fair make him feel

like he can get a head start on the job hunt.

"Looking for a job, especially if you've been out of work for a while, can be intimidating and a lot of times discouraging," he said, "but you've just got to keep looking because there will be something out there for you.

"I've spoken with a few employers that have taken interest in me, and I was able to have actual conversations with them and they were able to ask me questions," he continued. "I think it helps to make an impression when you get to meet these employees in person. It doesn't just give

me the chance to talk to these employers to get them to hire me, but it gives me the chance to learn more about the companies

that I might be interested in, and see if they're a right fit for me and not just the other way around."

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# Commander: Quality of service remains command focus

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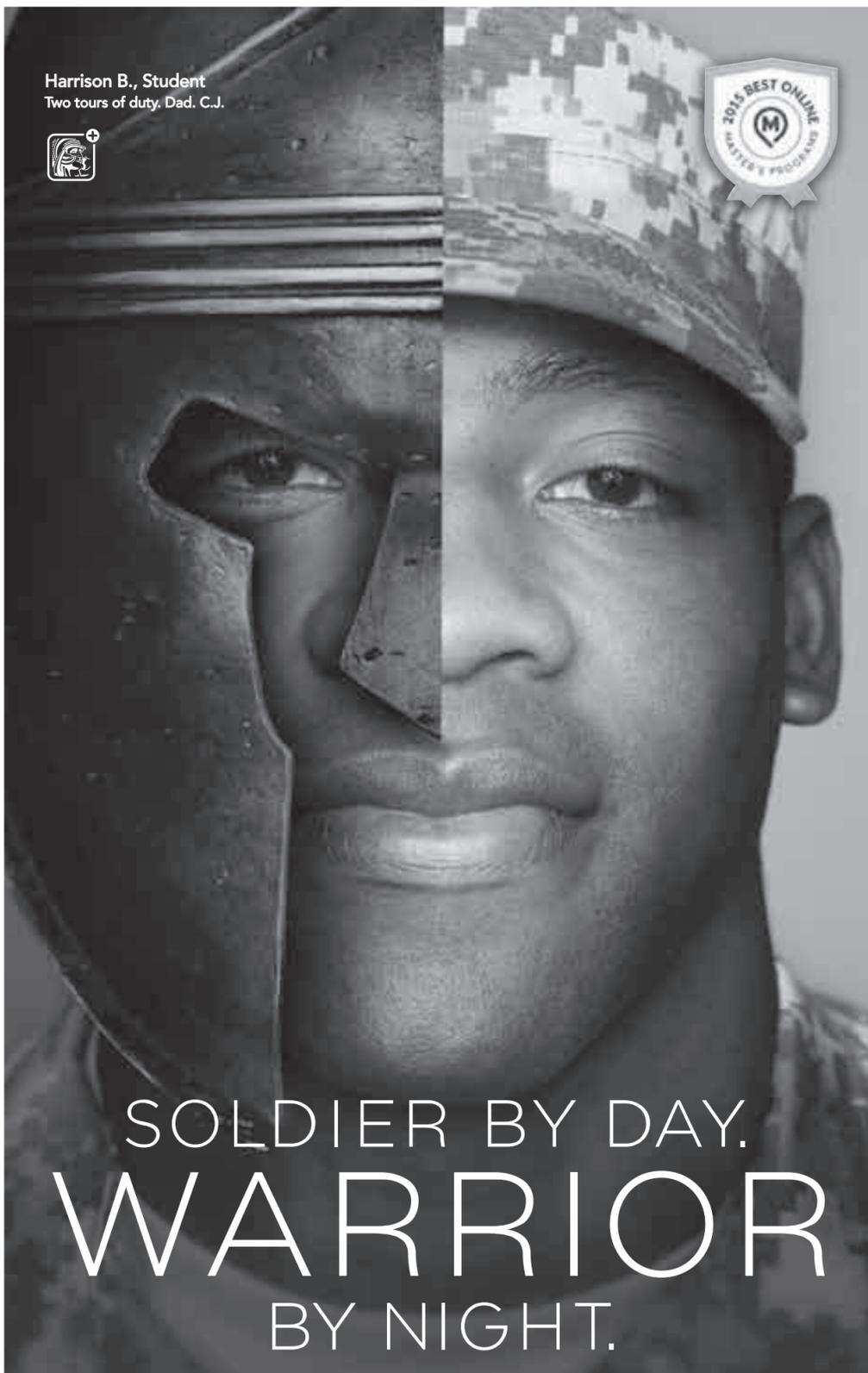
Chan has served in many assignments, both stateside and abroad, including with the U.S. Army Dental Activity in Hawaii, with duty at Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks Dental Clinic; the U.S. Dental Activity in Fort Drum, New York, with duty at Marshall Dental Clinic and Stone Dental Clinic where he served as the officer-in-charge; the 618th Dental Company (Area Support) in the Republic of Korea, with duty at Camp Edwards Dental Clinic and Camp Casey Dental Clinic; U.S. Army Dental Activity Japan, with duty at Camp Zama Dental Clinic; as well as NATO Role II Hospital in Heart, Afghanistan and NATO Role III Hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Greenwood provided some words of advice for Chan and said there were some things that he could learn from the outgoing commander.

"Bob had a few keys to his success, and one was every morning he came in and welcomed everyone with a 'good morning' and a 'how are you doing?'" said the colonel. "That wasn't for micromanagement, but it was because he was an engaging, caring leader. He was also a hands-on leader and knew how to make to hard calls with the Army's betterment in mind. I would like you to put forth the same work ethic that he did."

During Selders' time as commander, the dental clinic maintained a dental readiness of over 95 percent and had an annual dental production value of over \$1.5 million, according to Greenwood, adding that Selders himself created about \$230,000 worth of industry on Fort Rucker.

"I'd like to take a moment to pay tribute and thank Lieutenant Colonel Robert Selders, whose leadership and dedication will not be forgotten," said Chan. "He left behind a great organization, making it easy to assume command."



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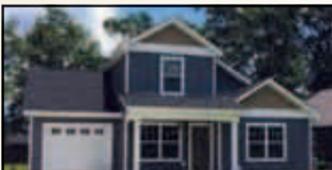
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## NASA's newest astronauts complete training

NASA  
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HOUSTON — The Army's two astronaut candidates officially joined the astronaut corps July 7 — one of them is an Army Aviator and the other a flight surgeon.

Maj. Anne McClain and Maj. Andrew Morgan are among the eight new astronauts who are ready to help advance scientific research aboard the International Space Station and pave the way for the United States' new space launch capabilities and journey to Mars.

The four women and four men moving from candidates to the corps were part of the 2013 astronaut class, chosen from 6,300

applications — the second largest number of applications NASA ever has received.

"These individuals have worked incredibly hard to attain this milestone," said Chris Cassidy, chief of the astronaut office at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. "For many, it is the culmination of a lifetime of dedication and perseverance to reach this goal. We are proud to have them join the NASA astronaut corps."

The group reported to Johnson in August 2013 to begin technical space system training, robotics instruction, and specialized hardware and science instruction. They have successfully

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The 2013 astronaut class members pose at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, July 8 after receiving their astronaut pins, symbolizing the completion of their training. From left are: Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler "Nick" Hague; Maj. Andrew Morgan; Jessica Meir; Christina Hammock; Marine Corps Maj. Nicole Mann; Maj. Anne McClain; Navy Lt. Cmdr. Josh Cassada; and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Victor Glover.



## RESOLUTE SUPPORT

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Soldiers with the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment (Iron Rakkasans), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and Air Force Sr.A. Grant Haefke, a joint terminal attack controller-qualified tactical air control party Airman assigned to the 817th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, enter a CH-47 Chinook at an Afghan National Army combat outpost in Afghanistan June 23. The Soldiers and Haefke supported a NATO Resolute Support Train Advise Assist Command-Air mission.

## 160th SOAR trains with Royal Air Force

By Sgt. Youtoy Martin  
19th Public Affairs Detachment

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — Soldiers of 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) and airmen from the 7th Squadron, British Royal Air Force conducted a bilateral training exercise that built up the relationship of the two forces and prepared each to work together in future endeavors.

Over 60 airmen with the RAF came to Lewis-McChord with two Chinook CH-47s (Mark 6) to participate in a three-week training exercise. Aviators, maintainers and aviation crewmembers of the RAF conducted exchange flights with Soldiers of 160th SOAR to share and learn how each respective unit operates. The exchange flights entailed a 160th pilot and crew to fly a Mark 6 with a senior British pilot in the helicopter and vice versa.

"The training exercise was a great way to evaluate and share tactics, techniques and procedures in how both forces employ the aircraft," said CW4 Brian Edwards, a CH-47 heavy assault standardization instructor pilot with 160th SOAR.

"I'm blown away by how light their aircraft are," said Edwards. "We are used to flying a heavier aircraft and their tactics are revolved around flying a lighter aircraft. They come in a lot faster than we do."

"The advantage on board the U.S. Chinook MH-47G aircraft is primarily technology, where as the Mark 6 is in its weight. The mindset of both Aviation units is identical, providing support to the forces on the ground," said Edwards.

Crew operations on board the Chinooks are virtually the same, however the British navigator of the crew is able to make changes to the flight plan, which is a task reserved for members in the cockpit on a U.S. aircraft.

Although there are slight differences in how the crewmembers are utilized,



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Spc. Sebastian Vasquez, a crew chief with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), observes from a rear window of a CH-47 Chinook near North Bend, Wash., June 23.



Pilots of the British Royal Air Force inspect a CH-47 Chinook at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., June 23.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Rybolt, a flight engineer with 160th SOAR, believes it was a great overall experience to work alongside his British counterparts.

"We do things a little bit differently, but at the same time it's still a Chinook," said Rybolt. "Flying with them has been a great opportunity for sharing knowledge between the two units. Seeing how they conduct a mission profile, taking in their techniques and possibly applying it to ours has made this exercise a success."

The three-week training concluded with a culminating mission that started

in the evening and went until morning. This took advantage of the low-visibility conditions only available during those hours. The mission included simulation of movement and staging of assets into a foreign country as a joint task force. Two Mark 6 and two 47G Chinooks with crews supported a ground force with execution on an objective while under a chemical threat. The British team led the mission with the 160th providing support.

"A mission of that magnitude took

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## COUNTERING UAS THREAT

Innovative Army technology gains new potential, attention

By Ed Lopez  
Picatinny Arsenal Public Affairs

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. — As drone technology gains greater public attention, along with its potential for hostile action against American targets, Army engineers are adapting ongoing research to counter aerial systems that could threaten Soldiers.

At Picatinny Arsenal, the Extended Area Protection and Survivability Integrated Demonstration began as an Army Technology Objective program. The goal was to develop and demonstrate technology that could support a gun-based solution to counter rockets, artillery and mortars.

Research into enhanced C-RAM technology had the goal of extending the range and probability of success against the incoming threat.

"The smaller and smaller the protective area, the more efficient the gun systems become compared to missiles," said Manfredi Luciano, the project officer for the EAPS system. "You don't need as many and the gun system has certain logistics advantages."

As news reports about potential airborne threats to the White House have stirred public awareness, ongoing technology aimed at countering rockets, artillery and mortars could be used to defend against unmanned aircraft systems, Luciano said.

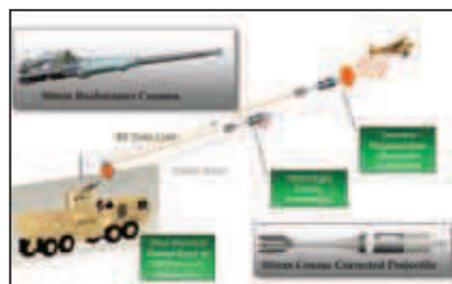
"It's unbelievable how much it's exploded," Luciano said about the use of drones. "Every country has them now, whether they are armed or not, or what level of performance. This is a huge threat (that) has been coming up on everybody. It has kind of almost sneaked up on people and it's almost more important than the counter-RAM threat."

The UAS challenge has grown exponentially in the last decade as the world's inventory of UAS has grown from around 20 system types and 800 aircraft in 1999 to more than 200 system types and about 10,000 UAS in 2010, said Nancy Elliott, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence on Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Although a missile-based C-RAM defense system has been selected as the technical approach for the Indirect Fire Protection Capability Increment 2 Intercept Program of Record, the gun alternative continued to mature as force-protection technologies for other potential applications. In response to proliferation, UAS threats recently were added to the project scope of gun-based force protection, Luciano said.

Luciano and his team, working on enhanced area protection and survivability, tested an integrated system April 22 by shooting down a Class 2 UAS using command guidance and command warhead detonation at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. Funding for development and testing was provided by the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center Technology Office.

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The Picatinny area-protection systems track both the incoming threat and interceptor, then computes an ideal trajectory correction for the interceptor to maximize probability of mission success.

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# NASA: OH-58 Kiowa pilot rises to new heights

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completed two years of intensive training, and now will support mission operations and technical duties while awaiting spaceflight assignments.

"It is an honor to have these talented and skilled individuals as part of the operations organization," said Brian Kelly, director of flight operations at Johnson. "We look forward to their future contributions as we enter this new era of human space exploration."

The new astronauts are listed below.

- **McClain** hails from Spokane, Washington. She is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and the University of Bath and University of Bristol, both in the United Kingdom. McClain is an OH-58 helicopter pilot and a recent graduate of U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. Follow McClain on Twitter at @AstroAnimal.
- **Morgan** considers New Castle, Pennsylvania, home. Morgan is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and earned a doctorate in medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sci-



McClain

ences in Bethesda, Maryland. He has experience as an emergency physician and flight surgeon for the Army special operations community, and is completing a sports medicine fellowship.

- **Navy Lt. Cmdr. Josh Cassada** is originally from White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Cassada is a naval Aviator who holds an undergraduate degree

from Albion College, Michigan, and advanced degrees from the University of Rochester, New York. Cassada is a physicist by training, and previously served as co-founder and chief technology officer for a private technology company.

- **Navy Lt. Cmdr. Victor Glover** hails from Pomona, California, and Prosper, Texas. He is an F/A-18 pilot and graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School. Glover holds degrees from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, and the Air University and Naval Postgraduate School. He is serving as a Navy Legislative Fellow in the U.S. Congress. Follow Glover on Twitter at @VicGlover.
- **Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler "Nick" Hague** calls Hoxie, Kansas, home. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, California. Hague is supporting the Department of Defense as deputy chief of the Joint Improvised Explo-

sive Device Defeat Organization.

- **Christina Hammock** hails from Jacksonville, North Carolina, and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. She is serving as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration station chief in American Samoa.
- **Marine Corps Maj. Nicole Mann** is originally from Penn Grove, California. She is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; Stanford University, California; and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. Mann is an F/A-18 pilot serving as an integrated product team lead at NAS Patuxent River. Follow Mann on Twitter at @AstroDuke.
- **Jessica Meir** is from Caribou, Maine. She is a graduate of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and has an advanced degree from the International Space University in Illkirch-Graffenstaden, France. Meir earned her doctorate from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California. She is an assistant professor of anesthesia at Harvard Medical School in Boston.

# SOAR: Training helps 'de-risk' future operations

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the support of 20 to 40 maintainers preparing the aircraft, a launch crew supporting avionics and engine shops, tactical inspectors awaiting any possible issues that could occur, and two forward arming and refueling point teams," said Edwards.

The exercise was also used as a recertification for a few of the British lead flight aviators.

"For one of the aviators, it is a check ride," said Edwards. "As for the other aviator, the mission tested his heat of the moment adaptability, as he had to plan and execute a follow on mission to another objective."

A British aviator, who has been flying Chinooks for over 10 years, said, "Over the last three-weeks there has been a lot learned with the tactics, techniques and procedures between both units. This helps us with interoperability with the 160th. If we do find ourselves in combined operations in the future, elsewhere in the world, we won't have to start from a blank canvas. We won't have

to spend a few weeks learning the concepts, we can just get on with the mission."

A closing ceremony was held June 26 at the 160th SOAR area of operations to commemorate the weeks of training and the importance of both units participation. Aviators and crewmembers from each force pinned one another with new flight wings of their respective country.

Maj. Gabriel M. Wolfe, the executive officer of 160th SOAR who also served as the officer in charge of coordinating the training event and was the master of the ceremonies, said, "Being able to co-locate aircraft, plan, maintain, train and fly to the extent that the training exercise provided, aside from in combat, in some respects has been a historical event.

"The relationship going forward has definitely been strengthened," said Wolfe. "The whole goal is to de-risk future operations. If we are asked to go to some country in the world and execute a mission together, we can quickly plan and execute the mission safely and effectively."



A CH-47 Chinook piloted by a member of the British Royal Air Force conducts route reconnaissance alongside pilots of 160th SOAR near Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., June 23.

# UAS: New system potentially used by Army, Navy



ARMY GRAPHIC

The July/August issue of Army Technology Magazine focuses on innovation. View or download the issue by visiting <http://usarmy.vo.llnwd.net/e2/c/downloads/401539.pdf>.

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The EAPS ARDEC gun alternative envisions a 50mm cannon to launch command guided interceptors. The system uses a precision tracking radar interferometer as a sensor, a fire control computer, and a radio frequency transmitter and receiver to launch the projectile into an engagement "basket," he said.

"In order to minimize the electronics on board the interceptor and to make it cheaper, all the 'smarts' are basically done on the ground station," Luciano said. "The computations are done on the ground and the radio frequency sends the information up to the round."

The Picatinny area-protection systems track both the incoming threat and interceptor, then compute an ideal trajectory correction for the interceptor to maximize probability of mission success. A thruster on the interceptor or projectile is used for course correction. The ground station uplinks the maneuver and detonation commands while receiving down-

linked assessment data, he added.

The interceptor takes the commands, and computes the roll orientation and time to execute thruster and warhead detonation. The warhead has a tantalum-tungsten alloy liner to form forward propelled penetrators for defeat of C-RAM targets and steel body fragments to counter UAS, Luciano said.

The April 22 test was performed with a single shot Mann barrel, he added. The UAS was flying a surveillance-type track and was engaged on the approach path leg. The airplane fell precipitously from its flight.

The integrated test demonstrated a proof-of-principle that direct fire, command guided ammunition can intercept and negate aerial threats, Luciano said.

Technologies from the EAPS gun alternative Army Technology Objective may potentially be used for both Army and Navy air defense systems, he added.

Luciano said that during another upcoming test, the engineers would try to intercept and destroy a UAS under a more difficult engagement scenario.

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## BEAT HEAT WITH SPLASH!

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

As the summer heat wave makes its way through the Wiregrass, Fort Rucker offers a way to cool down.

Splash! Pool and Spray Park is one of Fort Rucker's most popular and well-known swimming hot spots that gives families of Soldiers and civilians a unique way to stay cool, and now will keep the summer fun going through Sept. 27 with new weekend hours, according to Amanda Orduno, Director of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation aquatics manager.

The park is currently open six days a week, Wednesdays-Mondays (closed on Tuesdays) from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but starting Aug. 3, typically when the park closes for the season, Splash! will remain open on weekends and holidays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The reason for the change is to provide an extended Splash! season for patrons, despite the school season starting when most children won't have the time to visit the park

during the week, said the aquatics manager. "Once school goes back in session, we'll close during the week due to staffing and patronage shortages," said Orduno. "Our mission is to provide a safe and fun place of recreation for Soldiers and their families – it's what we do."

Splash! boasts the largest recreational pool on post available to the general public, and features a host of amenities to keep children, teens and even adults entertained for hours.

"It has a little something for everyone, from a pool, which all ages can enjoy, two slides, a rock wall, diving board, and a spray park with multiple spray features that small children can enjoy," said the aquatics manager, adding that there is also a Tiki bar for adults that serves food and beverages, and has tables, lounge chairs, umbrella for them to relax as their children play.

The park is a great, local getaway with multiple attractions suited for all ages at an affordable price, she said.

The price for admission depends on military affiliation and age, and are as follows:

admission for active-duty personnel, family members and retirees is \$3 for ages 3-17 and \$4 for 18 and up; Department of Defense employees, family members and contractors is \$4 for ages 3-17 and \$5 for 18 and up; and admission for the general public is \$5 for ages 3-17 and \$6 for 18 and up.

Season passes are also available for purchase, as well, and as of Aug. 1, the season passes will be reduced by about 70 percent – the new passes will be good through the end of the summer the season.

SPLASH! is also available for rent for private parties after park hours for \$125 per hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and can be rented as late as 9 p.m. In order to schedule a party, patrons must check with the front desk of the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center on Andrews Avenue for availability.

Not only is Splash! one of the most enjoyable facilities on post for people to visit, but it's also one of the safest with more than 60 lifeguards on staff who watch over all of Fort Rucker's swimming facilities to provide a safe, fun swimming

environment, said Orduno.

"Safety at SPLASH! is a top priority," she said. "At (the park), we typically schedule between eight to 12 lifeguards each day, and each lifeguard is trained in American Red Cross lifeguarding, first aid, CPR and AED administration every two years."

Additionally, the lifeguard staff participates in mandatory in-service training to refresh and perfect lifesaving skills every two weeks.

Army regulation also requires that people utilizing the swimming facilities on Fort Rucker only use U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation aides, said Orduno. Also, children who wish to ride the slides must be at least 36 inches tall and be able to swim on their own.

"As a staff, we are glad to provide a service to those who serve our country, and the families who support the men and women who serve," said the aquatics manager. "We have this opportunity to extend our service to the surrounding communities who are not affiliated with the military and we are happy to open our gates to them."

## AFTB app provides new knowledge-delivery tool

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker's knowledge-level Army Family Team Building class challenges spouses to Get R.E.A.L., but a newly-developed application provides the same usually information conveniently at their fingertips.

According to Rick Kohl, Army Community Service Army Family Action Plan coordinator, Army Family Team Building coordinator and Survivor Outreach Services support coordinator, Get R.E.A.L. (Rucker Experience Army Learning) is a one-day program with spouses teaching spouses in a fun and interactive learning environment – with lunch and childcare provided.

"Not every spouse can attend a class, so Fort Rucker AFTB is developing a virtual Get R.E.A.L. program," he said. "Currently the Fort Rucker Handbook for New Military Spouses and the information on the AFTB app for Apple and Android devices is available on the Fort Rucker Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation AFTB website. We are also working on having access to the New Spouse Orientation DVD through the website."

AFTB allows family members to become better acquainted with military life, acronyms, rank structure, etc.

"The AFTB app has the most current program material for knowledge, growth and leadership," Kohl said. "It provides the opportunity for family members to access the information at a time and place that is convenient and constructive. When they complete each level, a certificate is awarded by Army Community Service."

Kohl said the app provides a wealth of information, but he still urges family members to attend upcoming classes listed on the ACS online calendar.

"The class is always valuable because of the one-on-one interaction and the team building that takes place during the day," he said. "The learning process for family members is changing due to availability and functionality of technology, and our busy schedules. The online and app-based learning programs continue to grow in popularity because they are available at any time and you can access the information when you need a quick review."

According to Kohl, the app is available right now and the information about how to download the app is on the Fort Rucker AFTB website.

"I grew up as an Army dependent until I went to college and joined ROTC, then became an active duty



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Army Aviator," he said. "My wife had no experience with the military, and many questions about the traditions and symbolism that are so very new when you first encounter military culture. The support of family members in the units I served with helped her understand and value the unique feelings and sacrifices that face the Army family. She was then able to be part of the support system for other spouses. The more we can share knowledge with each other, the more we become total Army strong."

Kohl said the AFTB classes provide a wonderful tool for welcoming new families into the Army community and teaching them the essential knowledge to become better acclimated to their new lifestyle.

"AFTB is a fun program for spouses and other family members to gain information and feel more connected to the Army culture and the traditions involved in voluntary service to our nation," he said. "The Fort Rucker AFTB program will continue to look for ways to make information available, fun and user friendly. The AFTB program is one of the valuable programs that help our families and service members continue to be total Army strong."

For more information on the app or future AFTB classes, visit <http://www.ftrucker.mwr.com/acs/army-family-team-building/> or call 255-9637.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Silver Wings Golf Course

Project: Volunteers needed for Pro AM Aug. 14-16 and Ladies Professional Golf Tournament Aug. 18-20.

For more information, call 598-2449

#### Army Community Service

Position: Spouse and Family Master Resilience Trainer

Duties: Candidates will attend a 10-day MRT course instructed by experts in the field of positive psychology. Classroom instruction is generally eight hours per day with a one hour break for lunch. Start time is generally at 8:30 a.m. and the class ends at 4:30 p.m. Each course may be slightly different based upon the guidance from local command. Instruction is split between plenary sessions, which introduce specific skills, and didactic sessions, where participants learn the application and education of the skills.

For more information, call 255-1307.

Position: Army Family Action Plan Conference (Nov. 4-5) Marketing Coordinator

Duties: Attend required ACS and AFAP volunteer training sessions. Attend AFAP Advisory Council meetings. Submit AFAP marketing status report during advisory council meetings. Develop promotional advertising to enhance the visibility of AFAP, including media relations with flyers, posters, pamphlets, newspaper, television and installation briefings. Attend after-action review meetings and provide input for the final AAR. Serve as a spokesperson for the AFAP program. Adhere to guidelines as outlined in Army Regulation 608-47, AFAP Program Handbook and the installation AFAP Program standard operation procedure.

For more information, call 255-9637.

Position: Family Advocacy Program Activities Support

Duties: Support FAP by assisting personnel with general tasks, such as stocking inventory and organization. Conduct inventory and stocking, assist with organizing resource library, and help with shredding and box breakdown. As a benefit, ACS officials said the volunteer will gain knowledge of Family Advocacy Programs.

For more information, call 255-3246 or 255-1429.

# ON POST

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

## Army Family Team Building app

People can now complete Army Family Team Building training through AFTB's new app. Visit <http://www.ftrucker.mwr.com/acs/army-family-team-building/> to find the direct link to the app. Once complete, people can contact Fort Rucker AFTB to receive their certificate. Search for AFTB in the app store for Apple devices.

For more information, call 255-9637.

## Volunteer recognition ceremony

Army Community Service will host its quarterly Army volunteer recognition ceremony today at 10:30 a.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. For more information, call 255-1429.

## ACS 50th birthday

Army Community Service will celebrate its 50th birthday Friday at 11 a.m. Officials welcome people to join past and current staff members for cake at The Commons, Bldg. 8950, while supplies last. For more information, call 255-3817.

## CDC registration

The Fort Rucker Child Development Center will hold part-day preschool and before/after school care registration Wednesday at 9 a.m. at its facility in Bldg. 8938 on Red Cloud Road.

For more information, call 255-2262.

## Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night July 30 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.

## Relocation readiness workshop

Army Community Service will host its relocation readiness workshop July 31 from 9-10 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371D. 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 Emergency Relief and budgeting, preparing for employment before moving (for spouses), compiling the necessary documents and forms for exceptional family members moving overseas, and relocation checklists and websites to help prepare for a move.

Space is limited, so people should register early by contacting the relocation readiness program at 255-3161 or 255-3735.

## Grape Stomp Festival trip

MWR Central will host a day trip to the annual Grape Stomp Festival in Arlington, Georgia, Aug. 1. The family-friendly event offers live music, grape stomping, food, hayrides and more. The trip is open to the public. Transportation will depart at 8:30 a.m. and return at about 6 p.m. There will be 27 seats available at \$15 each. Participants must pay in full at time of sign-up. No refunds will be issued unless the event is cancelled by the organizer or MWR Central.

For more information, call 255-2997.

## School age center orientation

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host an orientation Aug. 3 for children entering the first grade. Two orientation times will be offered: noon to 12:30 p.m. and 6-6:30 p.m. with both at the center in Bldg. 2806 at Seventh and Division Road.

For more information, call 255-9108.

## CDC orientation

The child development center will host its Strong Beginnings Orientation Aug. 3 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 8938 on Red Cloud Road. For more information, call 255-2262.

## Youth center membership competition

Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services hosts a youth center membership competition throughout August. For every new member an active CYSS member brings in to the youth center, Bldg. 2800, their name and the new member's name will be put into a drawing for a grand



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## Girls Night Out

The Landing will host Girls Night Out Aug. 14 in the ballroom from 6-9 p.m. The event will feature fashion, fun and prizes, with a DJ providing entertainment while attendees visit the numerous organizations on hand from throughout the community that cater to women, according to organizers. Prize drawings will be held throughout the evening, with a grand prize drawing at 9 p.m. - people must be present to win prizes. This event is open to the public for ages 18 and older. Tickets are on sale for \$10. For more information, call 598-2426 or 255-1749.

prize at the end of the month. The more friends a person brings in to sign up, the greater the chance they will have to win. Youth must be between the ages of 11-18 and in grades six-12 to become a member - membership is free. Families eligible for services include active-duty Soldiers, activated or mobilized Guard and Reserve Soldiers, contractors and Department of Defense civilians.

For more information, call 255-2260.

## ScreamFree Parenting Your Teenager

Army Community Service will offer a free ScreamFree Parenting Your Teenager Workshop Aug. 6, 13 and 20 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Bowden Terrace Community Center. This course is designed to help parents start a revolution in their family! Scream-Free Parenting Your Teenager is not just about lowering a person's voice. It's about parents learning to calm emotional reactions and learning to focus on their own behavior more than their children's behavior for their benefit. With these techniques, parents can create and enjoy more calm, mutually respectful and loving relationships with their teenagers, according to ACS officials. This workshop is open to active duty and retired military, Department of Defense employees and their family members. The deadline to register is Aug. 3. Space is limited to the first 35 participants to register. Interested participants must contact the family advocacy program at 255-3898 to register for the event and to discuss childcare coordination.

## 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 Aug. 6. 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.

## Youth center open house

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host its back to school open house Aug. 7 from 5-7 p.m. The open house will give families an opportunity to tour and participate in the variety of activities offered at the center. The center's cooking club will provide snacks and refreshments. There will also be a teen vs. parents dodgeball match in the gym, arts and crafts, and a robotics demonstration in the technology lab. Youth must be ages of 11-18 in grades six-12 to

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## Trips & Tickets

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become a member at the youth center. For more information, call 255-2260.

## Financial readiness training

Army Community Service will host its financial readiness training Aug. 7 from 7:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. Person-

al 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.

## FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 23-26

### Thursday, July 23

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### Friday, July 24

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### Sunday, July 26

National Velvet (G) Free Admission.....1 p.m.

# Alaskan military resort booms

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

SEWARD, Alaska — The 3,500 population of the Alaskan town of Seward exploded over 40,000 with visitor influx over Independence Day weekend.

July 4 is the most popular time of year at the Seward Military Resort for it's the day the Mount Marathon run takes place. Mount Marathon is right in Seward and racers can be spotted on the summit with a good set of binoculars from the resort, operated by Army Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

## Getting there

Guests arrive from all over Alaska and the United States, said retired Sgt. 1st Class Scott Bartlett, the resort's general manager. They come via Alaska Railroad, cruise ship, commercial air, bus, space-available military aircraft to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson near Anchorage and by car across the Alaska-Canada Highway.

The resort is popular with Soldiers, retirees and Army civilians, he said, especially during the summer fishing months.

Coming to the resort in summer is difficult unless reservations are made at least a year in advance, Bartlett said. However, any time not between Memorial Day and Labor Day is usually easy to reserve, he said. It won't be fishing season, but there are plenty of other things to do, he said, and with the crowds gone, some might enjoy the solitude.

There's no better place to unwind and relax, Bartlett said. It's one of the best places in the world to fish, see wildlife and just enjoy the scenery, he added.

Chaplains from Army posts conduct retreats, aka Strong Bonds, here for couples, as well as single Soldiers, on a regular basis. Also, 26 Soldiers a week for 14 weeks come on command-sponsored summer vacations from various Alaska commands.

## Good fishing

Bartlett said he can't recall anyone not catching a fish and often the resort's four ocean-going vessels are filled to capacity with the day's catch. Each vessel carries 14 passengers, a skipper and two deck hands.

All-day sea-fishing excursions are offered and fishing from shore within walking distance of the resort is excellent on Resurrection River and its tributaries where red salmon abound, Bartlett said.

The ocean-going vessels leave Seward early morning and within three hours pass through Resurrection Bay to the Gulf of Alaska, where the big fish are plentiful, he said. The largest are the halibut, averaging 30 pounds. One lucky fisherman hooked a 147-pounder. Lingcod are also big, weighing a hefty 65 pounds. Other fish include chinook and coho salmon.

During the cruise, voyagers can expect to see humpbacks, orcas and grey whales surfacing for air.

Once fishermen return, deck hands help them haul their catch to a fish house for cleaning. The fish are then taken to another building, which has vacuum-packing equipment so the fish can be preserved. Once packed, the fishermen can take their catch home or mail it. The resort has



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Glaciers surround Seward Military Resort in Alaska, some within hiking distance. This one is the Exit Glacier, which feeds Resurrection River at the bottom of the photo. That river is filled with red salmon and flows through Seward.

agreements to lower the shipping costs 50 percent.

Occasionally, seas will be too rough for comfort. Such was the case July 4, when seas were running 13 feet on the Gulf of Alaska. Resurrection Bay was as smooth as glass that day so that can be deceptive. Bartlett checks the buoy reports each morning at 4:30 a.m. and makes the call whether to sail or not.

Cancellation is not a total bust, though, as shore fishing along the Resurrection River is really good if one doesn't mind sharing a fishing spot with brown bears, who also like the taste of salmon. They don't bother anyone, Bartlett said, advising guests to stay at a respectable distance and not disturb them.

The area is also teeming with moose, black bears and other large carnivores, some of which wander into Seward. Bald eagles also favor Seward and the surrounding area.

## Other activities

While fishing is the most popular activity, there are many other things to do in Seward and the surrounding area, Bartlett said. The resort organizes dog sledding, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snow mobile expeditions, as well as glacier hiking.

Hiking on glaciers can be done in the middle of summer and the resort is surrounded by a number of them. Hiking in the mountains is popular year-round as well, he said, and there are a number of trails.

The July 4 holiday also featured fireworks, and a number of food and craft vendors had tents set up on streets that were closed to traffic.

The resort features motel rooms, townhouses, log cabins, RV sites, yurts and bring-your-own tents.

Reservations can be made at [www.sewardresort.com](http://www.sewardresort.com) or by calling 800-770-1858. Cost varies depending on season and category. Costs can be as low as \$12 for a tent to \$225 for a townhouse with fireplace for an enlisted Soldier.



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A mamma moose is shown tending to a baby moose near Seward Military Resort.



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Seward Military Resort's fleet of four vessels in the foreground.



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A family and their dogs enjoy lunch at Seward Military Resort.



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A bald eagle looks for red salmon on the Bear Creek within walking distance of Seward Military Resort.

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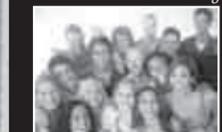
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# Alabama Road Trip — Montgomery, where history runs deep

Alabama Tourism Department  
Press Release

History is woven into the very soul of Montgomery. It spirals down grand staircases, like the one inside the 1847 State Capitol building. It descends from lofty places, such as Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where a humble preacher rose to prominence as the leader of the Civil Rights Movement.

And it bubbles up from streets such as historic Dexter Avenue that bustled with merchants in the 1800s, served as an auction block for slaves during the Civil War and was later pounded by the foot soldiers during the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march.

Captured between the brick and mortar of historic church houses and notable dwellings and inside museum after museum in downtown Montgomery, you'll hear epic stories of a past that is unparalleled to that of any other city in America.

Begin your tour at the Montgomery Area Visitor Center (300 Water St., (334) 262-0013) at Union Station. Park your car and go inside for brochures and information on what to see and do in the city.

You can walk to many of the downtown attractions and museums, but to get to others, you'll want to drive.

One of the fascinations of downtown Montgomery is the fact that there are so many museums and attractions dedicated to telling the story of the city's role in the Civil War of the 1860s and the Civil Rights Movement that occurred nearly a century later.

With Jefferson Davis as its leader, Montgomery served as the cradle of the Confederacy from Feb. 4, 1861, to May 29, 1861. A century later, congregations in African American churches conducted peaceful protests to overturn laws allowing segregation.

In 1955, when seamstress Rosa Parks was arrested after boarding a Montgomery bus at Court Square and refusing to give up her seat to white passengers, the modern Civil Rights



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## The Alabama State Capitol Building.

Movement was born. A new Montgomery minister, Martin Luther King Jr., was recruited to organize a boycott of city buses. The Montgomery Bus Boycott lasted a year and ended when a U.S. Supreme Court decision stopped segregated public transportation in 1956.

A must visit in Montgomery is the Rosa Parks Museum and Children's Wing (252 Montgomery St., (334) 241-8615) located on the very site where Parks was arrested. The museum chronicles the history of the Civil Rights Movement and the Montgomery Bus Boycott through presentations, newspaper clippings and exhibits, including a replica of the bus on which the civil rights pioneer was riding.

A block away is the Freedom Rides Museum at the historic Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station (210 S. Court St., (334) 242-3188). Interpretive panels on the outside and contemporary artwork on the inside of the museum tell the story of young Freedom Riders who faced mob violence with non-violence and courage in May 1961.

From the Freedom Rides Museum on

Court Street, take the first left on Alabama Street; turn left onto S. Perry Street and then right on Dexter Avenue. Standing gallantly at the top of Dexter Avenue is the Alabama State Capitol (600 Dexter Ave., (334) 242-7800) building, where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office as president of the Confederacy in February 1861 and where civil rights activists ended the historic Selma to Montgomery march in 1965.

Adjacent to the State Capitol is the First White House of the Confederacy (644 Washington Ave., (334) 242-1861) where Jefferson Davis and his family lived during the brief period when the capital of the Confederacy was in Montgomery. Go next door to the Alabama Department of Archives and History (624 Washington Ave., (334) 242-4364). Inside, the Museum of Alabama chronicles three phases in the state's history, including its Native American heritage, the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement.

Located a block west of the Capitol is the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church — the only church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ever served as pastor (454

Dexter Ave., (334) 263-3970).

A block behind the church is the Civil Rights Memorial designed by renowned sculptor Maya Lin. Etched into a granite table overflowing with water are the names of 40 martyrs who died between 1954 and 1968 during the struggle for civil rights. Walk up the entrance at mid block to enter the Civil Rights Memorial Center (400 Washington Ave., (334) 956-8439) and learn more about this period in American history. The "Here I Stand" exhibits and videos chronicle important events that occurred downtown during the Civil Rights Movement.

Less than five minutes away is the Dexter Parsonage Museum (309 South Jackson Street, (334) 261-3270), where King and his wife, Coretta, lived from Sept. 1, 1954, until late 1959 when they moved to Atlanta.

Nearby is the 1853 Jackson Community House (409 S. Union St., (334) 221-1973) which has served many functions, including being home to Montgomery's first public library open to African Americans beginning in 1948.

Located a few minutes away from the Dexter Avenue Parsonage Museum is historic Alabama State University. The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture (915 S. Jackson St., (334) 229-4876), located on the campus, documents the Civil Rights Movement and Montgomery's role in it.

Also on campus are two historic homes: the childhood home of singer Nat "King" Cole and the former home of civil rights pioneer Ralph David Abernathy.

## Learn about Hank Williams and Old Alabama Town

While exploring downtown Montgomery, you'll also want to tour the Hank Williams Museum (118 Commerce St., (334) 262-3600), where you'll find the 1952 baby-blue Cadillac that the singer passed away in on Jan. 1, 1953, rare videos, photographs and more.

# WIREFRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## ANDALUSIA

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 80 hosts a dance with live music every Saturday from 7:30-11:30 p.m.

For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www.andalusialegionpost80.org](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall.

For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www.andalusialegionpost80.org](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

## DALEVILLE

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

For more information, call 598-6211, 598-1297, 598-6211 or 379-9187.

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

## DOTHAN

**JULY 25** — The Poplar Head Farmers Market takes place Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at the Dothan Civic Center. The open-air market features fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, locally prepared foods and specialty items.

## Zoo summer camp

The Montgomery Zoo Summer Camp is billed as a fun-filled, educational wildlife experience geared for children ages 5-12. Half day and full day camps are available now through July 31. Advanced reservations are required.

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.

## Nature Connects LEGO® Bricks Exhibit

Now through July 26, the Huntsville Botanical Garden features certified LEGO® Artist Sean Kenney's exhibit consisting of 27 sculptures, making up 14 displays, created from nearly 500,000 LEGO® bricks. Inspired by the garden and wildlife, the exhibit ranges from six inches to nearly eight feet. See birds to flowers, butterflies to garden tools. The garden is located off of I-565 Exit 15 on Bob Wallace Avenue. Admissions is free for members, and costs \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 3-18.

For more information, visit <http://hsvbg.org/>.

## Montgomery Biscuits

The Montgomery Biscuits, the Double-A affiliate of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays, swing 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).

## Dinosaurs Alive!

Downtown Gadsden becomes pre-historic when 13 life-like

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

The center is located at the corner of 5th and Broad Streets. Cost is \$8 per person and \$4 for center members.

For more information, visit <http://www.culturalarts.org>.

## 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).

For more information, visit [www.poplarheadfarmersmarket.com](http://www.poplarheadfarmersmarket.com).

**ONGOING** — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 87 will host a dinner and meeting at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Doug Tew Recreation Center. For more information, call 836-0217, Ext. 123, or send an email to [davchapter87@gmail.com](mailto:davchapter87@gmail.com).

## ENTERPRISE

**ONGOING** — Taoist Tai Chi classes are available at the Enterprise YMCA and the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Classes include ongoing beginning, health recovery and continuing classes in the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Morning, afternoon and evening classes are available. For a schedule of classes or to get more information, visit [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org) or call 348-9008.

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

## GENEVA

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

## MIDLAND CITY

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

## NEW BROCKTON

**JULY 23** — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center, which is located one block behind the New Brockton police station. Food and drinks will be served, followed by regular chapter business and election of new leaders for the next year. Officials invite veterans throughout the Wiregrass to join as new members. For more information, call 718-5707.

## OSZARK

**AUG. 1** — Lively Stones Ministries Worship Center will host its back-to-school bash from 4:30-6 p.m. at the center at 187 Parker Hills Drive. The event will feature food, games, activities, a youth rap session, free school supplies and more. For more information, call 379-7486.

**ONGOING** — The Friends of Ozark holds a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Ozark-Dale County Library. For more information, call 477-6221 or email [wcholmes53@hotmail.com](mailto:wcholmes53@hotmail.com).

**THROUGH 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. 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.

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

## 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

**ONGOING** — The Marine Corps League, Wiregrass Det. 752, welcomes all Marines, Navy corpsmen and chaplains, and their families, to its monthly meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Attendees are welcome to arrive early for food and camaraderie. The next meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Dothan. For more information, call 718-4168 or 805-7335.

## Beyond Briefs

# Veteran looks back on life of military, civilian service at 80

By Karl Weisel  
USAG Wiesbaden Public Affairs

WIESBADEN, Germany — “Tireless, caring, dedicated to taking care of Soldiers and their Families.”

“A straight shooter who doesn’t pull any punches – he tells it like it is.”

“Always looking out for everyone’s best interest.”

These are just a few of the observations by friends and coworkers about Dr. Robert Schloesser, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden’s former director of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Schloesser, who will celebrate his 80th birthday in August, wrapped up a highly-lauded career in April after having served as a U.S. Army officer for 27 years, including two tours to Vietnam, as an Army civilian for many more and having been recognized as a Distinguished Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America.

“I started drawing Social Security at age 62 as soon as I was eligible. Meanwhile, I have continued to pay into it up until today,” Schloesser said. “The reason I started at age 62 was because I was convinced the Social Security account would run dry.”

Dr. Robert Kandler, the garrison’s former deputy to the commander and a fellow U.S. Army veteran and retired Army civilian, who worked with Schloesser in various capacities for nearly 25 years, called him “a change agent who represents all that is best in both an Army officer and as a civil servant – the consummate MWR professional who cares deeply about the community he serves.”

Col. David Carstens, U.S. Army Europe’s command inspector general and former garrison commander, said Schloesser “cares for Soldiers and the community like no one else with whom I’ve served in 27 years.

“From world-class special events, to a never ending series of sports/health programs, to the best child youth services program in the Army, Bob Schloesser made USAG Wiesbaden the place to live,” Carstens said.

Carstens said he will miss “Dr. Bob’s (as he was known around the Wiesbaden military community) honesty, his sense of teamwork and his can-do attitude. Whatever the garrison commander asked him to do, he delivered – at a scale and degree of quality that was well beyond the anticipated result.”

Schloesser, a native of Newark, New Jersey, grew up around the military as his father served as the sergeant major of the 15th Signal Regiment on Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. As a Boy Scout, he achieved the rank of Eagle in 1951.

“I made my decision as a young guy in grammar school that I wanted to serve in the military. I wanted the excitement of being a Soldier,” he said.

While “bad eyes” kept him out of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Schloesser said he went on to become an officer in 1958 – commanding at the company, battalion and brigade levels – with a Reserve Officer Training Corps commission.

He also volunteered to serve in Vietnam, arriving for his first of two tours on Christmas 1962. “I ran a small depot on the Saigon River and was there when they overthrew President (Ngo Dinh) Diem (then-president of the Republic of Vietnam).”

During that time, while sharing a private home with air medical evacuation (Dust-Off) crew members, Schloesser said he frequently volunteered to serve as a door gunner on rescue missions. “You just did those kinds of things as a single guy because you thought you were immortal.”

From a time when few U.S. Soldiers were serving in the country, Schloesser returned in 1968 to join some 550,000 Americans in Vietnam.

“I was always a hard-assed commander,”



Dr. Robert Schloesser, former U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden director of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, serves as the master of ceremonies at one of the garrison’s Independence Day celebrations.

said Schloesser, explaining that being forthright and disciplined served him well in his career. “If you were a wuss, it wasn’t healthy in Vietnam. Clearly there were conflicts, but I never stepped back from a conflict. I just never had any discipline problems.”

Retiring from the military in 1984, Schloesser went on to work for private industry for six years before returning to U.S. Army Europe, serving in various capacities, including as director of MWR in the Balkans with operations in Bosnia and Kosovo.

“That was a seven-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day operation,” said Schloesser, describing the various ways he and his fellow MWR employees tried to enhance the quality of life for those serving as part of the international peacekeeping mission – bringing fitness equipment to remote sites, organizing runs and offering the first video teleconference calls for separated military families. “We felt like we were really doing something of value.”

Between stints as a civilian and Army civilian, Schloesser earned a doctorate in organizational leadership at age 69 from Oklahoma University. He has also continued throughout his various careers to play a role in helping young people find direction through the Boy Scouts.

“I love Scouting. It was always good to me. If you look at the Scout law, it says something about how you should live your life,” said Schloesser, describing the many opportunities for youths he has been involved with, including participating in D-Day commemorations in northern France, serving on the Transatlantic Council and helping welcome hundreds of new Eagles to the highest ranks of Scouting.

During his many years serving Uncle Sam in Europe both as an Army officer and

Department of the Army civilian, he has seen many U.S. installations come and go.

“I was here during the peak of the Cold War when we were on a war footing,” said Schloesser, looking back to a time when Americans were spread out around Europe.

“It was a different world.”

In 2008, Schloesser managed the closure of the Hanau military community where he had served as a young officer early in his military career.

Heinz Kaffenberger, director of the Logistics Center, Wiesbaden, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, and former director of logistics for the 104th Area Support Group in Hanau and Wiesbaden, said from his first encounter with the hard-charging Hanau closure manager in 2006, he appreciated him as an individual, who always “gets it done, (is) fair, (and) takes care of the mission while making sure employees and customers always come first.”

For Jan Meert, Wiesbaden Army Community Service director, Schloesser was a supervisor who was “extremely personable and genuinely interested in people.”

“He is extremely fair and good-hearted,” said William Montgomery, Wiesbaden Entertainment Center business manager and former property book officer at Hanau. “He is always looking out for everyone’s best interest, but never forgets that MWR is a business – and he doesn’t want excuses, he wants profit. His thinking outside of the box and high expectations are definitely two contributors that people will talk about for ages to come.”

“He made the garrison MWR a team that sought to serve the community and believed they could meet any challenge put in their way and achieve excellence,” said Cecilia Kandler, USAG Wiesbaden director of child, youth and school services.

Now, Schloesser and his wife of 50 years, Joyce – another major contributor to Soldier and Family quality of life as a volunteer, who helped establish a veterans center in Hanau and serves as “Grandma Joyce” during American Girl Doll socials at the Wiesbaden Library among other projects – are enjoying retirement in Augusta, Georgia.

“I intend to write (a sequel to his Ph.D. ‘Officer Trust in Army Leadership’) and to travel,” he said, adding that he’ll miss “the old team” and the people he has encountered during his years in Germany.

“I’m always amazed at how many people greet me on the street,” Schloesser said. “Because of my job, you get an awful lot of visibility. We’re never aware that we’re in the midst of the best days of our lives until they’re passed.”

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Schloesser talks to Col. Jeffrey Dill, former U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden commander.

# Soldiers pay it forward, help renovate orphanage

By Sgt. Brooks Fletcher  
Army News Service

ADAZI MILITARY BASE, Latvia – More than 40 kilometers outside of Latvia's capital city, Riga, there is a small orphanage, which is home to about 35 children.

Despite being from broken homes – due to either drug abuse or alcoholism – these disenfranchised children find hope and normalcy on the grounds of Spriditis Orphanage in Kemer.

However, because of finances, the state-funded, folklore-themed orphanage has to cut back on expenses.

Fortunately, a joint effort between the U.S. Embassy to Latvia, charity funds from LNK Group, and the "Sky Soldiers" from the 173rd Airborne Brigade out of Vicenza, Italy, has helped get the orphanage back to a fully operational and livable space again, according to Nils Students, who coordinates and organizes projects for the U.S. Embassy.

"The 173rd Airborne Brigade has always been very responsive," Students said. "Ever since I first worked with them a year ago, their deeds have been recognized and noticed by the community."

The Sky Soldiers, who were the first to deploy to Poland and the Baltic States in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve following events in Ukraine in 2014, use their time here to not only train with allies and partners, but help out in the community.

During this particular occasion, Soldiers from the brigade's 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment and 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion were on hand to assist with carpentry work, which ranged from spackling and repainting walls to replacing doors – reassuring a better quality of life for the orphanage's tenants.

Sgt. 1st Class Zachery Rieck, a platoon sergeant for the 54th BEB, said being able to help was a welcomed opportunity by him and his fellow Soldiers, as it allowed them to sharpen up on their own engineering skills, but also put a good foot forward and serve as ambassadors for their nation.

"If you really think about who we are as an Army, and even a culture, a lot of Soldiers come from situations where we really benefited from the help of others," said Rieck, a Mattoon, Illinois, native. "So to be able to give back to other people, who need it, is go-

ing to be a lasting memory for everyone."

For Spc. Cheikhou Ngom, who has been in the Army for only seven months, being able to "give back" is something that he has valued during his upbringing.

"I've seen poverty and people that do not have the opportunity to have the things we take for granted," said Ngom, an Atlanta native whose family moved from Senegal five years ago. "Being able to come to the U.S., become a Soldier, then come to Latvia to help people that I can relate with, that is something that I would never hesitate to do. As Soldier, it is our job to show people that we are here to maintain peace. It is a blessing to be a part of this."

Students, who was born to Latvian parents in the United States, said it is the values Americans put into volunteering, which allow the Soldiers to use this opportunity as a type of mentorship – leaving a lasting impression on not only the children, but the populace.

"The kids always have big smile on their faces and are happy to see the Soldiers," Students said. "They know the Soldiers' intentions are good."

Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade are deployed throughout Europe as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, an ongoing, multinational partnership focused on joint training and security cooperation between the United States and other NATO allies.



PHOTO BY SGT. BROOKS FLETCHER  
Pfc. Michael White, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade out of Vicenza, Italy, helps paint a room during a community engagement to renovate Spriditis Orphanage in Kemer, Latvia, July 10-12.

## Religious Services

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

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

**Main Post Chapel, Building 8940**

9 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday  
11 a.m. Liturgical Protestant Service

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

5 p.m. Catholic Mass Saturday

**Wings Chapel, Building 6036**

8 a.m. Latter-Day Saints Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)

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

**Spiritual Life Center, Building 8939**

10:15 a.m. CCD (except during summer months)

### BIBLE STUDIES

**Tuesdays**

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

**Protestant Women of the Chapel**

Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study**

Spiritual Life Center, 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

Catholic Women of the Chapel

Wings Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

**Above the Best Bible Study**

Yano Hall, 11 a.m.

**1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study**

Hanchey AAF, Bldg 50102N, Rm 101, 11:30 a.m.

**164th TAOG Bible Study**

Bldg 30501, 11:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study**

Soldier Service Center, 12 p.m.

**Youth Group Bible Study**

Spiritual Life Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study**

Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

**Thursdays**

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

**Latter-Day Saints Bible Study**

Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturdays**

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



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## Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Max, an approximately 3-year-old male Boxer mix for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. He is full of energy, personality and spunk. He has already received his rabies vaccine. Adoption fees vary per species and needs of animal, but include all up-to-date shots, the first round of age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip and spaying or neutering. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All adoptable animals are vet checked and tested for felv/fiv (for cats) or heartworm for dogs (over six months) and on flea prevention. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the stray facility. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/> for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.

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## ON SILVER WINGS

### Fort Rucker's golf course boasts 27-hole championship facility

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker's Silver Wings Golf Course lies just outside of Allen Heights and is a place where people from on and off post can spend their leisure time getting some exercise, competition, camaraderie, instruction on improving their games and more.

The 27-hole championship facility features Bermuda greens and one of the most challenging layouts in the region, according to Chet Hallman, Silver Wings Golf Course business manager.

While most courses boast 18 holes, SWGC boasts three 9-hole courses – Red, White and Blue – each with their own subtle differences. While the Red and Blue courses are pretty straight forward, the White Course features many more targets to hit, he said.

The fairways of the courses are lined with trees, change in elevation depending on the holes and provide plenty of challenges for its members. Each hole has a 150-yard marker on the fairway to provide golfers something to shoot for when lining up their shot.

"These courses are some of the best that I've had the opportunity to

play on," said Jason Edenburg, Enterprise resident. "I've played at a lot of courses across Alabama. I'm really glad to see that we've got one this special so close to home."

Edenburg picked up the sport two years ago when his son, David, asked him to join him for a round and he's been hooked ever since.

"It's now one of my favorite things to do in my off time. If I could, I'd have a tee time every day of the week," he said. "If I had the means, I would live on the golf course."

Silver Wings Golf Course also features a 300-yard long lit practice range, putting ranges, a fully-stocked golf pro shop, Divots Restaurant & Grille, and meeting and banquet rooms.

The facility is open to the public and offers many membership benefits, including unlimited green fees, advanced tee times, golf shop merchandise discounts, member-only tournaments, discounted outside tournament fees, complimentary U.S. Golf Association Golf Handicap and Information Network handicap, and reduced room fees and food minimums in Divots' Banquet Room.

In addition to the membership perks, the rates can't be beat, said Hallman.

"Our rates beat just about anyone's rates off post, especially if you're active-duty or retired military, and our public rates are either as good as or better than most other facilities rates," he said. "We want to be able to prove a good product and experience for what people are paying."

The annual membership rates are \$528 for E-1 to E6 and juniors ages 12-17; \$858 for E-7 and up and Department of Defense civilians; and \$924 for others. Family rates are also available.

Members also have access to dozens of tournaments throughout the year, and one such tournament coming up is the 2015 Silver Wings Pro Am Golf Tournament, which will be held Aug. 14-16, and all entries must be received by 5 p.m. Aug. 7. The cost to enter is \$125 for SWGC members and \$150 for nonmembers, and includes tournament course fees, range balls, tee gifts and tournament meals.

The tournament will be a 36-hole event and teams will be comprised of one professional player and three amateurs. The teams will play Team Stableford, which is a point system in which teams lump their scores together and points are added



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Then-WO1 Nathan Strand, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, chips a shot onto the green during the 2014 Silver Wings Golf Course Post Championship game last year.

to their pot depending on how well they shoot. Unlike traditional scoring in golf, the objective in the Stableford point system is to have the highest score rather than the lowest.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.ftrucker.mwr.com/recreation/silver-wings-golf-course/>.

For more information, call 598-2449.



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program wrestler Sgt. Spenser Mango battles to a 3-3 victory, eventually scoring the final point by pushing Ismael Borreo of Cuba out of bounds with one second remaining in their 59-kilogram Greco-Roman match of the 2015 Pan American Games at the Mississauga Sports Centre near Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

## Soldier-athletes help Team USA win title in Pan-Am Games

By Tim Hipps  
Installation Management Command  
Public Affairs

TORONTO, Canada — Capt. Jon Anderson and Sgt. Whitney Conder struck gold and Sgt. Spenser Mango won bronze helping Team USA win the Pan American Games Greco-Roman team title for the first time in 40 years.

All three Soldiers are members of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

"We came here to win medals and we were able to do that, so I'm just excited for the entire team," said Shon Lewis, head coach of the Army WCAP team who also served on the U.S. Pan American Games staff.

"As we head to Las Vegas for the World Championships," Lewis said, "this is an upbeat. We still have a lot of work to do, but I'm encouraged with how we performed."

Anderson defeated Venezuela's Querys Perez by a 9-0 technical fall in the men's 85-kilogram/187-pound Greco-Roman finals July 15 at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Mississauga Sports Centre's Hershey Centre.

"We're on the warpath," said Anderson, who is working toward the 2015 World Championships and the 2016 Olympic Games. "We're on a mission and we're not going to stop – not until we get to the top."

Anderson, who finished second in the 2015 U.S. World Team Trials, used a relentless, hard-charging attack to defeat Perez.

"It was a lot of hard work, but it felt amazing to hear our national anthem being played after I won," said Anderson, 30, a Virginia Beach native who graduated from the United States Military Academy (West Point). "I'm proud to take home this gold medal for our country. It means a lot."

Anderson and Conder each took a victory lap around

## Soldiers use database to learn about nutrition

By Bob Reinert  
USAG Natick Public Affairs

NATICK, Mass. — When Soldiers rip open Meals, Ready-to-Eat in a combat zone, most of them are probably thinking more about flavor and filling their stomachs than about the nutrition.

However, that does not mean nutrition is not important. The new online combat rations database formally launched earlier this month by the Department of Defense's Human Performance Resource Center provides warfighters, military dietitians, food service officers and leaders the opportunity to learn more about the nutritional value of what is inside those packages.

ComRaD is the result of a collaborative effort between HPRC, the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center and the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine at Natick Soldier Systems Center. The database contains nutrition information about the MRE, First Strike Ration, and the Meal, Cold Weather, and Food Packet, Long Range Patrol.

Before ComRaD, military customers needed to contact experts at NSRDEC's Combat Feeding Directorate to obtain accurate nutritional information. The lack of public access to this information has left customers to obtain nutritional information from alternate sources, which are sometimes unreliable and inaccurate.

Today's increased emphasis on performance nutrition in the military provided the boost needed to get the website up and running.

"Military dietitians expressed a need for publicly available nutrition information that could be used to help educate warfighters on how to properly fuel themselves before a mission, during a mission and post mission," said Julie Smith, senior food technologist with the CFD.

In the past, one had to rely on the nutrition fact labels provided on the food component packages to have any idea what was in them. Holly McClung, a research dietitian at USARIEM, said those labels are not always accurate.

"That's why the website's so important," McClung said. "That's where we want the warfighter and the dietitians to go to, because we know that the nutrition info is accurate and up to date."

How does McClung know this?

"The nutrition information that feeds into the database comes from actual chemical analysis of the food component," she said. "That's where USARIEM came in. We funded the chemical analysis of food components in the 24-menu MRE and other ration lines, which is difficult, expensive and time consuming."

"This is why it's taken us so long to complete the process. At this website, the user will be able to get nutrition on every individual component, the composition of complete ration lines, and individual MRE menus that are 100-percent chemically analyzed, so we feel confident in the nutritional data," McClung added.

A quick look at the website would seem to reveal that warfighters are consuming too many calories and that their intake of ingredients, such as sodium, is too high. The numbers are deceiving, however.



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The Meal, Ready-to-Eat is the primary individual ration of the U.S. armed forces. The balanced nutrition and low logistical burden of the MRE help warfighters to fight and win in any environment.

"A civilian might look at what the energy needs are for a warfighter, or look at how much is provided in a ration, and think the rations are providing too many calories and/or fat, etc.," McClung said. "What they have to realize is that the rations are constructed to meet the energy and nutritional needs of physically active warfighters. So, while there may be excessive energy available in the ration for a Soldier sitting at a desk, the ration may just meet the requirements of a physically active Soldier (who is) on (his or her) feet for a 12-hour patrol."

"That's why we hope the warfighter will use the website, as it will help them to figure out how many calories they need and guide them to make good decisions on what they should be choosing to eat," McClung said.

Combat Feeding developed the ComRaD website in collaboration with HPRC, but it is hosted by HPRC.

"Part of their mission is to educate the warfighter," said Smith of HPRC. "Their website provides warfighters and their Families with a one-stop clearinghouse for evidence-based information and key resources in all aspects of performance to achieve total fitness and, ultimately, human performance optimization."

The ComRaD website will change over time, Smith said.

"We're already working on additional features to the website that will provide ComRaD users with Unitized Group Ration nutrition information, as well as a cart feature that will allow users to track what they have eaten by adding and removing ration components in order to view their overall daily nutritional intake," she said.

"I think that it will be an evolving website [with] future improvements based upon the feedback that we get from users," said Smith, adding "which is really going to be invaluable."

To access the website, visit <http://hprc-online.org/comrad/>.



# Soldiers finish strong in adventure race

By David Vergun  
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SEWARD, Alaska — The Army Special Operations Recruiting Battalion Team finished strong in the 378-mile Expedition Alaska Adventure Race July 5.

The team crossed the finish in fourth place out of 20 teams in Seward, after seven days of ocean and flatwater kayaking, pack-rafting raging rivers, mountain biking, and traversing multiple glaciers and high-mountain snowfields of the Kenai Peninsula — using just map and compass to guide them.

Completing the race were Maj. JD Eskelson, training officer, 76th Operational Response Command, Salt Lake City, Utah; Capt. Amanda Rankin, group assistant intelligence officer, 7th Special Forces Group (A), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Sgt. 1st Class Josh Cowin, small-group leader for the Civil Affairs Senior Leader Course, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 1st Sgt. Ron Flick, first sergeant for the Special Forces Senior Leader Course at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg.

“The most important goal of Expedition Alaska isn’t just winning. It’s finishing together as a team,” said Flick, the team organizer. The goal is to “go into it as teammates and come out of it still as friends. That’s what we have definitely done here.”

“So that’s a big win regardless of what the podium looks tomorrow afternoon,” said the self-described “avid adventure racer,” July 4, a day before the race ended.

Another important goal, he said, was to “show Expedition Alaska that Soldiers are mentally and physically tough and can endure it.”

Although it’s summer, the team experienced brutal cold and gale-force winds crossing glaciers and mountain ridgelines, Flick said.



PHOTO BY ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS RECRUITING BATTALION TEAM

The Army Special Operations Recruiting Battalion Team cruises down a bay.

They had to press on in these conditions at night in total darkness to try and stay ahead of the other teams.

At times, Rankin said she felt she might die, particularly when climbing the glaciers and falling. “Josh has caught me. I’ve caught Josh. JD has grabbed onto me multiple times,” she said, describing how she and her teammates relied on each other not just to finish the race, but to keep each other alive.

“Josh fell into a crevasse,” Flick said. “JD and Amanda stopped him from falling to his death with their rope.” That was in the middle of the night, after 20 hours of traversing the treacherous terrain of the Eklutna Glacier with no sleep.

“We still kept our wits about us, and that wasn’t the most harrowing moment either,” he added, not discussing the worst.

It’s the same way in Iraq and Afghanistan, Flick said. “When



The Army Special Operations Recruiting Battalion Team takes on a glacier.

you’re out in remote areas, there’s no one there to help you out except for your teammates. You have to have a really strong bond to do that.”

When one person is suffering, it’s the other teammate’s job to “build that person up and get them to the finish,” Flick said.

Everyone has their own particular struggles and challenges, he continued. Some fear heights,

others raging rivers, some may be weak on the biking portion. Then “you have physical highs and lows and you have mental highs and lows in this kind of race. You overcome all those through teamwork.”

Rankin said she realized she had a fear of heights when looking down a 60-degree slope she was free climbing without ropes and not seeing the bottom. She also

admitted to never traversing a glacier and never scrambling across Category 5 mountain ridgelines. Glaciers traversed were the Eagle, Milk and Eklutna.

“At times we were free-climbing and gripping rocks only with our fingertips,” she said. “There was no room for failure and that was stressful. You had to be willing to unconditionally trust your teammates to keep you safe.”

The Army team came to the race at a distinct disadvantage. Flick said that they only put together the final team roster a month before the race and a lot of their equipment was mailed to them just days prior.

“It’s rare for a rookie team to finish an expedition adventure race in this extreme environment because the odds of that happening are not very high and stacked against them right from the start,” Eskelson said. “However, to officially finish in fourth place is unheard of.”

Eskelson has been adventure racing for more than 13 years and said he is really proud of his new teammates and their “ability to persevere through all the highs and lows — all the way to the finish line.”

He noted that expedition-length racing is considered any race taking longer than five days.

Flick summed up the personal challenge. “You learn a lot about yourself out there. When you hit your low points, you do a lot of self-reflecting.”

The pride of the team’s accomplishments in this race is the same type of pride they feel as being part of the Army team.

The team was proud to announce that at least one Soldier assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, who also participated in the race on a different team, spoke with them about their experiences in special operations and said he is now committed to attending Special Forces Assessment and Selection.

## Drill sergeant does double duty as Taekwondo coach

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FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Watching a group of Navy personnel train for deployment overseas wouldn’t seem the ideal place to witness the head coach of the All-Military Taekwondo team in action, but it is.

For the coach, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fennell — also a drill sergeant with Task Force Marshall — preparing others to fight is an everyday occurrence.

“One of things we can do is to get them as close to the real thing as possible,” Fennell said of merging Taekwondo and training others for deployment. “If the team only trains on shield and paddles [and not man to man], they will never be ready for an actual fight.”

“The same thing goes here: If they don’t drop down and put that tourniquet on fast enough, or they don’t put that gas mask on fast enough, they won’t be ready for that one time they will actually have to do it,” he said.

Fennell found Taekwondo when he met Korean exchange students in high school. They took him to watch them train and he was hooked. He dropped all other sports to concentrate solely on Taekwondo, a Korean martial art that emphasizes aggressive kicking and punching. It is arguably one of the oldest martial arts.

After graduating from high school in 1997, Fennell joined the Army and kept competing. In 2001, he competed with the Army team for the first time.

Fennell would go on to become a nine-time Army champion, four-time armed forces champion and a bronze-medalist

welterweight in the world military games.

For Fennell, Taekwondo is more specialized than mixed martial arts or modern combatives.

“Taekwondo is a full-contact sport,” he said. “A lot of times, people focus on MMA (mixed martial arts) and the combatives programs, but don’t realize that if you focus on one skill set, it becomes extremely strong.”

Taekwondo, he said, is highly skilled — “like boxers who are extremely good at punching and wrestlers who are well versed on the ground.”

In Taekwondo competitions, fighters can compete in multiple rounds. Fennell said they must be in peak physical condition because they win points by an “abrupt displacement of the body — so you have to hit someone with enough force to move their entire body.”

Being kicked by some of the better fighters is like being “hit by a baseball bat,” he said.

That’s where proper training comes in.

“I put athletes into realistic scenarios and have them fight each other every single day, so that when they get on the mat they start to get comfortable — it’s just another fight,” said Fennell about the similarities between training troops to fight and training for a martial-arts match. “Same thing goes here. If we have them put the mask on every day, if we have them carrying the weapon the right way, they already know how to do it — they are in a rhythm.”

Task Force Marshall colleague Staff Sgt. James Holston characterized Fennell as a good friend and excellent Soldier.

“He is a good guy all around,” Holston said. “He is resilient and can handle all



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS THOMAS WHEELER

All-Army Taekwondo team head coach Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fennell, a drill sergeant with Task Force Marshall, gives advice to 2015 All-Army Taekwondo team member, 1st Lt. Joshua Fletcher, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, before a recent match at the USA Taekwondo National Championships in Texas.

different situations. He is not hot or cold — he is even keel. Having him in our unit (brings) a sense of pride. He sets a good standard.”

Without the backing of his unit, Fennell never would have been able to serve as head coach of the Taekwondo team.

“I’m very fortunate my command was willing to lose me for the 24 days that I was coaching and preparing the team for a spot in the national championships in Austin, Texas (earlier this month),” he said.

His battalion commander, Lt. Col. Timothy Forrest, said Fennell was a good drill sergeant and an excellent trainer.

“I can’t say enough good things about him,” Forrest said. “The whole unit is behind him. He volunteers to take leadership when it is needed. He brings a lot of credit upon himself. He is a great guy.”

As for Fennell, he characterizes his success as wanting his 7-year-old son, Gabriel, to see him “continuing to learn and grow.”

“I want to help him understand there are no limits to where you can go if you work hard for it,” he said.

Fennell and his fiancé, Elizabeth, will welcome another son, Michael, into their family later this month.

## Title: 2-time Olympian prevails 6-3 in final match

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the mat clutching an American flag after their wins.

“That was cool,” Anderson said. “Every since I was a little kid starting to wrestle, I saw videos and pictures of guys doing that. I waited for my day and today was the first of many.”

Conder won her gold medal in the women’s freestyle 53-kilogram/116-pound division with a 3-2 victory over Alma Valencia of Mexico on July 16.

Conder said keeping a good stance and good position were the keys to her championship performance.

“I knew she was definitely a tough opponent,” Conder said, “so I just had to keep on her, know what I needed to do and just go after her.

“It’s amazing to be able to show the country what I can do and be able to show the Army what I can do, as well,” added Conder, 27, of Puyallup, Washington. “This is definitely a good springboard to know that I can beat some of the top. I’m just setting myself up to win.”

In her semifinal match, Conder pinned Yamilka Del Valle of Cuba while leading 6-2.

“She came out and wrestled tough against the Cuban and got a pin,” Lewis said. “Going into the finals, she said she had never wrestled against her before, but they had scrapped in practice during international training. She came out here and pulled the trigger — wrestled a really smart match and was very technical. She did what she had to do. She’s a professional.”

Mango, a two-time Olympian, prevailed 6-3 in the men’s

59-kilogram/130-pound bronze-medal match against Jansel Ramirez of the Dominican Republic.

“It’s always nice leaving a tournament with a win in your last match,” Mango said. “I really wanted to win a gold medal here. I got the Cuban out of the way in my first match, but I made some mistakes in my next match.”

Mango defeated 2014 World fifth-place finisher Ismael Borrero of Cuba 3-3 on criteria in the quarterfinals before falling to eventual champion Andres Montano of Ecuador in the semifinals, leaving him with the bronze medal.

“I was leading 1-0, and I went out for a front headlock and tried to force something I didn’t need at all,” Mango said of the semifinal bout. “I gave up four points. I had to go for broke after that. I tried and it didn’t work out. I need to learn from that.”

