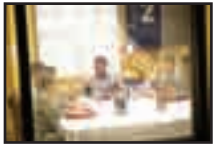


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NOT FORGOTTEN

Community honors POWs, MIAs during ceremony

Michele W. Forehand
Army Flier Contributing Writer

Fort Rucker remembered and honored America's prisoners of war and those still missing in action at its POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 17.

Among the hundreds in the audience were retired Master Sgt. Arthur Osepchook and retired Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Stamaris – both former POWs. Veterans from the U.S. Army, Air Force Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps and also attended the ceremony.

"It is my pleasure to be your host for today's ceremony," said Col. Allan M. Pepin, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff. "I want to thank you all for coming today. I also want to thank our distinguished guests and our veterans groups who are represented here

today.

"President Obama has officially issued a proclamation for this year's National POW/MIA Recognition Day to be honored Sept. 18. I want to thank each and every one of you who served our country. We must thank those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," he said. "Today, let us pledge to never forget those that are MIA. Let us pray they come back to our soils. More than 140,000 POWs have been reported, and we have two with us here today. It has been an honor to meet you both, and let me once again thank you for your services and your sacrifices."

Retired and active Soldiers in attendance had a chance to stop and reflect on what the ceremony meant for them personally,

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PHOTOS BY JIM HUGHES

Col. Allan M. Pepin, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff, speaks with former WWII POW retired Master Sgt. Arthur Osepchook shortly before the start of the Fort Rucker POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 17 at Veterans Park.



Pepin speaks during the Fort Rucker POW/MIA ceremony.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Program sets focus on Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Courtney Gilley
Army Flier Contributing Writer

The Army's theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October is "It Starts with Respect" and the Fort Rucker Family Advocacy Program stands ready to get the point across to the community.

"We believe that family relationships start with respect. They take work, but they start with respect," said Nicqolle Truitt, family advocacy specialist. "If we could continue to follow our prevention practices, training our troops and providing resource information to our families, then we believe those families will have respect and won't have any situations where there is domestic violence in the family."



The kickoff to the month will be a signing of the 2015 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation by Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander, Oct. 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of Bldg. 5700, with refreshments served after

the event.

"We would like to invite the whole community to come out and join us in watching the colonel sign the proclamation and kick off all of our wonderful events for the month," Truitt said.

The family advocacy program is also asking the community to support Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Oct. 2 by wearing purple. The post's mascot, Sgt. Ted E. Bear, will be painted purple by Warrant Officer Career College warrant officer candidates Oct. 18-31 as he shows his support for the effort.

The Fix the Hurt Corporation will visit the installation Oct. 5-6 to host presentations for the community.

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PHOTO BY JIM COOK

Volunteers serve food at the Fort Rucker Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff event Friday at the post exchange food court.

Post celebrates Hispanic Heritage

By Jim Cook
Army Flier Contributing Writer

Fort Rucker kicked off National Hispanic Heritage Month Friday with food and fun at the post exchange food court.

The kickoff included a sampler of Hispanic food and remarks from Sgt. 1st Class Jason Garcia, 1st Aviation Brigade equal opportunity adviser.

The month reflects the Army's commitment to diversity and the contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to the military and the country. According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, Hispanics make up about 6 percent of U.S. military veterans. Hispanics comprise about 15 percent of the entire U.S. population.

Garcia spoke about Hispanic culture and how it has enriched not only the military, but the nation as a whole.

Garcia said the shared experience of Hispanic Americans reflects the exceptional opportunities the U.S. provides to its citizens.

"When we look at the contributions made to science, medicine, government, business, civil rights – it's enormous," he said. "No matter where you come from, with hard work and perseverance, you can make it in America."

Garcia's own family history illustrates the generational gains Hispanics have made in American society. His great-grandparents came to America as part of the Bracero program. The Bracero program was a World War II-era program that allowed

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MedEvac crews recognized for lifesaving efforts

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

During a quiet evening at the U.S. Army Air Ambulance Detachment, a distress call came in that turned an uneventful evening into anything but routine.

In the meantime, Soldiers of the U.S. Army Ranger School were on lightning lockdown as a storm passed over their training area near Eglin Air Force Base Aug. 12, and with only minutes left on the lockdown, lightning struck in the middle of a platoon, critically injuring nine Soldiers, according to Maj. Brian Tripp, USAAD commander.

"The Rangers were out

doing their patrol training when the storm came in," said Tripp. "They were on a temporary pause for the storm when I heard over the radio one of the Ranger platoons called and requested MedEvac, reporting that there had been a lightning strike in the middle of their platoon."

Immediately, Tripp ran down the hallway of the barracks to alert his crewmembers, and as his crew was preparing to fly out, more information started to come in stating that there were at least eight casualties. At that point, Tripp looked over to his detachment sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class, Tony Rudolph, a flight medic for the second



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Soldiers of the U.S. Army Air Ambulance Detachment receive the Sikorsky Aircraft Rescue Award for courage from Lt. Col. Paul E. Berg, 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Brigade commander, during a ceremony at the Corvias building Sept. 10. The flight crews participated in a life-saving mission to aid the U.S. Army Ranger School when a platoon was struck by lightning during a storm Aug. 12.

aircraft, to prep the second aircraft for departure, as well.

In all, eight crewmembers, four to each aircraft,

were deployed to the site of the incident. Those in the first aircraft included Tripp,

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PERSPECTIVE

BE PREPARED

Plan for worst before it's too late

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Virginia isn't known for large earthquakes, but at 1:51 p.m., Aug. 23, 2011, one struck.

While the magnitude 5.8 temblor wasn't large by West Coast standards, it surprised many residents, who are not used to being rolled and shaken.

On the day of the quake, Virginia Army National Guard Sgt. Maj. Joel Fix was in Afghanistan. As he tells it, before he learned there were no known deaths and relatively few injuries as a result, he was scared, wondering if his wife and two children were OK.

But Fix and other like-minded individuals had a plan — and that offered some reassurance.

Fix, who is the emergency management program manager for the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, and others, disclosed that plan at the Emergency Preparedness Fair in the Pentagon Courtyard Sept. 16. Soldiers and other first responders had information booths set up and were eager to chat about it.

The plan

The first part of the plan is to have a plan. The second part of the plan is to have a kit. And the third part of the plan is to get involved, said Maj. Anthony Kazor, who is chief of the Army Emergency Management Branch.

Everyone's plan will be different, Kazor said. It should be tailored to the needs of the individual, and his or her family and their surroundings.

By surroundings, he said there are some installations and communities that are more prone to flooding, wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes and other events. Likely events should be factored into the plan, which could include maps, evacuation routes and storm shelters.

Besides natural disasters, there are other kinds of events that are just as deadly, he



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Maj. Anthony Kazor, who is chief of the Army Emergency Management Branch, shows a kit that would be useful in the event of an emergency. He and others were at the Emergency Preparedness Fair in the Pentagon Courtyard Sept. 16.

said. For instance, there are chemical and fertilizer plants close to some installations. Knowing what to do or where to go in the event of a fire or explosion at the plant would be part of the plan.

Another kind of disaster might be technological, he said. For example: the power grid going offline. A good plan would address what to do without electricity — perhaps a backup generator, and a way to start a fire to keep warm and cook.

Then there are active-shooter and terrorist attacks. A plan would cover this, too, he said, and would address escape and evasion, places to hide and items that could be used as weapons as a last resort.

The kit

Every plan should come with a kit, Kazor said. Like the plan itself, the kit would be tailored to the needs of the individual.

The key point about having a kit is to have it all in one place, perhaps in a bag or suitcase that's easily accessible. The kit could include:

- food and water, including water purifi-

cation tablets or filter;

- first aid kit;
- hand-cranked or battery-operated radio (with spare batteries) to hear news and weather;
- flashlights, candles;
- fire-starters for heat, cooking;
- tools;
- maps, money;
- important documents in case a fast evacuation is required;
- medications;
- food for pets; and
- rope, tape, plastic bags.

In addition to the kit, family members should have a rendezvous point, where they assemble if their neighborhood is destroyed by a blast, fire or tornado, Kazor said. Typically, parents would be at work and kids in school, and if the neighborhood is gone, they'd need alternate assembly sites to link up.

Family members should also have a list and phone numbers of people to call, such as friends, family, police, fire department, etc.

Fix advised having more than one kit. He said one kit could be in the home and a smaller kit could go in the trunk of the car. Being stuck in a remote desert or snowy area without extra clothing, food or water could be deadly. A kit at work might be prudent, as well.

Get involved

Getting involved means sharing the plan with members of the family or, in the case of work, with co-workers, Kazor said. Everyone needs to know what to do in the event of different types of emergencies. As well, family members should familiarize themselves with items in the kit and know how to use them.

Installation commanders, too, can get involved by holding emergency preparedness exercises, and ensuring Soldiers are made aware of the importance of a kit and a plan.

"Some Soldiers will listen to the message because they want to be prepared," he said. "Others may think that in times of an emergency, everything will be provided for them, which isn't the case. That's why it's imperative we get the message out."

Fix, who is still in the Guard, said he coaches his Soldiers about having an emergency plan and kit.

He cited an event he witnessed that took place recently, where there was a plan in place, but people hadn't practiced using it. It involved a fire in an office building, where people evacuated according to plan, but panicked, as well. Some fell and bones were broken. Practicing to evacuate ahead of time might have prevented the injuries. The entire incident is still under investigation, so Fix said he was not authorized to provide more specifics.

Kazor said having a plan and a kit doesn't constitute being a survivalist like some who have appeared on the reality TV show "Doomsday Preppers."

He admits he's watched the show and has been entertained by it, but he doesn't have a fallout shelter — at least not yet.

Rotor Wash

“The Heart of Alabama Combined Federal Campaign runs now through Dec. 15. Why is it important to give to those who are in need?”



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145th Avn. Regt.

"It's important because if you're more fortunate than others, then you should share some of that good fortune to someone who is in need."



2nd Lt. William Mayne,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.

"It just rounds you out as a good person if you give to those less fortunate."



1st Lt. Dawn Herron,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.

"You never know when someone could help you out in the future, so help now while you can and someone may do the same for you one day."



Mary Dansfield,
military spouse

"We should help each other out every now and then because a lot of times people can get wrapped up in themselves, but sometimes you need to think of others."



W01 Logan Yawn
B Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.

"If you've got a little extra, why not use it to help someone out?"

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President to nominate Fanning as Army secretary

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Staff Report

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama announced his intent Friday to nominate seven individuals to key administration posts, included among those is Eric K. Fanning, who will be nominated for the position of Army secretary.

Fanning currently serves as the acting undersecretary of the Army and as chief management officer for the Army. He was appointed to that position by the president in June.

“These fine public servants bring a depth of experience and tremendous dedication to their important roles,” the president said of the potential nominees. “I look forward to working with them.”

As secretary of the Army, Fanning will have statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the service, including manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management.

Fanning will be responsible for developing and implementing the Department of the Army’s annual budget, and will lead a work force of more than 1 million active-duty, Army National Guard and Army



Eric K. Fanning, acting undersecretary of the Army, shares breakfast with Soldiers of the 18th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 11.

Reserve Soldiers, and 250,000 Department of the Army civilian employees. He will also take on stewardship of more than 13 million acres of land.

In addition to his role as acting undersecretary of the Army, Fanning has served as special assistant to Defense Secretary Ash Carter since March. He also served as chief of staff to the secretary from March to June.

“Eric served as my first chief of staff at the Pentagon, and it has been a privilege over the course of my career to work alongside him and watch him develop into one of our country’s most knowledge-

able, dedicated and experienced public servants,” Carter said. “I know he will strengthen our Army, build on its best traditions and prepare our ground forces to confront a new generation of challenges.

“President Obama has made an excellent choice and I hope for a quick Senate confirmation,” Carter said.

Fanning has served as the acting undersecretary of the Army since June, where he worked alongside current Army Secretary John M. McHugh, who said he is impressed with Fanning’s accomplishments.

“Since my earliest days in the Pentagon, I have consistently witnessed Eric demonstrate sound judgment and insight,” McHugh said. “Our Soldiers, civilians and their families will benefit greatly from his leadership. I commend President Obama on an outstanding nomination.”

In June, McHugh announced he intends to step down from the secretary position no later than Nov. 1.

Recently-appointed Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley also offered congratulations to Fanning.

“I want to congratulate Honor-

able Fanning on his nomination as the 22nd secretary of the Army,” Milley said. “Upon confirmation, I look forward to working with him on addressing the challenges our great Army faces now and in the future.”

Fanning has served in a variety of other defense positions and across multiple services.

From April 2013 until February, Fanning served as the 24th undersecretary of the Air Force. As undersecretary and chief management officer of the Air Force, he oversaw an annual budget of more than \$110 billion by serving as co-chair of the top Air Force corporate decision-making body, the Air Force Council. He also led the Air Force Space Board, the Air Force Energy Council, the Force Management and Development Council, and numerous other Air Force decision-making bodies.

From June to December 2013, Fanning served as acting secretary of the Air Force.

From 2009 to 2013, Fanning served as the deputy undersecretary of the Navy and deputy chief management officer of the Navy. In this role, he led the department’s business transformation and governance processes and coordinated several efforts to identify enterprise-wide efficiencies.

Fanning is a graduate of Dartmouth College.

Innovation, technology keys to Army maintaining ‘overmatch’

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

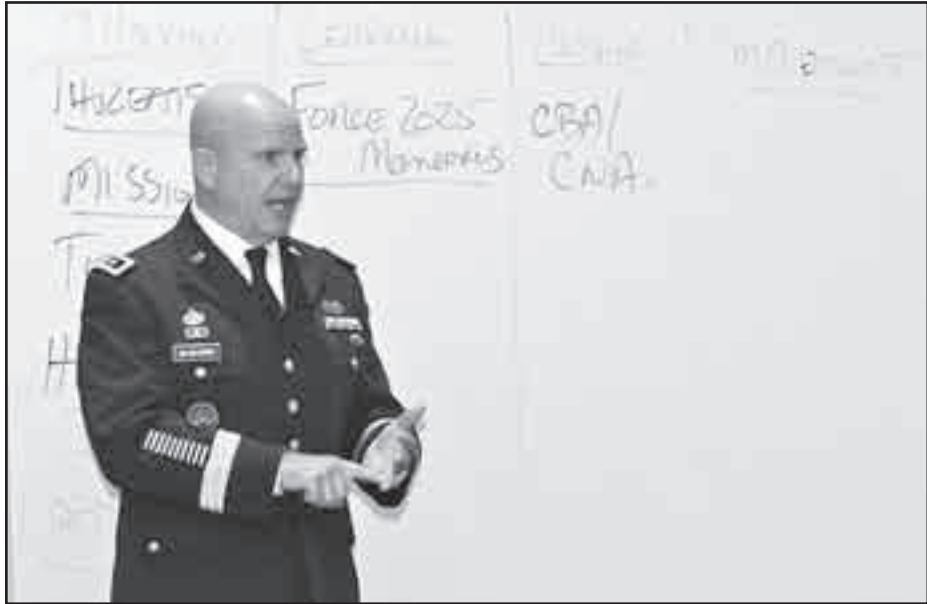
WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army needs to turn out innovation and technology faster than its enemies to maintain “overmatch,” said Training and Doctrine Command’s deputy commanding general for futures.

“We really have to focus on the right priorities to develop the right capabilities, because we don’t want any fair fights,” said TRADOC’s Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as he discussed the Army Operating Concept at an Institute of Land Warfare breakfast Sept. 10. “We know that in combat a fair fight means barely winning, and barely winning is an ugly proposition.

In looking at future war, McMaster said the Army would have to innovate and think clearly about who the country would be up against.

He said nation states are potential threats to national interests as are state actors as well as non-state, and what he said were “so-called hybrid actors, as well.”

“We recognize that all these threats are essentially doing four things overall to contend with what they see as U.S. capabilities,” he said. “There are two ways to fight the U.S. military— asymmetrically and stupid— and you want the enemy to pick stu-



Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s deputy commanding general for futures, told Association of the United States Army members that ideas and valued outcomes have to be turned out faster than “determined and adaptive enemies to maintain overmatch,” Sept. 10.

pid, but they’re likely not to pick stupid, so we see our enemies evading. They see our overmatch capabilities, they evade capabilities with traditional counter-measures, dispersion, concealment, all intermingling with civilian populations and deception.

“They are disrupting what we see as our capabilities, especially our stand-off capabilities where we are able to identify the

enemy from stand-off lanes and conduct precision strikes, and we see some of those capabilities in eastern Ukraine today,” McMaster said.

He cited examples such as electronic warfare cyber skills and unmanned aircraft systems tied to area fires, and how those sorts of capabilities can challenge what has been a U.S. advantage in precision-strike

capabilities.

He said the enemy emulates U.S. capabilities, which show the ease of technology transfer to adversaries.

“Technology is probably the element of our differential advantage over future enemies, so we have to consider the technologies we need to make us more effective, but we also have to consider enemy countermeasures and technological capabilities they’re developing,” he said.

The differential advantage, he said, comes from combinations of well-trained Soldiers, cohesive teams and adaptive leaders with technology, and this is why the Army can’t focus on a couple of discreet technologies and say this is what is going to give us our advantage.

“We have to develop a broad range of technological capabilities that can be used in combination to seize, retain and exploit the initiative over determined and capable enemies,” he said.

The importance of the Army Operating Concept is that it’s a starting point, not the answer to all the Army needs to know about future operations, said McMaster, adding that the concept is meant to frame the problem of how to make sure the Army is capable of operating in sufficient scale, with duration and the right capabilities to accomplish future missions.

News Briefs

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

As part of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, the Fort Rucker Army Substance Abuse Program has partnered with Fort Rucker Criminal Investigation Command to provide a convenient and safe drop-off location inside the post exchange Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. People interested in disposing of their expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications will have the opportunity to do so at this location.

Additionally, ASAP encourages everyone to visit It’s a Thin Line for additional resources for dealing with prescription drug use, misuse and abuse at <http://www.imcom.army.mil/ASAP/ArmyThinLine.aspx>.

For more information, call 255-7509.

CIF closure

The Fort Rucker Central Issue Facility will be closed for inventory until normal operations resume Monday. People with questions or concerns should call 255-9573 or 255-1095.

Gold Star luminary service

Army Community Service’s Survivor Outreach Services will recognize Gold Star Mother’s Day and Gold Star Family Day with a luminary service Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-9639.

Change of command

The 1st Warrant Officer Company will host a change of command ceremony Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. CW4 Jerry D. White will assume command from CW4 Joseph R. Scarpill. People need to RSVP by Oct. 2 by calling 255-2646 or 255-3432.

Lyster closures

Lyster will close at noon Oct. 9 for organization day. The clinic will be closed Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day. The clinic will reopen Oct. 13.

People who need medical care or advice when the clinic is closed can call the Nurse Advice Line at 800-874-2273. For emergencies, people should go to the nearest emergency room.

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.

Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

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.

ID card appointment system

To help reduce wait times, the Directorate of Human Resources recently changed its ID Card Section

to an appointment-only system Mondays-Fridays for people seeking to get ID cards.

The only walk-in customers who are seen are those who have lost their cards, need a personal identification number reset, need a DD Form 1172 issue, are in- or out-processing, and retirees renewing their cards – all other walk-in customers will be asked to make an appointment.

To make an appointment, people just need to go online and visit <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=876>.

People with questions on using the appointment system or who need to verify the documents required to get an ID, should call 255-2182.

Library fax service change

The Center Library recently changed its policy regarding sending faxes for patrons. There is now no charge for sending faxes to local or DSN phone numbers. Long distance faxes cost \$2 for the first page (not including the cover page) and 50 cents for other pages. The Center Library is open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 255-3885.

TRICARE Nurse Advice Line

Lyster Army Health Clinic uses the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line for all after-hours urgent care questions. Call 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) to speak with a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Volunteers needed

Lyster Army Health Clinic is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from the parking lot in its golf cart. The golf cart was donated in 2011 by the mayor of Dothan after a retiree noticed that patients often needed assistance when walking to and from the clinic parking lot. Those interested in volunteering can call Capt. Brian Turner at 255-7245.

Army CID seeks to recruit Soldiers

By Mary Markos
*U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
Public Affairs*

QUANTICO, Va. – “Wanted.”

The word placed in bold letters across a poster with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command badge incites fear in criminals around the world.

The latest “Wanted” poster released by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command; however, is seeking assistance of a different kind. Commonly known as CID, the command is seeking applications from qualified Soldiers to train and serve as sworn federal law enforcement agents.

CID and its agents support the Army in peace and war, by investigating felony-level crime that has an Army nexus. From homicide to contracting fraud, CID’s reach covers the globe and helps keep the Army community safe with one of the highest crime solve rates in modern law enforcement.

“If you want to do real detective work, if that is where your heart is, Army CID is where you need to be,” said CW5 John Welch, the command’s chief warrant officer. “That is what we do day in and day out.”

CID special agents are on the cutting edge with the latest in criminal investigative tactics and techniques, and receive some of the best training available in law enforcement today. Agents are supported by a world-renowned criminal forensic laboratory and have the opportunity to pursue education at the FBI National Academy, Metropolitan Police Academy at Scotland Yard and the Canadian Police College.

“Our mission is felony investigations and anything associated with Title 10 criminal investigations,” Welch said. “We work hand in hand with U.S. attorneys, local law en-

forcement agencies, the FBI, DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration), and ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives).”

CID special agents also conduct computer crime investigations, polygraph services, criminal intelligence collection and analysis, and provide personal security services, much like the U.S. Secret Service, for key Department of Defense and Army officials.

For many CID special agents, like Welch, the mission is second to the difference they make.

“There is no better feeling than helping people through your investigative efforts, whether it be helping an individual or helping a community,” he said.

“Wanted” Soldiers must be U.S. citizens at least 21-years-old and a maximum rank of sergeant (non-promotable). Promotable sergeants and staff sergeants with one year or less time-in-grade may apply with a waiver. All applicants must have at least two years, but not more than 10 years, time in service, have an ST score of 107 or higher (110 or higher if tested prior to Jan. 2, 2002), have at least 60 college credit hours (waiver of up to half of this prerequisite may be considered), and have normal color vision and no record of mental or emotional disorders.

Additionally, they must be able to speak and write clearly, attain and maintain a Top Secret-Single Scope Background Investigation security clearance, no record of unsatisfactory credit, and no felony or court-martial convictions. Lastly, they must be able to complete 36 months of service obligation upon completion of the CID Special Agent Course.


Soldiers with a passion for real detective work and the above qualifications are “Wanted” by CID and can start the application process at www.cid.army.mil.



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DESCRIPTION

Special agents from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command are seeking your assistance in finding qualified Soldiers to become CID Special Agents and join the Department of Defense's premier investigative organization. CID Special Agents are highly-trained federal agents who conduct criminal investigations that range from homicide to fraud, and when appropriate, work in conjunction with local, state, and other federal investigative agencies.

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MedEvac: Soldiers commended for efforts under pressure

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who was the pilot in command; CW2 Jesse Olmstead, pilot; Sgt. Delani Simmons, flight medic; and Spc. Jobanny Almanzar, UH-60 crew chief. Those in the second aircraft were CW3 Todd Boehm, pilot in command; W01 Adam Nyitray, pilot; Rudolph, flight medic; and Sgt. Zachary Quinn, UH-60 crew chief.

Within nine minutes of being notified, the first aircraft was on the ground to get to the injured Rangers, according to Lt. Col. Paul E. Berg, 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Brigade commander, with the second aircraft just six minutes behind.

“In a matter of around 49 minutes, the crew had MedEvac’d nine litter-urgent patients, half of them who had to go into the (intensive care unit) within that timeframe,” said the battalion commander. “I’m very proud of what they did that day. We had a lot of Soldiers who made it to the hospital in time, and those guys were very fortunate to have our crews there.”

Within that 49-minute timeframe, both crews managed to prep their aircraft, land their aircraft, triage the patients on the ground, get them loaded up and transport them to the nearest hospital, all while in the rain with thunderstorms outside of a 5-mile radius, as described by Simmons.

“We arrived in an open field, and adjacent to where we were landing was a long dirt road, and when we hit the ground, we got out and we just started hauling down the dirt road,” said the flight medic. “It was muddy and still raining, and you see all of the Rangers and the Ranger instructors and all of their medics trying to pull everyone together and trying to get everyone triaged.”

Simmons described the site as chaotic, but organized, with all the patients lined up along the road, so that they had easy access to assess the injuries.

“As I got to the last guy, he happened to

be the worst off, so we grabbed him without having to discuss a plan, and the Rangers grabbed on and we took off to the aircraft and got that patient in and took off,” Simmons said.

When triaging a patient, Simmons said the goal is to determine the severity of the patient’s injuries – which can be treated on the scene and which need to be taken to a higher echelon of care. Those who were having any type of respiratory issues needed to be taken out and others just needed to be evaluated, he said.

In total, five rotations were done between the two aircraft, airlifting two patients at a time, with the exception of the first, most critical patient.

When a patient is finally in the aircraft, the danger isn’t over just yet, however, said Rudolph. The care continues throughout the flight until the aircraft has landed at the hospital.

“Each patient is different based on their injuries and based on what you see,” he said. “As Sergeant Simmons made the determination to take that first patient, when he gets him in the aircraft, he puts him on a heart monitor, gives him oxygen and monitors his vital signs.

“And during this whole mess of chaos, there’s a crew chief over there who has to help him, get him whatever medical gear he needs – there’s a lot of things that go on in that helicopter,” he continued. “There are things that happen when there are lives (on the line) in the back of the aircraft that nobody can prepare you for – it’s just innate in you.”

But something the Army does prepare them for is teamwork and complete crew coordination, which Rudolph said allowed the team to be as efficient as possible.

“A large part of the success of the team is that each individual member of the team knows what his task is, which allows the

team to work seamlessly to help those in distress,” he said. “Everybody knows their job and everybody knows what is supposed to happen. I don’t have to ask Sergeant Quinn to do anything, he just knows. All while we’re doing what we’re doing in the back of the aircraft, the pilots are talking to each other on what they need to do next.”

It was because of their coordination and teamwork that they were able to get all of their critical patients to get the treatment they needed, which allowed the injured Rangers to move on to a speedy recovery and com-

plete the course, despite the incident.

All members of the rescue crew were awarded the Sikorsky Aircraft Rescue Award for courage while participating in a life-saving mission.

“A lot of times we say that you can’t practice for something like this, but we absolutely do,” said Tripp. “We all train our particular portion and everybody has their particular job, then all of our portions are like puzzle pieces that all go together when the mission happens to get that mission completed successfully.”

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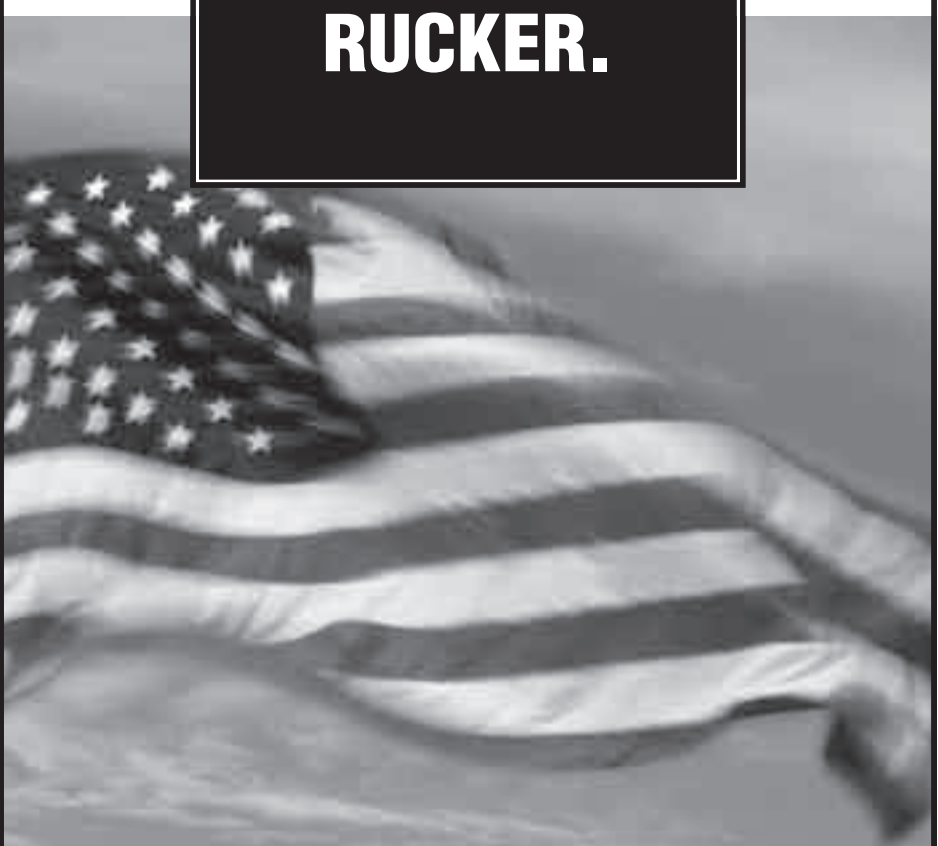
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Ceremony: Honoring POWs, MIAs a ‘must do’

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especially Osepchhook and Stamaris.

“I am pleased to be here,” Osepchhook said. “I was a POW in World War II for 14 months after my B-17, Silver Dollar, that I was flying in as a ball turret gunner was shot down over Berlin. I and the waist gunner were the only two that survived. It was an experience I will never forget. My family had no idea I was coming home. The emotions shared that day, well, you can’t imagine.

“I am lucky to be here. But, the sad thing is, some never make it home, and we should always remember that,”

the former POW added. “This is something we should remember every day – not just once a year. I hope every Soldier still missing in action is brought back home for their family to have that closure. But, most important, we all must remember each prisoner of war and each Soldier missing in action. We must not forget.”

Stamaris served in Operation Desert Storm. He was captured in February of 1991 after the UH-60 Black Hawk he was flying in was shot down while attempting to rescue and American pilot downed earlier.

“I was held as a POW for eight days,” Stamaris said. “I must say it was pretty rough. I was severely injured,

and I can honestly say I should not be here today. The sad thing is, when my family was notified, they were told I was dead. Then the information was changed to I crawled off from the crash site and must have died. Then they received the news I was a POW.

“Honoring our POWs and MIAs is something we must do,” he added. “They are a part of our heritage, and so many sacrifices have been made to keep us free. They should be remembered each and every day. So many individuals are not aware of what all sacrifices our military must do so we can have our freedom. Everyone should know our freedom is not free.”

Awareness: Domestic violence more than physical

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Five presentations of the “Control.Assault.Delete” program will be performed at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Oct. 5. Additional presentations will be performed at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 6. A performance of “I Have This Friend” will also be presented Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. and will be geared towards parents and teenagers. All of the presentations take place at the post theater.

“It’s going to teach teenagers about abusive relationships in teen dating relationships, so they know what the risk factors are in those relationships,” Truitt said.

Attendance at the “Control.Assault.Delete” presentations will cover the annual training requirement for domestic violence awareness, per Army regulation 608-18, she said.

“The community is welcome, and we are hoping we can train as many Soldiers as we can during the five presentations on those two days,” Truitt said.

But the effort doesn’t stop there, as ScreamFree Marriage presentations are

scheduled for Oct. 2, 9 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The deadline to register for the event is Tuesday. Call 255-3898 to register for the event and to discuss childcare coordination.

The presentations will be a reinforcement for those who are about to be married, are newly married or have even been married for a long time. Truitt said that the program understands not everyone screams in their marriage, but the presentation is about more than that.

“It’s titled ScreamFree Marriage because there are ways to scream without screaming,” she said. “The gist of it is we want couples to work through those tough spots in a marriage or relationship while building a deeper relationship because every marriage is going to have bumps in the road. When you’re going through those bumps we want husbands and wives to stay connected because it’s possible to not agree, but still love each other.”

Various tables with information regarding domestic violence awareness will be displayed across the installation, as well.

Those tables can be found in Bldg. 5700, Lyster Army Health Clinic, the library and the post chapel.

The Period of Purple Crying is also a focus of the program during domestic awareness month. This awareness campaign is used to inform parents that it’s OK for a baby to cry and for them to let the child cry, said Vicky Harmon, nurse specialist for the New Parents Support Program.

“We’ll also be putting out free DVDs and informational booklets on The Period of Purple Crying,” she said. “The military has adopted this program, which supplements or replaces the Shaken Baby campaign.”

This program, according to Harmon, will be used to teach parents how to adapt to the stages of the child, so if they know what’s going on they will know how to react.

Domestic violence, Truitt said, is not just physical, but can also be emotional, sexual, financial or neglect.

“A person might not believe they’re being abused because they aren’t being hit.

There’s financial abuse where one spouse is withholding finances from the other, the ID card has been taken, or they can’t drive the car and are forced to stay in the house all the time,” she said.

A resource library is also available to anyone with a military ID card. The library is home to books, DVDs and reference materials for any interested party.

“Anything that you can think of to help soldiers be a better parent, better husband or wife – you name it and it’s in our resource library,” Truitt said.

The family advocacy program encourages anyone who feels like they are a victim of domestic abuse to call their hotline at 379-7947.

For any questions, concerns or desires to file a report, the community may reach the family advocacy program at 255-3898.

“At the family advocacy program, our mission is to prevent domestic violence within the Army family, and we want to prevent child abuse in the Army family,” Truitt said. “We are able to do that through programs and services we provide to service members and the community.”

Heritage: Army celebrations stress equal opportunity

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laborers from Mexico to come to the United States to fulfill agricultural and other labor needs during the war. More than 4.3 million Mexican laborers came to the U.S. between 1942 and 1965 as a result of the program.

“They wanted a better way of life and better opportunities for their children,” he said. “That’s the great thing

about America and diversity – there’s always an opportunity out there.”

Manuel and Ali Landibar attended the event to visit their daughter, Marta Boyle. Manuel, an Army retiree, said that he was impressed by the Army’s embrace of the Hispanic community.

“I am pleasantly surprised to see how many American-born citizens speak Spanish and celebrate Hispanic cul-

ture,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Kari Brenner said her favorite part of the event was the variety of Hispanic food available. Brenner said events like Hispanic Heritage Month strengthen the Army.

“The Army stresses equal opportunity, and it’s great we have events like this that let us celebrate their ethnic background and heritage.”

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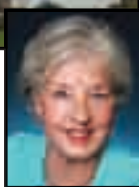
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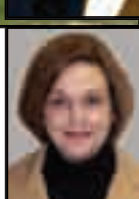
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Spc. Albayati Zaid, a Petroleum Supply Specialist for E Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, refuels an HH-60 Black Hawk.

By Sgt. Thomas Mort
12th Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

HAMMELBURG TRAINING AREA, Germany — The 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, from Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, the current rotational Aviation force attached to the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, sent one HH-60 MedEvac Black Hawk and crew to support aircraft familiarization and medical evacuation training for 208 German Bundeswehr Soldiers from 401st Armored Infantry Battalion Sept. 8-9.

The two-day training was held to prepare the German soldiers for their upcoming deployment to Kosovo in 2016 as the Operational Reserve Force Battalion.

The German soldiers are trained and

combat ready to deploy to Kosovo soon. The mechanized infantry Soldiers do not typically wear the combat riot control gear worn in the exercise. That is why these soldiers were trained by the military police to utilize and wear the CRC gear for future missions.

“This is one of our most experienced battalions in the German armed forces,” said Capt. Sven Scharnitzki, operations officer in charge for 401st AIB. “Most of these soldiers have deployed to Afghanistan multiple times.”

The German soldiers split into eight platoons to complete the round-robin training, which consisted of aircraft familiarization, and hot and cold load training. This familiarized the soldiers with entering and exiting the aircraft safely

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SWIFT RESPONSE 15

Live fire challenges allied platoons, squads

By Christian Marquardt
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Three NATO allies completed their participation in exercise Swift Response 15 during a combined arms live-fire exercise Sept. 1-5.

Swift Response 15 is the U.S. Army’s largest combined airborne training event in Europe since the end of the Cold War. It included nearly 5,000 service members from 11 NATO nations.

Army trainers designed the live-fire to connect platoons and squads from Poland, the United Kingdom and the U.S. in order for those units to learn how to operate side by side.

The event utilized the resources of several ranges in Grafenwoehr, including the Range 118 multi-purpose complex with its sophisticated suite of digital targetry, high-definition cameras and audio equipment, which contributed to providing a more realistic and relevant training experience, said U.S. Army Maj. Mychajlo Eliaszewskij, the operations officer for the 2nd Battalion, 501st Parachute Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and the training coordinator for the live fire.

“We have combined several ranges and used different support elements, including (AH-64) Apaches, artillery and mortars,” said Eliaszewskij. “Range 118 allows us to conduct more live fire for our infantry forces. All of these ranges together make this a very complex live fire exercise.”

Mixed platoons of British, U.S. and Polish forces spent about an hour advancing on an enemy village, breaching its defenses and engaging enemy targets downrange. The infantry was supported by both U.S. AH-64 Apaches and up-armored Humvees. Once the mission was complete, the infantry was evacuated from the site by British CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

Operating together at the tactical level opened the eyes of many of the participating Soldiers about the differences and capabilities of their NATO Allies. “We learned different ways how they cleared rooms, how they cleared stairs, and we showed them our way of doing things,” said Sgt. Bradley Headley, squad leader for B Company, 2nd Battalion, 501st Parachute Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. “This is a new experience for most of my guys and it’s definitely nice to share these experiences with (our Allies).”

Swift Response 15 wrapped up in mid-September after more than three weeks of training events across Germany, Italy, Bulgaria and Romania. The exercise was designed to integrate multiple Allied nations’ crisis response forces into a cohesive team, and demonstrate the combined ability to rapidly deploy and operate in support of maintaining a strong a secure Europe.



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Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division and soldiers from the United Kingdom take cover as a soldier prepares to detonate an explosive device.



U.S. and U.K. soldiers run out of the back of a British CH-47 helicopter after completing a live-fire scenario on the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, during exercise Swift Response 15, Sept. 2.

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U.S. Soldiers assigned to P Troop, 4th Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment and Polish soldiers assigned to the Polish army’s 6th Airborne Brigade pull security after exiting a UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter from B Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment (Assault Helicopter Battalion) during an air assault operation recently near Nowa Deba, Poland, as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, an ongoing multinational partnership focused on joint training and security cooperation with U.S. Army allies. During the training, the U.S. and Polish soldiers were responsible for establishing an observation point and assaulting an objective.

Crews train in aerial firefighting

By Sgt. Eric Yates
Multinational Battle Group East
Kosovo Force Public Affairs

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — Recent wildfires in the mountains of southern Kosovo sparked a deployed U.S. Army Reserve flight crew to conduct aerial firefighting training Sept. 6 at a lake near Mitrovica.

The training, conducted by Soldiers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment out of Los Alamitos, California and currently assigned to the Multinational Battle Group-East Southern Command Post, incorporated aerial firefighting maneuvers that certified crew members to conduct firefighting missions in the future—simultaneously building personal skills and adding collective capability to their unit.

“The plan was to go back and check on the fires that occurred yesterday,” said CW4 Eugene Okita, a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot with the 2-238th Avn. Regt., referring to reoccurring forest fires in southern Kosovo that MNBG-E troops helped fight in coordination with

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PHOTO BY SGT. ERICK YATES

Army Reserve Soldiers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment out of Los Alamitos, Calif., conduct aerial firefighting training with collapsible Bambi Buckets Sept. 6 at a lake near Mitrovica, Kosovo.

12th CAB supports combined live fire exercise

By Staff Sgt. Brooks Fletcher
16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria — The 173rd Airborne Brigade “Sky Soldiers” out of Vicenza, Italy, conducted a combined arms live-fire exercise in Bulgaria Sept. 5.

The CALFX provided a platform for the U.S. Army and Bulgarian Land Forces to train complex tasks together at the small-unit level.

“Our goal in Bulgaria is to work with the host nation and show NATO that we stand as one,” said 2nd Lt. Paul Hanneman, a Salem, Oregon, native and platoon leader assigned to Attack Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. “We believe that fighting, shooting and maneuvering alongside Bulgarian land forces really helps build our interoperability.”

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A UH-60 Black Hawk lifts crates of ammunition during a live-fire exercise.

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HONORING SACRIFICE

Post hosts Gold Star Mothers Day service

By Jim Cook
Army Flier Contributing Writer

Remembering the fallen is a sacred duty, as is honoring the families they leave behind.

Fort Rucker will honor Gold Star Mothers Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. with a luminary service at the post chapel. The service will include prayer, meditation, a poem reading and handheld candles. This will be the second year the post's Survivor Outreach Services has held the event, according to Rick Kohl, Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services support coordinator.

Kohl said the event helps acknowledge the sacrifices of America's all-volunteer military and their families.

"Those in our country who take on this

responsibility have made a unique contract with the United States of America and our freedom in protecting it," Kohl said.

The American Gold Star Mothers Club was formed by Grace Darling Seibold after World War I to provide support for mothers who lost sons or daughters to the war. Seibold's son was an American pilot killed during the war. The name derives from the gold star of the Service Flag, which families of service members often hang in their windows. The flag has a gold star for each member of the family serving in war.

Today, membership in the Gold Star Mothers Club is open to any American woman whose child was killed in the line of duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces. On the last Sunday in September, Gold Star Mothers Day is observed in



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, speaks with Gold Star Family members during a meet and greet for Gold Star Family members at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 21. Fort Rucker regularly invites Gold Star Families to events and ceremonies on post.

their honor.

"It's been observed by every president since Franklin Roosevelt," Kohl said.

He said the service is open to the public and that anyone who wishes to show support for families of fallen Soldiers should attend.

SOS provides a number of services to families of deceased service members. The program provides families with connections to support groups, financial planning help and connections to non-profits that may provide support. The needs of families impacted by the death of a loved

one in the military may go on long after casualty assistance officers have finished their work. SOS steps into that gap, Kohl said.

"We're the connection for the families of the fallen to the U.S. Army," he said. "We provide a long-term support system."

Kohl said the SOS program provides advocacy for survivors and a place where families of fallen Soldiers can share their grief with others familiar with their situation, adding that survivors of the fallen have many milestones to reach as they work through their grief.

HOME DELIVERY

DFMWR offers 'At Ease' through mail

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation strives to connect Soldiers with beneficial programs and family-friendly events, and now a new service will put a wealth of information at the fingertips of active duty and retired military who live off post.

"At Ease," a monthly guide to DFMWR events and programs, provides a roadmap for the community.

"Several of our programs and events are open to the public," Janice Erdlitz, DFMWR marketing director said. "We have an amazing installation, and we're always excited when we can share fun, recreational opportunities with our Wiregrass neighbors, like our golf courses and lakes, and dining opportunities.

"The 'At Ease' magazine can be a useful tool to families throughout the Wiregrass," she added. "It also provides a handy telephone directory for MWR and sometimes even discount coupons, too."

According to Erdlitz, the useful informational tool will now be delivered off post to active duty Soldiers and retirees.

"It was really important to us to



PHOTO BY JEREMY HENDERSON

CW3 David Piccinini, A Company, 1st Battalion 223rd Aviation Regiment, thumbs through this month's edition of 'At Ease.'

make sure all our patrons stay informed," she said. "When we heard about Soldiers, retirees and families missing the opportunity to participate in our programs because they didn't know about them, it made us want to ensure everyone was in the know. And one of the best ways to stay informed on upcoming events is with our magazine.

"We originally began the magazine with it being available at MWR locations," she added. "Then we continued to expand its locations. But, we realized, the best way to get it into the hands of our customers

is to mail it directly to their homes on post."

Erdlitz said home delivery on post was so well received that the decision was made to expand the service to reach homes off post within the Wiregrass.

"We've had such a great success, we decided to expand the reach and start mailing the magazine to off post active duty and retirees in the area," she said.

The process to request delivery is simple, according to Erdlitz.

"They just have to sign up online at <http://www.ftruckerdmwr.com/at-ease-magazine-direct-mailing-list-sign-up/>, or they can pick up a mailer postcard that we have available at MWR facilities," she said. "They can fill it out and mail it back to us. It's a simple process that we hope makes a quality difference in bridging the communication gap that we sometimes see."

A few new drop-off locations have been added off post, as well.

"Right now, for off post locations, we drop off magazines at the Enterprise and Daleville Chambers of Commerce, and we have a magazine stand located conveniently in downtown Enterprise on Main Street," Erdlitz said.

For more information, visit <http://www.ftruckerdmwr.com>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Project: Octoberfest

Volunteers are needed for the Friday event. If interested, call 255-1749.

Project: National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Assistive Technology Expo

Volunteers needed to assist with setting up and breaking down of the event, which takes place Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soldiers and civilians are needed. If interested, call 255-2363

Project: Frite Nite

Volunteers are needed Oct 23 and 27 for the event. If interested, call 598-3384.

Position: Marketing Coordinator AFAP Conference

Volunteer needed to attend required Army Community Service and Army Family Action Plan 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 flyers, posters, pamphlets, newspaper, TV and installation briefings; attend after action review meetings and provide

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Agency searches for missing service members

By Air Force Staff Sgt. Brian Kimball
Department of Defense News Features

SEMBACH, Germany — Sept. 1 marked the 76th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland, which led Britain and France to declare war against Germany, setting off World War II.

During the period from 1939 to 1945, about 400,000 U.S. service members lost their lives. Many of those troops were brought home to be buried in the United States, but more than 73,000 Americans missing from the war still remain unaccounted for and are considered missing in action.

Streamlining recovery efforts

After the war ended in 1945, the U.S. government began an effort to recover those MIAs and developed an initiative known as “The Return of World War II Dead Program,” which focused its efforts on finding the locations of aircraft crash sites, disinterment of temporary military gravesites and researching records on former battlefields in order to locate those left behind.

Over the years, the recovery efforts continued under a variety of defense agencies, most recently the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

The agency was established in January to strengthen and consolidate DOD’s global investigation and recovery efforts for American service members while increasing their overall capabilities as an organization. The agency consolidated three organizations: the Defense Prisoner of War Missing Personnel Office, the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command and the Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory.

“(Our) priority, as we work through our reorganization, is to maintain the mission and our ongoing operations,” said DPAA Director Michael Linnington, a retired Army three-star general. “It’s a difficult



PHOTOS BY AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. BRIAN KIMBALL

Members of a Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency recovery team excavate and screen for material evidence during a DPAA recovery mission located near Richelsdorf, Germany, Sept. 1.

task, but it is one that we are proud to be a part of, and we are going to continue as we move forward.”

And that is exactly what is currently taking place. The day that marked the beginning of Britain’s and France’s involvement in World War II 76 years ago is the same day this year that three DPAA teams performed recovery missions in Europe to help find Americans missing in action from World War II.

5 missing airmen

One team, near the area of Richelsdorf, is searching for five missing airmen who went down with their B-24 Liberator in September 1944. The team has successfully recovered bone matter along with

personal effects and life support equipment from the wreckage, but much more work is still to be done. The recovered items must be analyzed, cataloged and correctly identified with 100 percent accuracy. Much of that work will be completed at the DPAA Forensic Identification Lab located at Joint-Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Robert Ingraham, a forensic archeologist and recovery leader with DPAA, led the recovery team in Germany.

“Our specialist will look at all lines of evidence to (determine) a legally sound identification for the individuals we are re-

covering,” he said.

In the future, the organization is making it a priority to increase and streamline communication efforts with the family members of those who still have missing loved ones abroad, as well as increase public-private partnerships that enhance global recovery efforts.

While some families of the missing have not yet received the closure that they so long hoped for, the people of DPAA have made a commitment to continue the search, keeping with their motto, “Until they are home.”



Robert Ingraham, a forensic archeologist and recovery leader with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, examines a manufacturer date stamp off of an aircraft part.



Retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael S. Linnington, director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, receives a tour of an excavation site from Sgt. 1st Class Nakischa Adams.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Shadow, an approximately 8-9-month-old female short-hair cat available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. She is loving and well-behaved. 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/fortruckerstray-facility/](http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstray-facility/) for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.

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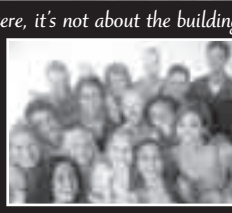


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Fair brings budget-friendly fun

From Staff Reports

Family fun entertainment rolls into town Oct. 12 with the arrival of the 53rd Covington County Fair in Andalusia.

The week of fun kicks off at 2 p.m. with School Day at the Fair. Anyone age 18 and under will be admitted into the fair for free and may enjoy unlimited rides for \$15 until 6 p.m. Standard admission — \$5 for anyone age 6 and older — apply from 6-10 p.m. Unlimited rides vouchers will be \$20 from 6-10 p.m.

Additional admission specials and events include the following:

Oct. 12

- Judging of booths and exhibits: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Ribbon Cutting: 1:40 p.m.
- Fair opens: 2 p.m.
- School Day at the Fair: 2-6 p.m. Anyone 18 and under, free admission. Unlimited rides \$15. Standard price admission 6-10 p.m., unlimited rides \$20.
- 6 p.m.: 4-H Chicken Show in Arena, Cash prizes for first, second and third places.
- 6:30 p.m.: Little Miss Covington County Fair (ages 7-9) and Tiny Miss Covington County Fair (ages 4-6) and Miss Pre-Teen (ages 10-12).
- 7 p.m.: 4-H Rabbit Show in Arena.
- Bohm Family Entertainment-Outside Stage 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 9 p.m.
- Exhibit building closes: 10 p.m.
- Unlimited rides tickets sold until 9:30 p.m., Midway closes at 11 p.m.

Oct. 13

- 10 a.m. until noon — Free Admission for students

- with special needs.
- Fair opens: 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Merchants' Night - Unlimited rides are reduced from to \$18 with receipt documenting any purchase on that day from a Covington County merchant.
- 6 p.m.: Youth Search for Talent (grades 7 -12) and Children's Search for Talent (kindergarten through sixth grade).
- 7:30 p.m.: Tug-of-War contest in arena.
- Exhibit building closes: 10 p.m.
- Unlimited rides tickets sold until 9:30 p.m., midway closes at 11 p.m.

Oct. 14

- Fair opens: 5:30-10 p.m.
- Military Appreciation Night — Active and reserve military receive free admission with valid I.D. Standard admission price everyone else, unlimited rides \$20.
- 7 p.m. Erik Bledsoe Band — Contemporary Gospel Music — arena.
- Exhibit building closes: 10 p.m.
- Unlimited rides tickets sold until 9:30 p.m., midway closes at 11 p.m.

Oct. 15

- 10 a.m. until noon: Free admission for persons with special needs, adults beyond school age only.
- Fair opens: 5:30-10 p.m.
- Family Night at the Fair — admission \$4, age 6 or older, unlimited rides \$15.
- 6:30 p.m.: Andalusia High School Chorus.
- 8 p.m.: Carroll Williams Band with Greg Windham

- and Tripp Bass.
- Exhibit building closes: 10 p.m.
- Unlimited rides tickets sold until 10 p.m., Midway closes at 11:30 p.m.

Oct. 16

- Fair opens: 5:30 p.m.
- Standard admission prices, unlimited rides \$20.
- 7:30 p.m.: Adult Talent Show — age 19 and older
- Exhibit building closes: 10 p.m.
- Unlimited rides tickets sold till 10:30 p.m., Midway closes at midnight.

Oct. 17

- Fair opens: 3-10 p.m.
- Ticket Price — \$7 age 6 and older, unlimited rides \$20
- 3:30 p.m.: Cake Decorating Contest.
- 5 p.m.: Straughn String Band.
- 6:30 p.m.: Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby — arena.
- 8:30 p.m.: Whatley Street First Baptist Church Chorus.
- Exhibit building closes: 10 p.m.
- Unlimited rides tickets sold till 10:30 p.m., Midway closes at midnight.

Oct. 18

- Fair opens: 1 p.m.
- Unlimited rides tickets sold until 4:30 p.m., unlimited rides \$20.
- Midway closes at 6 p.m.
- 3 p.m.: 4-H Ranch Trail Competition — arena

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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

SEPT. 25-26 — The fourth annual PorktoberQue is scheduled for 5-10 p.m. Sept. 25 and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Houston County Farm Center. Admission is \$4 for the event that features a polka party, collectible steins, accordion music, German music, rock music, car shows, children's activities and barbecue.

For more information, visit <http://www.PorktoberQue.com>.

OCT. 3 — Landmark Park will host its Wiregrass Antique and Collector Car Show at 10 a.m. About 200 cars, ranging from Model Ts to suctom classics, will be on display. For more information and tickets, call 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

ENTERPRISE

OCT. 15 — Guy Penrod, Grammy Award-winning recording artist and a top selling southern gospel performer, spent 14 years as the lead singer of the Gaither Vocal Band before launching a successful solo ministry, will perform at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. For information, including ticket prices, call 406-2787 or visit www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com.

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

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

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

call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school. Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

OZARK

SEPT. 26 — Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities presents its Young Artists Show. Children between the ages of 6-17 years of age are eligible to enter. There is no entry fee. Artists can submit up to three works of art in any medium and the art can be available for sale. Artists should drop off submissions between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Ann Rudd Art Center. Prize money will be awarded at the reception Oct. 10 from 1-3 p.m. at the Ann Rudd Art Center. For more information call 774-7145.

SEPT. 27 — Ridgecrest Baptist Church will host comedy team Dirt Road Sports at 6 p.m. Admission is free and all are invited to attend. For more information, call 774-5610.

PINCKARD

ONGOING — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church. For more information,

call 983-3064.

SAMSON

ONGOING — The Samson City Council meets monthly the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Community Center.

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

TROY

OCT. 24 — Charles Henderson High School will host a fundraising 5K race featuring various obstacles and a mud pit beginning at 9 a.m. at the Troy Recreational Center on 601 Enzor Road. Registration is \$30 per person. Runners who pre-register before Oct. 16 will receive a free T-shirt. Those who register after Oct. 16 will receive a T-shirt while supplies last. Runners may register on site the day of the register or online at <http://www.chhs.troyschools.net/>. Trophies will be given for the top three finishers in each category. A Little Trojan Warrior Dash, for anyone under age 12, begins at 10:30 a.m. Registration is \$15 per person. For more information, call 334-566-3510.

WIREGRASS AREA

SEPT. 27 — New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, 3819 County Road 31, Abbeville, will host its Family and Friend Day at 2:30 p.m., featuring guest speaker Bishop J. L. Milton of Bethel Church in Damascus, Georgia. All churches are invited to fellowship. Dinner will be served.

Beyond Briefs

Kolomoki Festival

The 45th annual Kolomoki Festival is scheduled for Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kolomoki Mounds State Park, Georgia. The festival features food, shopping, boat tours, Native American demonstrations, singing and dancing performances, music, and antique tractor parade and more. There will also be a children's section.

For more information, call 229-724-2150 or visit <http://gastateparks.org/KolomokiMounds>.

DAV 5K Run Atlanta

People are welcome to participate and show their support for service members by walking, running or motorcycle riding at the Disabled American Veterans 5K Run Atlanta scheduled for Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m., in Atlanta. Registration fee is \$30 for adults 18 and over and motorcycle riders, and \$15 for youth ages 6-17. Veterans, active-duty military, Reservists, National Guard members and cadets may participate for free, or pay \$15 if they would like a custom long-sleeve shirt with service branch on it, when registered by Oct. 15.

For more information, send an email toaldavtrain@charter.net or call 334-447-8811.

Zombie Walk and Prom

The annual Montgomery Zombie Walk and Prom, which serves as a fundraiser and food drive for the Montgomery Area Food Bank, is scheduled for Sept. 25 at 7 p.m., as the walking dead trudge their way from the intersection of Perry and Dexter Avenue to Riverfront Park. This year's event will also include food and other vendors, as well as live music from the

band Outside the Inside. The zombie walk will also be led by the St. Andrew's Pipe and Drum Band, and four hearses this year. All participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items as a donation.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/MontgomeryZombieWalkAndProm.

Alabama Coastal BirdFest

The annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest is scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at Spanish Fort. The event includes more than 20 expertly guided tours on land and water, evening speaker – tours and evening events require advance registration – and a free, family-friendly bird and conservation expo.

Location and directions: From I-10, exit for Spanish Fort. Drive west on the Causeway (high 90/98/Battleship Parkway). 5 Rivers is located directly across from Meaher State Park.

Admission fees for trips range from \$20-\$50. For more information, visit <http://www.AlabamaCoastalBirdFest.com>.

'Ballet and the Beasts'

The Montgomery Zoo will host the Montgomery Ballet in a free performance under the stars at "Ballet and the Beasts" at the zoo Sept. 25. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the performance will begin at dusk. Attendees are welcome to bring picnic blankets and chairs.

For more information, call (334) 240-4900 or visit montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/ballet-and-the-beasts.

The Montgomery Zoo is located at 2301 Coliseum Parkway.

Peanut Boil Festival

Luverne will host its Peanut Boil Festival Sept. 26 from

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Turner Park. The festival includes more than peanuts, including arts and crafts, a beauty pageant, a car show, a 5K fun-run and walk, entertainment under the big tent and food. The park is located at 1300 S. Forest Avenue. Admission is \$2 for adults and children 8 and younger are admitted free.

Formoreinformation,visit<http://www.peanutboilfestival.com>.

Jubilee Festival

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce will host the 27th annual Jubilee Festival Sept. 26-27 in Daphne on Main Street. The event will feature live local entertainment, Kids Art in the Park with booths set up for children to explore their creative side, festival food and a large-screen TV set up in the City Council Chambers for football fans.

For more information, call (251) 621-8222 or 928-6387, or visit www.eschamber.com.

National Shrimp Festival

Gulf Shores will host the 44th annual National Shrimp Festival Oct. 8-11. Admission is free. The festival is held at the public beach access where Highway 59 ends at Highway 182. The festival is billed as one of the nation's premier outdoor festivals, attracting 250,000 people, featuring over 300 vendors that offer fine art, arts and crafts, a retail marketplace, outdoor world and, of course, shrimp. Two stages offer continuous musical entertainment while children are welcome to enjoy the children's activity village, where they create their own art and participate in other activities. The event will also feature a sand sculpture contest.

For more information, visit <http://www.myshrimpfest.com>.

Supporters honor wounded vets

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In 2012, Stefan LeRoy, a cavalry scout with the 82nd Airborne Division, stepped on an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan while carrying a fellow Soldier who was injured.

LeRoy's world had just been turned upside-down. In that instant, he became a double-amputee, losing one leg above the knee and the other just below the knee.

Months and months of painful surgeries followed. Although therapists had fitted him with prosthetics and were trying to help him walk again, there were days, even months, when he couldn't budge, he said.

The therapies eventually paid off, though. First he learned to handcycle, then to walk again and then to run, he said.

On Sept. 12, he entered his first race on an upright, or conventional, bicycle. Technicians at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland crafted a special pair of prosthetics that would give him the flexibility needed to rotate his legs and press on the pedals.

LeRoy was recognized by Ride 2 Recovery, by being given the honor of starting the race, which began in a Pentagon parking lot and wound through Arlington and Alexandria neighborhoods. The event involved two courses, one 18 miles long, and the other 45 miles long.

Inspirational message

"Stefan inspires all of us," said Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, who delivered opening remarks at the start of the race. Allyn himself was one of the several dozen race participants, which included wounded veterans from all the services as well as supporters. There were also a lot of supporters on hand who did not race.

John Wordin, president and founder of R2R, said LeRoy's "story is magnified today by so many who came out." He added that the military, including the vice chief, have been very supportive of R2R and veterans in general.

Before the race, LeRoy said that Army surgeons and therapists had been instrumental in helping him through the physical



PHOTOS BY DAVID VERGUN

Darrin Snyder, a Marine from 1985 to 1988 with his fiancée, Jackie Dowdy, who were at a race with a new lab pup named Skylar.

recovery process. But he also said that "a huge part of the recovery is mental.

"You've probably seen people here giving people hugs," he pointed out. That's "because they know people around here. It's a family. You ride together with these people. You recognize people and you know that you like them and you're going to ride with them."

Before the race, Allyn said organizations like R2R "support our wounded veterans and all our veterans." Supporting these veterans should be "a lifetime commitment" by the Army and the nation.

This isn't Allyn's first R2R event. He said he participated in one when he was in Fort Hood, Texas, commanding the 1st Cavalry Division. "We all went out there cheering for them as they came through (the post) as part of their ride. They're always such an inspiring group to be around."

He said that "when you get around our wounded warriors and, really, anybody who's served, you can't help but be inspired. And, when you meet people like that you want to spend time with them."

"Most of our kids who've been wounded have been less than 30 years old," said Allyn as he prepared to ride. "So we hope they're going to have at least 50 or 60 more

years of life that's supported by a nation that recognizes the sacrifices they've made in service to their country. This is a part of what keeps me going."

Not just Iraq, Afghanistan vets

Paul Wolf was one of the older racers. The medically-retired, Vietnam-era vet said he got injured while on a ship in the South China Sea in the early 1970s. He spent three years recovering from his injuries.

"Being knocked down doesn't mean you can't get up," he said. "I used to beat myself up a lot not knowing there were others that had the same stresses coming home." He said friends like those in the race had helped him through the recovery process.

Joe McLaughlin, a non-veteran, traveled from Boston with four other riders and three volunteers to show support for veterans. He said he learned about R2R after reading a "Sports Illustrated" story about double amputee Marine veteran Rob Jones.

Jones' story so moved McLaughlin that he said he contacted Jones and began riding with him in races.

Although Jones wasn't at this race, McLaughlin said he's hooked on supporting veterans and plans to keep riding with

any of them whenever possible.

Another non-veteran who came out to show support was Anthony Clarke, a Defense Department civilian working in Alexandria. He said he rides bicycles recreationally. A friend invited him to ride in this race.

He too said he felt "honored to support those who sacrificed so much, putting themselves in harm's way. This is a way to give back."

Sara Bell, R2R's executive assistant and Women's Initiative director, flew in from Los Angeles. She said this is the first R2R event in the nation's capital and she's excited to ride.

Anthony Davila, a Navy veteran, sustained a back injury in Iraq while on a small-boat operation. He also has traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress. He rides a recumbent bike.

Davila said he's been making a lot of friends here and was glad to see so much support, even from non-veterans.

Darrin Snyder was in the Marines from 1985 to 1988. He injured his legs while training at Camp Pendleton, California, and he too rides a recumbent bike after five years of operating a handcycle, where leg power is not required.

Unfortunately, Snyder said he recently suffered the loss of one of his best friends, a chocolate lab service dog, who died of cancer. He and his fiancé, Jackie Dowdy, were at the event with a new lab pup named Skylar.

Snyder and Dowdy met during his recovery. She was working for United Way at the time and was his caregiver. They reside in Norfolk, Virginia, where Snyder earned his bachelor's degree in Recreational Therapy. He used his G.I. Bill to go to school.

Ride 2 Recovery began in 2008. The first R2R Challenge event was held with 14 riders and no staff. By 2010, R2R held six rides across the United States, each with an average of 170 participants. In 2011, R2R was up to seven rides per year. The last ride of 2011 was the first to be held in Europe. That ride was called "Challenge in Europe: The Normandy Challenge," which traced the steps of D-Day and subsequent battles. In 2012, R2R added the Battle of the Bulge Challenge.

Opportunities: Weekly listing of volunteer positions on post

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input for the final AAR; serve as a spokesperson for the AFAP program; and adhere to guidelines as outlined in Army Regulation 608-47, AFAP program handbook and the installation AFAP Program standard operating procedure. The conference is Nov. 4-5. If interested, call 255-9637.

Position: AFAP Facilitators

AFAP is scheduled for Nov. 4-5. Volunteers needed to serve as neutral steward of work group; keep workgroup focused during breakout sessions; encourage participation by group members; maintain timeline set forth by AFAP coordinator; work with group recorder, transcriber, issue and staff support personnel, and subject matter experts for accurate reporting of issues; ensure delegates complete symposium evaluation forms and forward to the AFAP coordinator; ensure concise and precise wording of proposed issues and recommended solutions; focus energy of the group on a common task; suggest alternative methods and procedures; protect individuals and their ideas from attack; help group find win-win solutions; attend AAR meetings and provide input for final AAR; and serve as a spokesperson for the AFAP program. If interested, call 255-9637.

Position: AFAP Issue Manager/Subject Matter Expert Coordinator

AFAP is scheduled for Nov. 4-5. Attend required volunteer training sessions. Attend AFAP Advisory Council meetings. Submit AFAP Issue status report during meetings. Track all issues submitted for the annual AFAP Conference and place in appropriate workgroup for discussion. Train issue support person. Prepare tasker memorandum. Work with AFAP coordinator and ACS director to ensure each issue is assigned an SME prior to being placed in a workgroup. During conference, work closely with issue support volunteers to ensure understanding of issues and ensure copies of installation and Army issue update book

are provided for issue managers. Update priority issues in installation issue update book from replies from proponents and the commander's steering committee. Attend AAR meetings and provide input for the final AAR. Serve as a spokesperson for the AFAP program. If interested, call 255-9637.

Position: DFMWR Training Clerk

Volunteer needed to file correspondence, cards, invoices, receipts, and other records in alphabetical or numerical order, or according to the filing system used; add new material to file records; and create new records as necessary. If interested, call 255-9801.

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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
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WOUNDED WARRIOR SUPPORT

Hunt targets adding more handicap-accessible amenities

By **Jeremy Henderson**
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Wiregrass community’s support of Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation’s annual Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt provided the resources to add a 42-foot mobile trailer to its growing list of wounded warrior-specific equipment for disabled veterans to use at no cost and this year’s event will help the list continue to grow.

Hunters will gather Oct. 7 at 4:30 a.m. at the ODR service center, Bldg. 24235 on Johnston Road, to kick off this year’s hunt. The hunt, which concludes Oct. 10, will give wounded warriors, as well as Soldiers and civilians, the opportunity to hunt hogs and coyotes to win prizes that will help out a worthy cause, said John Clancy, outdoor recreation manager.

“All they need to do is register with us,” he said. “The registration fee is \$25. Also, if they would like to volunteer to be a guide, we will arrange it and the registration fee will be waived.”

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

According to Clancy, this year’s goal is to build a handicap-accessible, three-bedroom cabin on the east side of Lake Tholocco.

“It is very important because we can show the wounded warriors that we care,



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

John Clancy, ODR manager, gives a view of the hydraulic wheelchair lift on the wounded warrior trailer purchased with funds from last year’s Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt. Fort Rucker hopes this year’s hunt will raise enough funds to build a handicap-accessible, three-bedroom cabin on the east side of Lake Tholocco.

and want to provide them with equipment and facilities that will help the enjoy the outdoors,” he said.

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

“We will be giving away rifles, coolers, grills, bows, crossbows and more,” Clancy said. “Our grand prize is a 14-foot Rhino Boat, trailer and a 15-horse-power motor

worth approximately \$8,500.”

People don’t have to hunt to contribute to the cause or be eligible for door prizes, said Clancy. People can donate and participate by purchasing door prize tickets for \$5 at the ODR service center at Lake Tholocco, Bldg. 24235; MWR Central in Bldg. 5700; Builders Cash and Carry in Daleville; the post exchange; and the commissary during the weekdays.

Fort Rucker has quickly become one of

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

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

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

There will be prizes given to the hunter with the most points for hogs and for coyotes – three points per hog and 15 points per coyote.

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

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



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RUNNING INTO HISTORY

Above: Runners start off Fort Rucker’s first half marathon during the Hispanic Heritage Half Marathon and Relay Saturday. **Left:** Warrant Officer Career College students cheer on their teammates during the race. The winner of the race was Christopher Keegan, with a time of 1:20:51.2. Alex Carpenter finished second with a time of 1:23:24.7; and third went to John Jamigian, 1:25:00.0. In the female category, the winner was Jaylee Brendal, 1:43:52.6; with second going to Beofra Butler, 1:44:00.0; and third to Carmen Williams, 1:55:30.7. In the relay, the winners were “Couples Therapy,” Julia Neutlans and Wayne Erickson, 1:36:50.8; with second going to “Chad and Benjamin,” Chad Patterson and Benjamin Parrish, 1:41:54.0; and third going to “Cairns Towers,” Carin Tower Murray and Timothy Murray, 1:43:39.3.

PIGSKIN PICKS



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Cincinnati
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vs. St. Louis

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 Capt. Louis Hill <i>6th MP</i> (10-4)							
 Jim Hughes <i>PAO</i> (11-3)							
 Capt. Mike Simmons <i>DPS</i> (8-6)							
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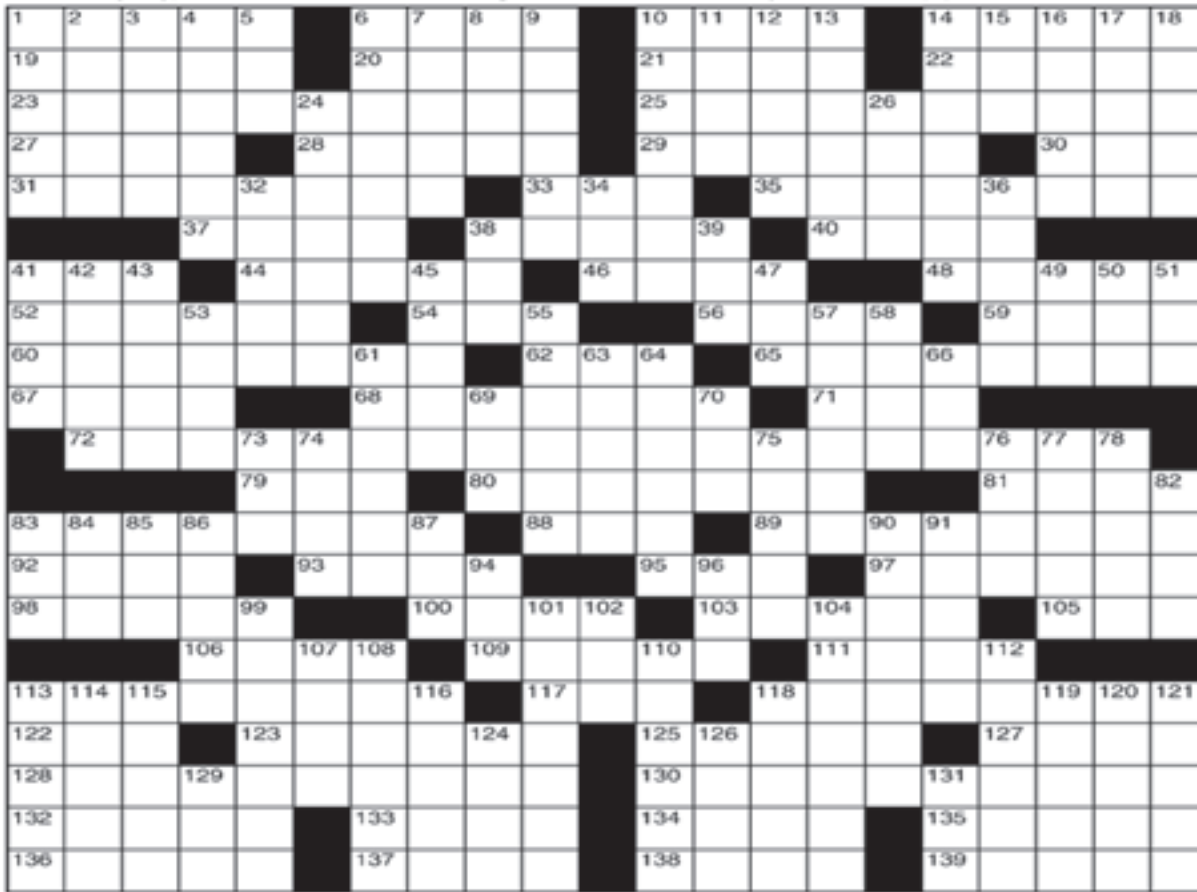
TRIVIA

1. RELIGION: In what country was the Coptic Orthodox Church founded?
2. TELEVISION: Who played Officer Pete Malloy in the TV show "Adam-12"?
3. ART: What war did Pablo Picasso's famous painting "Guernica" draw attention to?
4. GAMES: In what game might a player be invited to "bat the birdie"?
5. LANGUAGE: What is "plonk" in Great Britain?
6. HISTORY: The Boer War is most closely associated with which African nation?
7. LITERATURE: What 18th-century novel was inspired by real tales of a shipwrecked sailor?
8. MUSIC: Who composed the operas "Madame Butterfly" and "Tosca"?
9. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What 19th-century novelist once said, "Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself"?
10. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral MCCCXXVI?

See Page D4 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Integrate
 - 6 Pulitzer winner
 - 10 Cubes in miso soup
 - 14 Honshu hub
 - 19 Stellar tennis servers
 - 20 Midday time
 - 21 Revival shout
 - 22 Y, at times
 - 23 Funny film star
 - 25 "Dolphin adventure" park in Florida
 - 27 Author Paton
 - 28 "Il Trovatore" composer
 - 29 Frankfurter brand
 - 30 Deli loaf
 - 31 Weather station pointer
 - 33 Prez
 - 35 Coolidge
 - 37 Calligraphy mishap
 - 39 Passé letter opener
 - 38 Sniffers
 - 40 "I — bad moon rising"
 - 41 Din-din tie-on
 - 44 Mission — (Orange County city)
- DOWN**
- 46 Nile vipers
 - 48 Go-between
 - 52 Like the acid in vinegar
 - 54 Cyber-address
 - 56 Kennel barks
 - 59 Data, briefly
 - 60 Million-dollar contract, e.g.
 - 62 Gail
 - 65 Bar's maker
 - 67 VW or BMW
 - 68 Flax product
 - 71 Cruise of film star
 - 72 State short forms strung together in 12 long answers in this puzzle
 - 79 ER neighbor
 - 80 "I — agree more!"
 - 81 Finger's end
 - 83 Device setting for store display
 - 88 Madrid-to-London dir.
 - 89 Pittman's workplace
 - 92 Above
 - 93 Tucker (out)
 - 95 Joanne of "Drango"
 - 97 Keanu of "Speed"
 - 98 Fish lures
 - 100 Costa —
 - 103 Teaser ad
 - 105 Lamb bearer
- COALITION OF STATES**
- 3 Staff again
 - 4 Crushes up
 - 5 "Get out" PC key
 - 6 Sweet smoke
 - 7 Our, in Paris
 - 8 Tasty
 - 9 With 12-Down, Manhattan Project physicist
 - 10 Tex-Mex treats
 - 11 Epps of "The Mod Squad"
 - 12 See 9-Down
 - 13 Partnerships
 - 14 Across the pond
 - 15 Seville sun
 - 16 Mindful
 - 17 African nation
 - 18 Catkin-bearing tree
 - 24 Great greed
 - 26 A-bomb, e.g.
 - 32 Very intense
 - 34 "Hugo" star
 - 36 Penn & Teller's field
 - 38 Fish-fowl connection
 - 39 Bug planter
 - 41 Crimson Tide, briefly
 - 42 Glaze over
 - 43 "I — differ!"
 - 45 Chef Child
 - 47 Air cell, e.g.
 - 49 English rocker Brian
 - 50 Vikings' org.
 - 51 Burn — crisp
 - 53 New Mexico art colony
 - 55 Capital of Portugal
 - 57 Starchy food
 - 58 Kilt sporter
 - 61 Refer (to)
 - 63 Show over
 - 64 Overturned, with "over"
 - 66 Pal, to Yves
 - 69 "Dateline —"
 - 70 Netflix item
 - 73 Pol Pawlenty
 - 74 "Don't have —"
 - 75 Rack up
 - 76 "You can count —!"
 - 77 Unworldly
 - 78 Bone-muscle connector
 - 82 — majesty
 - 83 Strike lightly
 - 84 Zeta-theta linkup
 - 85 Me, in Paris
 - 86 Of the eye
 - 87 Teacup part
 - 90 Military mother
 - 91 Sierra —
 - 94 Cup edge
 - 96 Meas. of engine speed
 - 99 Bus rider with no seat
 - 101 Eye layers
 - 102 Excitement
 - 104 Scenting substance
 - 107 One of the "Desperate Housewives"
 - 108 It's a mystery
 - 110 Use a tent
 - 112 Main order
 - 113 Hurry after
 - 114 Propelled a boat
 - 115 Battery type, briefly
 - 116 AOL memos
 - 118 Paramesium propellers
 - 119 Staring at
 - 120 — Triomphe (Paris attraction)
 - 121 Be very hot
 - 124 Radio toggle letters
 - 126 Bexley brews
 - 129 Old Frazier foe
 - 131 Abate



See Page D4 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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Todd Conyers <i>USAACE</i> (8-6)							
Wes Hamilton <i>NEC</i> (9-5)							
John Tkac <i>DPS</i> (10-4)							

Suicide prevention means a constant invitation for help

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
*1st Armored Brigade Combat Team
Public Affairs*

FORT HOOD, Texas — He had received all the mandatory training and watched all the suicide prevention videos, but was not prepared when his best friend took his own life.

"We were like Family," said Sgt. Oronde Foster, barracks management NCO, for 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. "He was always at the house. We worked on cars together. Our kids played together."

His friend, a 23-year-old sergeant in the brigade, committed suicide in 2014 – one of 288 active-duty military personnel who took their own life that year.

"There were no signs," Foster said. "That day we talked about his plans to get a new apartment with a pool and to become a drill sergeant. That evening, there were strange messages on his Facebook. I was calling him and couldn't get through. I called his mom and found out what happened."

While there were no signs, there were risk factors, Foster said.

"He was in the advanced leader's course and comes home on a Saturday morning and finds out there's an order saying he can't see his wife and kids," he said.

Foster said Soldiers need to watch for these types of warning signs and risk factors, and ensure those that need help get counseling or, for example, place Soldiers temporarily in the barracks to ease tensions after a domestic dispute.

"They should be taken to counseling, find out what happened before the incident," he said.

But everything can't be solved though Army programs, he said.

"I know some people say the Army should do everything, but some things the Army can't fix," Foster said. "It's up to us as individuals to look out for each other. And follow up."

The Army has set aside September as Suicide Prevention Month and, at every level, units are reaching out to those that are hurting.

Soldiers in the Ironhorse brigade are preparing for an October decisive-action rotation at the National Training Center on Fort Irwin, California, loading equipment, vehicles and supplies. But despite a high operational tempo, Soldiers are also pausing to talk about stressors and how to help someone considering suicide.

"Every Soldier should know that he or she can tell anyone that 'I am hurting; I am suicidal,'" said Chaplain (Maj.) Jamison Bowman, brigade chaplain for 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "It's not enough to brief suicide prevention monthly or quarterly, there needs to be a constant invitation for help."

Soldiers should talk to someone before the problems get too big to handle, said Albert Doepler, military family life counselor for 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.

"Hopefully, I can talk to people before their problems get too serious," he said. "We can do some problem solving."

Talking with the military family life counselor is confidential, said Doepler, adding that the counselor is also available to talk to family members.

The efforts of those taking action to help those in need means that there are success stories among those who considered suicide.

"I'm a very outgoing person," said Spc. Eric Batten, automated logistics specialist, Forward Support Company J, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. "I always try to make people smile. When I was depressed, I was not talking, pushing people aside. I stopped hanging out with friends and stopped eating."

Batten said family and relationship issues had become overwhelming for him.

"I was in my room all the time thinking and missing meals – in the back of my head coming to conclusions of ending my own life," Batten said. "My NCO, he noticed there was something wrong with me, and referred me to the chaplain. The chaplain asked me what my life goals were and I realized I hadn't thought about it. I'm actually doing better now, only because the chaplain helped me realize I have goals I want to accomplish and that I do matter."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Oktoberfest Volksmarch
The inaugural Fort Rucker Volksmarch is scheduled for Friday at 4:30 p.m. at the festival fields. The volksmarch will begin immediately following the Oktoberfest opening ceremony. The march will progress via Andrews Avenue and Third Avenue to the Beaver Lake Trail, around Beaver Lake on the red trail and back to the festival fields. The route will feature festive music and a water point. The route will be open from 4:30-6 p.m. with the entrance closing at 5:30 p.m. Volksmarch T-shirts will be available for purchase. The event is free and open to the public. Registration forms are available at both physical fitness centers and MWR Central.
For more information, call 255-2296.

ATV trail ride
Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host an all-terrain vehicle trail ride Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required, and the cost is \$20. Drivers must pass the safety driving test through ODR before participating. Participants must also provide their own protective gear, including helmets, boots, etc., that must be worn at all times. The event is open to the public, ages 16 and up.
For more information or to sign up, call 255-4305 or 255-2997.

Fall Boot Camp
People are invited to participate in a six-week transformation with Fort Rucker's Fall Boot

Camp. Participants will run the hills, trails and stairs of Fort Rucker, conquer an obstacle course, enjoy game day on the football field and practice yoga at Lake Tholocco.
The camp will help people increase their fitness, boost their energy levels and have fun, according to organizers. Boot Camp ensures maximum benefits and results for all fitness levels. Participants can also expect to see improvements in cardio fitness, stamina and strength, and body composition.
The program is from 8:30-9:45 a.m. five days a week, starting Monday and ending Nov. 6. The cost of the program is \$100 per participant, due in full by Monday. The price includes: training with certified personal trainers and group fitness instructors, access to all group fitness classes during the six weeks, a 2015 Fall Boot Camp T-shirt, and nutritional tips and information. Orientation will be held on the first day of boot camp, Monday, at 8:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center. Each registration packet will be reviewed for high-risk participants and people will be contacted if a doctor's release is needed before the orientation.
For more information, call 255-3794.

Cobra Demo Day
Silver Wings Golf Course will host a Cobra Demo Day Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All new Cobra golf irons and woods will be available to try out. Custom fitting is available for anyone who wants to put in an order.
For more information, call 598-2449.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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TRIVIA

Answers

1. Egypt
2. Martin Luther King
3. Spanish Civil War
4. Bachman
5. Champ boost
6. South Africa
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9. Leo Tolstoy
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